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### FORWARD

What is the “Work of God” today? Is there a “work”? Just what is the mysterious “knock” described in Revelation 3:20? Why is this action presented toward the end of Christ’s description of the condition of most true Christians at the end of the age of mankind? How is it to be delivered?

These and other answers are revealed clearly in this booklet! If you have been confused by the scattered and splintered condition of God’s people today, the answers in this booklet will provide clarity, hope, and purpose!

### INTRODUCTION

Over twenty years have expired since the death of Herbert W. Armstrong. During the time that has elapsed, the people of God—once unified as part of a single visible organization and united in purpose—have been scattered around the earth! (Daniel 12:7)

Decades ago, WCG members acknowledged—before the death of Herbert W. Armstrong— that Matthew 24:14 had been fulfilled. As they lived and participated through the fulfillment, the people of God understood that the “Elijah to come” had completed his mission. Christ was the one who opened that door, just as He was also the one who shut it (Rev.3:8).

The prophetic fulfillment of Matthew 24:14 was a miracle performed by God during the Philadelphian age! This miracle has now become a part of mankind’s true historical record, unrecognized by the present evil world; along with the many splinters of church organizations that sprung from the Worldwide Church of God during the apostasy. Soon, this pivotal prophecy will once again be recognized by the people of God suffering martyrdom in the Great Tribulation; and the billions of humans that inhabit the earth during the millennial rule of the Government of God!

Recognition of the miraculous fulfillment of Matthew 24:14 provides the people of God—*those not suffering from sleep and blindness*—the clear vision to discern that the summer fruit of the fig tree has ripened (Matthew 24:32). Discerning this crucial prophetic milestone and recognizing its fulfillment provides a great SENSE OF URGENCY, as imminent end of mankind’s reign on earth apart from his Creator becomes clear! Those

whom—through the power of God’s Holy Spirit—comprehend that great EARTH SHAKING events are at hand, and become even more dedicated to the work of God as they anticipate the second coming of Christ!

To brethren who are determined not to fall asleep, and who are actively WATCHING for Christ’s return (Matt.24:42,46), God promises mercy and protection from the most terrible and destructive period in the history of mankind. As the United States is eaten from the inside out, and the system established by the victors of WWII to maintain world peace collapses, the world’s power centers are shifting.

The Philadelphian era prophesied for over 50 years the emergence of a great world power in Europe that would lead to the enslavement of the Israelitish peoples. The church also understood that this European juggernaut would finally clash with the powers of the East whom the Bible refers to as Gog and Magog. The rise of these powers, and the destruction of the house of Israel is progressing RAPIDLY: “Alas! for that day *is* great, so that none *is* like it: it *is* even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.” (Jeremiah 30:7) “Jacob’s trouble”, the Great Tribulation, is VERY near!

As these earth shaking prophecies near fulfillment, as the robotic sinister planners and schemers approach their goal of world cataclysm, the true Christ has a work for the people of God to perform.

What is this work? Will you be there to support it? You will see in the following pages clear instruction from the Word of God

describing this very brief work, and providing clear inspiration to those that can still see through their spiritual eyes.

## CHAPTER 1

# THE END OF AN ERA

To develop a clearer picture of God’s plan for mankind, a Christian must strive to glimpse the eternal nature of God the Father and Jesus Christ— “But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.” (II Peter 3:8) God beings are not bound by time in the manner that mortal humans are. He understands time as He created it, but the Eternal is not limited.

God has a predetermined sequence in His plan for mankind. Mankind’s 6000 years on earth can be divided generally into 3 major periods: (1) the antediluvian period prior to the flood around 2300 BC (2) the period from the flood leading to Christ’s founding of the Church of God (AD 31), and (3) the church age.

Christ reveals to His servants details and characteristics of the Church of God through its nearly 2000 years. He divides this history—now largely completed prophecy—into seven eras. These eras are described in the book of Revelation, chapters 2 and 3. These eras are distinct period of time—some lasting hundreds of years, but in the case of the last two eras only decades.

Many false teachers that have arisen in this, the last age of the church, have confused the word “eras” with church *type or*

*category*. These false prophets and false apostles unintentionally or willfully obscure clear and concise meaning in order to promote their own works! They teach that two or more eras exist simultaneously.

Understand! While it is true that the seven general attributes described in Revelation 2 and 3 exist contemporaneously in the collective body of the church of God in all seven eras, the larger meaning of these scriptures is chronological! As one era ends, another begins. The preceding *era* DOES NOT extend into the subsequent *era*. Sounds simple—and it is—but this is important to get very clear in your mind!

While it is true that remnants of other eras—such as Sardis, or even Thyratira—might exist contemporaneously with the present era, they are NOT a chronological extension of their respective eras.

Each *era* or *church time period* was provided a sufficient period to perform works for the living Christ. Some periods of time were marked by the church’s intimacy with their living head as they performed His work; while others were off-track, losing contact with the true Christ, and performing their own works. The final era is no exception. They perform works, but not for the true Christ (Rev.3:14-16).

The era of—the period of time allotted to—Philadelphia as described in Revelation 3:7-13 IS OVER! It has expired, and the works of Philadelphia as well as the five eras that preceded it ARE 100% COMPLETE!

The death of Herbert W. Armstrong in January of 1986 marked THE END of the Philadelphian era. Many have assumed that the passing of the baton to the Laodicean era occurred later—some believe much later—but usually this is to justify their own peculiar set of doctrinal compromises.

The transition took place differently than most had assumed while living through the end of the Philadelphian era. The Worldwide Church of God membership *generally* held to the view that the seventh era would rise up very quickly *at the beginning* of the great tribulation. They believed the “Laodicean Church” would form as an external corporate organization separate from the Worldwide Church of God. This organization would be composed of those that had left the WCG through the decades of the Philadelphian era, joined with those that would leave the WCG just prior to the beginning of the “tribulation”.

For example, many believed that Garner Ted Armstrong’s *Church of God International* would become the “*Laodicean Church*” and then be cast into the Great Tribulation. The WCG would be protected in a place of safety. Of course, this didn’t come to pass, and in retrospect was not in alignment with revealed truth.

The reasoning of many included the correct understanding of the parable of 10 virgins as it was taught. During the 2 ½ year great tribulation, the wise virgins of Matthew 25 would be martyred, and the unwise would accept the mark of the beast and be punished horrifically during the 1 year period called “The Day of the Lord”. The wise would “make it” into the Kingdom of God, and the unwise would be cast into the Lake of Fire. While the manner in which the church of God entered

the Laodicean condition is somewhat different than what had been assumed, the description of the fate of the virgins of Matthew 25 still holds true.

If the Laodicean era had begun only a few months prior to the beginning of the great tribulation, the “works” of this era would have been very short, indeed!

In fact, a common belief had the “Laodicean Work” being composed of preaching and quick martyrdom during the tribulation, while the Philadelphians were protected in a place of safety. If such a scenario had played out, there would have been almost no work performed by the Laodicean branches before the tribulation began. But this is NOT the case!

The truth is stranger than what was imagined! Recent history has left NO DOUBT that the Laodicean era began at the onslaught of the apostasy JUST AFTER the death of the one that completed the commission of Matthew 24:14! The death of the one that Christ used to perform the Matthew 24:14 fulfillment marked the end of an era. Many in the WCG sensed this as Joe Tkach assumed the role of Pastor General.

Within months, he began to lead the organization BACK into the heresies of the world’s false Christian churches. Back toward beliefs that run counter to scripture. Back to the ways of Satan cleverly disguised as “good”. It became obvious to those that did not support those changes, that Joe Tkach and those he had surrounded himself with, had been pre-planning the execution of their scheme long before Mr. Armstrong died.

They were a fulfillment of the prophecy described in II Thessalonians 2:3—a prophecy that HAD TO BE FULFILLED before the return of Jesus Christ! These men operated as the Synagogue of Satan described in Revelation 3:9! They were an unconverted band of demon inspired apostates that had crept into the corporate body YEARS BEFORE they actually assumed top leadership in the organization.

Their purpose was simple and sinister—to quickly lead the people of God back into false Christianity—toward another Jesus—by immediately injecting heresy into the body of Christ.

### **Escape From Apostasy**

Revelation 10 and 11 present end-time church chronology. The measuring of the temple described in verse 1 and 2 of chapter 11 are none other a TEST for the people of God just before the appearance of the two witnesses AND THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST TO EARTH! The purpose of this period of time has been to reveal to God who would SET THEIR MINDS, HEARTS, AND LABOR TO HOLDING FAST TO WHAT WAS PREVIOUSLY RESTORED DURING THE PHILADELPHIAN ERA!

Matthew 25 and other companion scriptures describe Christians living in the end time that become drowsy and FALL SLEEP because of a longer than expected wait for the return of Christ. This is one of many dire WARNINGS for the people of God! Falling asleep is not inevitable for each individual Christian!

The apostasy was a test to many, as they discovered they must *disfellowship* themselves from others that were quickly and willingly falling away. The brethren of God that left the WCG during the five to ten years following the death of Mr. Armstrong recognized a need to ESCAPE the satanic leadership and dogma of the WCG.

Leaving the apostatized WCG was necessary for the people of God to survive spiritually, but it became only the first test for the people of God. The various groups in the 1990's all recognized that things had not developed in quite the manner anticipated. The end time was not concluding as they had thought, and there seemed to be a longer period of delay.

As their anticipation for Christ's return was pushed further into the future, many of the once solid beliefs began to wane. Most began to doubt that Mr. Armstrong came in the spirit of Elijah to restore all things, and they found ministers that preached the same to reinforce their growing error.

The once solid understanding of the fulfillment of the miraculous sign of Mat.24:14 became more obscure. Generally speaking, those in the Laodicean condition assumed that the fulfillment must be at a yet future time. Again, they found groups and leading men to reinforce this and MANY OTHER growing heresies.

These ministers became *willingly* BLINDED about the work they had once been a part of, and the proper role fulfilled by Herbert W. Armstrong, and—most of all—*forgetting about the GREAT BEING* who actually performed the Philadelphian work *through* him!

It wasn't Herbert W. Armstrong that led the work! It was the Christ!

But many in today's Laodicean ministry presume personal *credit*, often saying that **THEY** "helped to build" that work! This is swelled up human vanity in the sight of the Great God who performed the fulfillment of the miraculous SIGN of Matt.24:14!

Many today have labored in their own human efforts in attempts to recreate the corporate organization of the WCG *their way*—all with doctrinal compromise—and re-fulfill Matthew 24:14 and other prophecies concluded by the one sent, the prophesied Elijah to come.

## CHAPTER 2

# EXPLOSION INTO LAODICEA

### Slumber and Sleep

What irony! Just as Jesus Christ—after centuries of waiting—is about to return to earth, His people have fallen asleep and become blinded! How can this occur? At first glance, the situation seems as preposterous as it does unlikely.

But Jesus Christ warned His Church to expect to endure a lukewarm and self-centered era JUST PRIOR to His return. None of us have an excuse!

As Christ concludes His description of the sequence of end time events in Matthew 24, He speaks about an unfaithful servant that assumes He is delaying His return. (Matthew 24:45-51). The wicked servant that “smites his fellow servants” and eats and drinks “with the drunken”, is a vivid portrayal of the church of God environment prior to the return of Christ. These verses generally describe a people that fall into a spiritual slumber, believing Christ has delayed His coming, and might not even be watching!

It is no accident that Christ’s parable of the 10 virgins is described immediately following the sequential portrayal of end time events in Matthew 24. Matthew 25, verses 1-13 have been understood for a long time.

Notice in verse 1, “Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.” They took their spiritual lamps, excited to

meet the bridegroom, but the schedule wasn’t what they anticipated.

“And five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish. They that *were* foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.” (verses 2-5)

These brethren may have started off with a love for the truth of God, and continued to exercise the spirit of God *somewhat*, but when the scheduled wedding didn’t proceed as they had thought, a temptation to let down had occurred.

It is vital to understand that the scripture states, “while the *bridegroom tarried* they ALL SLUMBERED & SLEPT” (Mat.25:5)! Herein lays the description of the spiritual state of the Laodicean Church, as described as two spiritual conditions.

Here is a descriptive picture of the Church of Laodicea who are in GRAVE DANGER of falling asleep-for all eternity! One half finally awaken during the horrific Great Tribulation, are martyred and ultimately born into the Kingdom of God. The other half have completely LOST the Spirit of God, and CANNOT repent! (Hebrews 6:4) They will LOSE THEIR ETERNAL LIVES!

Notice the meaning of the word “slumber”, as defined in Thayers Lexicon: (from the Greek Nystazo, SC#3573) – “negligent, careless, nodding off to sleep DUE TO DELAY”!

The word “slept” originated from the Greek word “kathudo” Strong’s # 2518, and means *full sleep due to yielding to sloth and sin.* “INDIFFERENCE TO ONES SALVATION!”

Understand that the WISE virgins are *barely alive* spiritually, with the remaining “foolish” half portrayed as already in a FULL SLEEP! These scriptures reveal that when the midnight cry goes out, half will hear due to retaining some oil, the other half will lose out completely!

The foolish virgins lacked the holy spirit. When they lost the spirit of God that had been gifted to them could have been at any time during the Philadelphian or Laodicean church ages, but somewhere along the way, they ceased to value the truth and threw in their lot with the scoffers of II Peter 3:3-4. “Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation.”

They have traded in their eternal inheritance for a worldly bowl of stew! It would have been better for them never to have tasted of the truth in this age! We’ll study the rest of this parable later.

Isaiah 30:9-11 provides more detail about most of God’s people in the end time, “That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD: Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits: Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.”

## **Measuring**

One does not enter into the Kingdom of God easily, as if free-falling down a water slide. God’s purpose includes FREE MORAL AGENCY and the ability of each man and woman to *choose* the way they will live—even *after* they have been called, selected, and given the spirit of God.

The falling away from the truth served as a midterm exam for members of the Worldwide Church of God. When the Synagogue of Satan assumed control of the visible organization, a converted Christian man or woman was left with no other option but to leave. The proper time to GET OUT of the apostate WCG varied from individual to individual, but generally would have been when it was recognized that the WCG was not being led by Christ!

But leaving the WCG was only the first hurdle in a spiritual obstacle course. A more difficult challenge came upon the heels of escape from the apostasy.

The groups that arose as the apostasy from the truth in the WCG progressed presented different flavors of lukewarm Christianity to choose from. All of these groups were led by WCG ministers that claimed to be standing up for the truth. By the early 1990’s, most of these ministers already doubted or rejected the Elijah doctrine. Almost all of them, along with the groups they led or became a part of, began to compromise with the truths of God.

Some claimed there were “eighteen truths” that were “trunk of the tree” doctrines. By implication, the other beliefs of the Philadelphian church were less important, or simply traditions many thought should be changed. A couple of these leaders

claimed to still know that the Elijah had come and restored all things, but elevated themselves to positions Christ didn't give them, and then took liberty with the truth. The most radically liberal group that could still be called a Church of God jettisoned the Government of God and accepted many of the heresies of the apostates.

Some claimed the work of God was over. Many claimed that Matthew 24:14 was the work they were commissioned to complete. One group claimed it to be a sin to eat out at restaurants on the Sabbath—even though Mr. Armstrong never taught such nonsense. Another group claimed the “postponements” were invalid, even though this was never taught by Mr. Armstrong. Some claimed they were “prophesying again”, even though Mr. Armstrong wrote that he had fulfilled that commission. Another group claimed that the WCG had been on-track prior to 1974, and then drifted into error. By implication, they are saying that Mr. Armstrong “fell away”, forfeiting their own legitimacy.

The list goes on. The people of God were scattered around the earth into many different organizations. Many have become frustrated and are “staying home”, doing their best to retain some form of the one true religion. One count had more than 300 “groups” claiming roots and some sort of allegiance to the WCG as led by Mr. Armstrong.

Final exams had arrived for God's people, as they lived yet ANOTHER prophecy! However, most were already falling asleep and becoming blind to prophecy. They were losing their bearing as they let go of understanding formerly revealed, that provided direction and accurate prophetic sequence.

Revelation 10 and 11 provides an overall progression for the people of God in our time. Read verse 11 of Revelation 10: “And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.” We don't have to wonder about this scripture! It was fulfilled by Herbert W. Armstrong JUST AS HE ALSO FULFILLED MATTHEW 24:14!

Herbert Armstrong taught that after taking the Ezekiel warning to the peoples of Israel for decades, that God would open a special door for him to walk through, providing for him personal contact with over 1/3 of the world's kings, presidents and prime ministers of DIFFERENT LANGUAGES.

This, he taught, was the fulfillment of Revelation 10:11. The True Gospel of the Kingdom of God would be delivered as “witness” to *many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings (Revelation 10:11)*.

These prophecies were fulfilled in the recently expired 20<sup>th</sup> century! Has any servant of the True Church, ever delivered the Gospel through personal contact to this world's leaders, BEFORE OR AFTER it was accomplished thru Herbert W. Armstrong? Has anyone else taken the truth to 1/3 of the world's leaders around the earth? How about even ONE world leader or high level official? NO! There is no one else, and there won't be any in the future!

The proof is not JUST because Mr. Armstrong said so. The fruits of his ministry stand as PROOF, defeating the shallow scoffing of detractors and enemies of the faith.

Christ opens and shuts doors according to his purpose. The door of Revelation 3:7 HAS BEEN CLOSED! The job description of Christians desiring to please God in this Laodicean age is to Hold Fast to those things which were already established in a different age. More on that later.

Revelation 11 describes a period of measuring IMMEDIATELY BEFORE the two witnesses come on the scene, “And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise and measure the *temple of God*, and the altar, and them that worship therein.”

The “temple of God” always represents the invisible spiritual organism of the Church of God. After the prophecy of Revelation 10 was completed, and just before the two witnesses assume their commission, the people of God are “measured”, or TESTED!

This is what God has been allowing in recent years! The “measuring” is a time of TESTING. That is where we are in the work today! The temple is NOW being measured by Christ! It is a time for PREPARING THE BRIDE!

“But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles;” (Revelation 11:2). One group understood parts of this prophecy early in the apostasy, but misapplied it. As we near the end of the Laodicean age, and the beginning of the tribulation the full meaning becomes very clear!

The test written into these scriptures wasn’t the escape from the apostasy. That test was only a prelude to the greater measuring

that occurred. The greatest test was to occur during the scattering of the people of God, following in sequence the apostasy from the truth!

What is the “yardstick” or “plumb line” by which they are measured? What is the standard? Of course, it would be the restored truth of the Philadelphian golden age by which these people are measured! That is why Christ admonishes His people to “hold fast”!

Those that “hold fast” as admonished in Revelation 3:11 *remain* in the “inner court” of God’s temple where the true Christ resides! This should provide the people of God that continue to exercise the spirit of God great hope of a physical GATHERING of the people of God heeding Christ’s admonition just BEFORE the onslaught of the Great Tribulation!

The hope of the virgins that have fallen asleep will be realized IN the tribulation. Those in the inner court recognize the nature of the outer court because they can see. Those in the outer court won’t recognize their condition UNTIL they are shaken by the realization they must RETURN to the faith once delivered to enter the Kingdom of God.

## **Two Witnesses**

In parallel with a flight to a place of safety, we also look to another phase of the work of God: “And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.” (Revelation 11:3)

These two men—credentialed by the true Christ—begin their commission JUST AFTER the measuring of the people of God

concludes (Revelation 11:1-2). They are men trained for the job, and they are alive somewhere today.

We have not, and will not every claim to be those men. Those that make such claims today are false prophets, not prophets sent from God. There are some in the church of God landscape making such claims directly, or through implication, and we are here to state plainly that they are false ministers that are not of God.

However, these two candlesticks, used powerfully by God, will not just arise out of nowhere, without credentials or histories with the people of the Church of God. That would be almost as ridiculous as the bizarre claim that they will be resurrected patriarchs.

God will determine whom he uses to perform as His two witnesses, not men.

### **Christ's Counsel For His Saints**

Christ loves his people! But a clear understanding of the nature of “agape” love is another void in the knowledge of most of the people of God today. Many cannot contemplate a God that corrects—often forcefully with deadly consequences—to bring his creation back on track!

What counsel does Christ have for his people in the Laodicean age? With ALL things restored related to doctrine, with the gospel of the Kingdom of God preached as a witness to the world, what remains to be done? Does the Bible reveal the answer?

Yes! The words of Christ provide the answer!

“WATCH therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the good man of the house had

known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.” (Matthew 24:42-43)

Understand! Most of the people of God expected Jesus Christ to return decades ago. When he didn't, they began to slumber and sleep—but Christ EXPECTS THEM TO WATCH! He expects them to be loyal servants: “Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall FIND SO DOING.” (Matthew 24: 45-46)

How are they blessed? By WATCHING as admonished in verse 42!

Those that slumber DO NOT PLEASE GOD: “But if that evil servant says in his heart, My Lord DELAYS HIS COMING; And shall begin to smite his fellow servants, to eat and drink with the drunken [worldliness]; the Lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looks not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of.”

Many, if not most, in the various churches of God have begun to doubt Christ's return to be imminent: “And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation.” (II Peter 3:4) Many are dangerously close to joining hands with the scoffers in the world!

In Luke, a companion verse provides further warning, “And takes heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with SURFEITING, and DRUNKENNESS, and

CARES OF THIS LIFE, and so that day come upon you UNAWARES.” (Luke 21:34)

Christ admonishes his people to WATCH, and to WAIT for Him to return! Those that are truly “holding fast” can remain close to Christ, and serve him in this manner. Those that cease watching begin to drift toward the world, as they fall spiritually asleep.

Christ closes Luke 21 with an often quoted verse that is frequently trivialized or ignored today, “WATCH ye therefore, AND PRAY ALWAYS that ye may be accounted worthy to ESCAPE ALL THESE THINGS THAT SHALL COME TO PASS, and to stand before the Son of man.”

How can the people of God be counted *worthy*? By holding fast to that which was restored, by watching, and by performing the work Christ is directing!

### **Laodicea Era in Church History**

The Laodicean Church of God is the most disparaged era in this end-time. At first glance, the scripture indicates this to be earned and well deserved.

But a close examination leads to a different conclusion.

The “Laodicean Church” is somewhat of a misnomer. Revelation 2 and 3 refer to *church era*’s, not corporate organizations. What is the church? It is NOT a building, or corporate organization, but the *human beings* that have been given the spirit of God.

Christ’s purpose in describing the characteristics of the *church eras* through history was to provide correction, instruction, and hope to ALL of God’s people. There are reasons the predominate condition of the church is what it is toward the end of the age. Many of those reasons are being presented in this booklet.

Following World War II, the United States—then still led and dominated by the Israelite tribe of Manasseh—was the most powerful nation on the earth. Even though the U.S. harbored fear of the U.S.S.R. and China, history has shown this fear to be misplaced. The separation between the power of United States and the British Empire from the rest of the world, was so great at this point in history; there were NO assembly of nations that could have defeated them as long as they *possessed* will and *determination*.

But the will and “pride of power” was already being compromised and surrendered. The generation of Israelites that defeated fascism and held off communism were tired of war and violence. Many, if not most of the veteran fathers carried this counter-reaction against any form of violence into the home, paving the way for child-psychobabblers like “Dr.” Spock.

Let’s make plain here that the true Church of God and the Holy Scripture condemn real violence in the home. It is clear that situations have always existed where women and children have been exposed to real and harmful violence in the home.

But children, if they are to be balanced, must be taught and receive appropriate discipline as part of their training in the home, “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” (Proverbs 22:6)

The war-hardened generation, beginning in the 1940's, succumbed to the intellectual psycho-babble from sophisticated kooks like Benjamin Spock, and threw hundreds of years of tradition—much of it based upon Biblical truth—out the door. Most in the masses began to believe they had a better way.

In parallel with this regression, was an unprecedented period of wealth, technological development, and prosperity. While wealth itself is not evil, those that possess it apart from God invariably become corrupted and weak. Thus, the post-WWII generation became the most spoiled, undisciplined, selfish, pleasure-seeking, ungrateful generation in recent Israelitish history. But that generation was hardened compared to those that came after.

By the time the Laodicean era arrived, the people where the work of God was centered had began to be accurately described in II Timothy 3, “This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be *lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.*” (II Timothy 3:1-5)

It would be incredibly naïve to presume the church of God immune to this societal condition. One of the greatest flaws of the people of God in the last era is their inability, in general, to see the evil around them and resist it! Much of that lack of

spiritual grit is because of the materialism that has pampered them throughout their lives, and the so-called “rights” they assume everyone has!

The Laodicean condition was predictable and prophesied. When one recognizes this, he or she can be better equipped to battle against it! NONE of us living in this generation should look down or despise the so-called “Laodicean”. Those of us that have been blessed by God with clear spiritual sight should ALWAYS keep in mind EVERYONE with the spirit of God is a potential God-being. God loves them all without respect toward any particular person.

Everyone is NOT equal or the same, but all are equally loved by the creator!

Those with the spirit of God that are now sleeping will awaken as the tribulation commences, as they see their leaders and false brethren betray them, and as they see the prophecies revealed for over fifty years during the Philadelphian era come to pass. They will recognize that they have a work to do in a horrific environment.

Succeeding—and the Bible indicates that those that still have the spirit of God WILL SUCCEED—they will be born into the eternal Family of God. They will be GOD BEINGS with a BIG G, on the first-fruit level, with the same opportunity for high office as any other converted child of God through 6000 years of man's history.

When Satan is banished and put away and the millennium commences with the rule of God over all the earth, the first-

fruits—including those that die in the tribulation—will RULE with Christ. The evil times of this age of Satan and mankind will recede and not be remembered. The sins will be forgotten, and the present shortcomings and failures of a physical people will be forgotten for all eternity!

## CHAPTER 3

# WORKS OF MEN

A common theme through the chapters of Revelation 2 and 3 are works that Christ notes for each era of the Church of God. He repeats “I know thy WORKS...” Again, Revelation 2:2,9,13,19; 3:1,8,15 shows that as other eras before it, Laodicea will have been given sufficient time to produce “works”.

In speaking to the Church of God in Revelation 2 and 3, notice that Christ understands the “works” of each era. By saying, “I know thy works”, he proclaims to each specific and chronologically fixed era of the Church of God that he understands what they are all about!

Just as in every other church era, Jesus Christ has an expectation for the people of God to perform His work, in the Laodicean age. Of course, those that perform the work of the living God during the Laodicean age must have a close relationship with the true Christ AND His truth!

Unfortunately, one of the messages of Revelation 2 and 3 includes numerous FAILURES by the people called out from the world to discern what that work should be! The unified work concluded during the brief Philadelphian age is one of the exceptions described, as an apostle from God concluded the fulfillment of Matthew 24:14! As an era, Christ describes the people of God during the era that follows Philadelphia—just before the return of Christ to earth—as failing to discern the spiritual work that needs to be done.

The works of the era described in the last part of Revelation 3 are the futile works of vain men that ARE BLIND to the work Christ has scheduled for completion JUST PRIOR TO HIS RETURN!

### Shepherds Without a Cause

What a privilege it was for men to serve in the ministry during the Philadelphian age! To serve God’s people in an age when truth was being restored, and pivotal prophecies were being fulfilled was replete with unparalleled opportunity for mere men.

But God is no respecter of persons! Privilege and opportunity are accompanied by responsibility and expectation! The ministers ordained during the Philadelphian age had privilege in this world, and the opportunity for high office in the next. . . IF, AND ONLY IF THEY PERFORMED!

Jeremiah 23 and Ezekiel 34 have been applied to the protestant ministers of physical Israel. While this is true *in type*, the more precise fulfillment of these scriptures has occurred during the scattering of the people of God during this Laodicean age.

Here’s why.

Notice in verse 8 of Ezekiel 34: “As I live, saith the Lord God, surely because MY flock became a prey, and MY flock became meat to every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did MY shepherds search for MY flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not MY flock.”

The false protestant ministers in physical Israel ARE NOT God's ministers! While, in a sense, physical Israel is still a flock of Christ, when the Bible refers to God's flock, it is describing the Church of God! Of course ex-WCG ministers would resist the fulfillment of these prophecies, because their treason toward God IS the fulfillment!

These scriptures ARE NOT referring to the apostasy, or "falling away" from the truth. Apostate ministers also ARE NOT ministers of the true God! They are devoid of the spirit of God, and influenced or possessed by DEMONS! These are vastly two different spiritual conditions!

Jeremiah 23 is a companion scripture to Ezekiel 34. Notice Jeremiah 23:1, "Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of MY pasture! Saith the lord."

The sheep of Christ's pasture are converted brethren in the Church of God! How plain can the wording be? And how accurate, as we look back at the last few decades of history!

The ministers of Jeremiah 23 and Ezekiel 34 HAD the spirit of God! Many still do, but are losing it as they move further from the restored truths of God. As the unifying nature of truth became a mixture of truth and error, isn't it almost predictable that God's sheep would be scattered around the globe?

These ministers had such great opportunity to be unifiers and healers, but they failed! They failed by surrendering to errors introduced by the apostates, and in most cases not recognizing the serious nature of the times! They began to slumber and sleep, instead of standing up for truth and BRINGING THE TRUE PEOPLE OF GOD TOGETHER! God says "woe" to them!

Those that have, have acted ON THEIR OWN BEHALF! Many have fallen into the trap of not recognizing the fulfillment of Matthew 24:14—especially as the years have progressed after the death of Mr. Armstrong. They have become deluded (II Thes 2:11) and taken it upon THEMSELVES to perform a task that is already complete!

They have failed to recognize the proper season, and thus become incapable of pleasing God, and being used by Christ for His work! They are ministers WITHOUT A CAUSE, being blinded by their own vanity and selfish pursuit of prestige and perceived authority.

### **The Present Work—Missing the Mark**

The commission to preach the Gospel in all nations (Mark 16:15) is common for all true ministers of Christ in every church era. This work is performed continually, and doesn't change. It is a general command for ministers of God to always preach the true Gospel of the coming Kingdom of God!

Because world conditions change through the centuries as God directs events to fulfill His master plan, the *emphasis in each age changes*. It is no accident that the era when one would think the people of God would have the greatest sense of urgency, that the large majority FALL SPIRITUALLY ASLEEP! Revelation 3:14-19 describe a people that Christ is both ANGRY and DISAPPOINTED with.

They are performing THEIR works—not the work of God! Of course, they aren't spiritually discerning enough to be aware of their folly. They believe THEY ARE RIGHT! (Rev. 3:17) One that sees cannot convince them any differently! They have redefined self-righteousness to mean “legalistic” or “Pharisaical”, when ironically THEY are *self*-righteous in accordance with the true meaning of the word!

What are the Laodicean fruits? A recent count had more than 300 organizations claiming to have some kind of roots in the Worldwide Church of God. This occurred while the WCG became indistinguishable from a liberal evangelical religious organization, disqualifying them from consideration as a part of the true Church of God.

The condition of the people of God today is best described as one of mass confusion, unsolvable division, doctrinal compromise, human reasoning, and prophetic blindness. The leaders and laity regularly accuse, slander, and disparage others that are contributing to the scattering, while they IGNORE the REAL CAUSE of the people of God becoming disunited and scattered.

Some are groups led by tyrannical, presumptuous men, and others are led by men that promote the breaking of the laws of God. The spectrum is wide, and includes leaders that are lukewarm, and others that are devoid of the spirit of God.

The works of all these groups combined since the death of Mr. Armstrong have been barely noticeable to the world. They have provided the scoffers in this wicked age—the enemies of the truth—endless torrents of opportunity to attack the truths of

God! Some are the false prophets described in 2 Peter 2:1-2, that allow for “the way of truth” to be “evil spoken of”.

Compare this to the HUGE impact of the work AROUND THE EARTH accomplished during the 6<sup>th</sup> era. A work that was carried forward with clear focus and unified purpose to fulfill Matthew 24:14! The focus remained plain continually through the unifying leadership of Herbert W. Armstrong.

The fruits of the present age stand in sharp contrast to those of the Philadelphian era under the leadership of the “one sent” to “restore all things”. These fruits have put this seventh and final phase of God's Church in GRAVE DANGER!

At present, the visible Church of God is dominated by various corporate bodies that administer and/or support the WORKS OF MEN. The visible corporate entities operate in an unprecedented period of material prosperity. The leadership of these organizations are a mixture of converted but lukewarm ministers, and those that were never converted at all. The former are so off-track spiritually, that a spirit-begotten Christian remaining vigilantly awake, in most cases CANNOT tell them apart from tares.

The people of God in most of these groups are unknowingly being held hostage through indoctrination and misplaced fear from self-promoting men. These men, each unique in flavor but similar in kind, have different business models with which they make merchandise of God's people: “And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you.” (II Peter 2:3)

The Laodicean landscape has effectively been divided into different but similar corporate business models that each, have their own “Church of God market share”. These market shares, in turn, translate into membership, numbers, and income. Each leader will be aware of this but JUSTIFY his own business plan based on his own self-righteous delusion.

This disgusts the Creator of the universe! He is ANGRY with these leaders and refers to them in terms that should make one FEAR to be among them: “Yes, they are greedy dogs which never have enough. And they are shepherds who cannot understand; They all look to their own way, Every one for his own gain, From his own territory.” (Isaiah 56:11 NKJ)

Christ IS NOT *involved with*, or *blessing the collective effort* of such works!

These corporate organizations have removed the true CHRIST OUTSIDE of THEIR works because the work that Christ is leading is incongruous with these WORKS OF MEN!

## CHAPTER 4

# CHRIST'S WORK TODAY

### Rise And Answer the Call

While the prophetic milestone of Matthew 24:14 recedes further into the past; and as the majority of the people of God scatter and perform their own works; just what is the present work of the living God? We know from John 5:17 that God the Father and Jesus Christ do not take a leave of absence from their work, so what is it, and where could it be?

Would God intentionally leave his people in miserable blindness? Of course not.

Does the Bible reveal the present work of God? The answer, fortunately, is YES!

Amos 6:1 portrays a slumbering church, "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria (United States), which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came."

Those asleep in Zion are admonished to RISE UP and hear Christ's voice, "Rise up, ye women that are at ease; hear MY VOICE, ye careless daughters, give ear unto MY speech." Here Christ is pleading with members of the Church of God that are "at ease", and have fallen asleep! They trust in the physical nation in which they reside, and forget that it is Christ that protects and feeds His flock!

Christ desires these Christians to heed His voice *before* the tribulation. Unfortunately, most won't respond until events force the issue, and compel about half of them to repent and give their lives for the truth. The remaining half will have completely LOST the spirit of God, having also lost the ability to repent and awaken. They will become as if they were never born in Gehenna fire.

Continuing in verse 11, "Tremble, ye women that are at ease; be troubled, ye careless ones; strip you, and make you bare, and gird sackcloth upon your loins." This verse should bring to mind Revelation 3:18 where Christ counsels his sleepy people to buy "gold tried in the fire" so they can be clothed.

As the Great Tribulation commences, the hourglass of sand has expired for the wise and foolish virgins. The only way these virgins being judged now (I Peter 4:17) can pass their final exams is to RISE UP in the Great Tribulation. But how are they to have knowledge to repent? How will they understand clearly what has occurred?

Some respond to Christ's admonishment BEFORE the Great Tribulation and remind these virgins of the knowledge they once possessed!

Let's summarize the prophetic timeline of the Laodicean era of the Church of God:

- 1) A Period of Delay (after the fulfillment of Mat.24:14)
- 2) A Church Growing Tired and/Drowsy
- 3) A time of testing and measuring of the Church

- 4) A Remnant from the previous era “girding their loins” and determining to HOLD FAST & WATCH with renewed vigor
- 5) Those who HOLD FAST & WATCH assist Christ in delivering THE KNOCK to Laodicea

As the time of delay expires and the period of measuring concludes, converted disciples who are actively WATCHING and very much AWAKE, assist Christ as His instruments in delivering the *cry*: “Behold the Bridegroom cometh, go you out to meet Him” (Matt.25:6). This labor will NOT be a globe girdling work evident to the world, similar to the witness of the gospel sent around the earth during the Philadelphian era. However, it will be a LOUD CRY directed at the true people of God, providing the opportunity for them to AWAKEN!

The “knock” of Rev.3:20, and the “cry” at “midnight” described in Mat.25:6, describe the same event or work! They are a labor of agape—true outgoing concern—directed at the ten virgins *toward the very end of the Laodicean age!*

## Laodicea And The Knock

Read the following scripture carefully: “Behold, I stand at the door, and *knock*: if any man hear my *voice*, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will *sup* with him, and he with me.” (Revelation 3:20)

What is the mysterious “knock” of the 7th and final phase (era) of the true Church of God? Why is Christ standing at the door and “knocking”—from the outside? Christian's alive just prior to

Christ's second coming are strongly rebuked and admonished to hear His voice, open the door, repent, and be zealous. (Revelation 3:20) What does it mean?

Although Christ stands in the midst (Rev.1:13) of the *seven lamp stands or Churches*, through their works, the people of God have separated themselves from the true Christ, now standing outside their doors! Christ is knocking out of CONCERN for them, providing them the opportunity to open ONCE AGAIN to Him! Those that respond can return to the restored truth of the Philadelphian age, supping—or fellowshiping—once again with the true God!

Notice in John, “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.” (John 10:27) Those that respond to Christ HEAR his voice and FOLLOW him. They are counted by Christ as His friends. How? By doing His will and keeping His commandments! (John 15:10-15). What is His will?

“Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.” (John 4:34)

The knock of Revelation 3:20 heralds a gathering of God’s people, hearing the voice of Christ, to complete the work of God leading up to Christ’s return. Christ refers to these people as His friends!

But what about those that are asleep? Let’s revisit the virgins in Matthew 25, “And at midnight there WAS A CRY MADE, BEHOLD, THE BRIDEGROOM COMETH; GO YE OUT TO MEET HIM! Then all those virgins arose (from near sleep), and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, *Not*

so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.” (Matthew 25:6-10)

How is this cry to be made? Many have carelessly assumed that this cry would be a supernatural cry, perhaps made by an angel. But God works through men! This cry must be a loud KNOCK provided to the people of God! This KNOCK serves at least two purposes:

First, it provides for a means for Christ to gather those who have proven their LOVE OF THE TRUTH, and have heeded the admonishment of Jesus Christ in Revelation 3:10 to patiently await His return even when prophetic events didn’t advance as quickly as they may have assumed they would. They HIGHLY VALUE what was restored by the one sent as the Elijah to come, and held fast. Not perfectly, but with enthusiasm and zeal!

Second, the KNOCK provides the means by which the wise virgins can REPENT and return to the truth IN THE TRIBULATION! It provides a means for a sleepy people to be welcomed into the wedding proceedings with Jesus Christ—to be first-fruits!

Decades have elapsed, with God’s people becoming ever more tired and spiritually listless. Mr. Armstrong is no longer around to shake them up in an attempt to awaken them. “The Knock” must be delivered. For some, it will be too late, and it will not be possible to awaken them.

“Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.” (Matthew 25:11-13)

These virgins have allowed themselves to fall into COMPLETE SLEEP, and because of yielding to the sloth and sin of Satan’s world, they have ceased to be the friends of Christ (James 4:4)! One cannot retain the holy spirit while delving back into the world of Satan! He can’t be a part of the body of Christ. That is why Christ no longer knows them.

When harmonizing Revelation 3:20 with the companion scripture in Luke 12, we can discern the timing of Christ’s knock.

After admonishing his disciples to “seek the kingdom of God”, and to not lose sight of where the real treasure is, Christ encourages them to be ready, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning.” (Luke 12:34-35)

In other words BE READY! “And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return [before the] wedding; that when he cometh and KNOCKETH, they may open unto him immediately.” It is no coincidence that this scripture brings to mind Revelation 3:20!

There is a wedding ABOUT TO happen! This is the wedding between Christ and his bride, the Church of God. The wedding supper occurs just AFTER Christ returns to earth and defeats His enemies, assuming the throne over all the earth. The knock of Revelation 3:20 occurs immediately before the wedding, and

just before Christ returns to the earth! Notice those that are waiting for Him, “open unto him immediately.”

Continuing, “Blessed *are* those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find *them* so, blessed are those servants. And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour WHEN YE THINK NOT.” (Luke 12:37-40)

Notice here there are three literal or metaphorical “watches”. Was the apostasy the “first watch”? Could the scattering of God’s people (Daniel 12:7) be the second watch? This is presented here for thought and speculation only, but is this possible? Yes!

And what it means, if taken literally, is those that wait and watch through the third brief period just before Christ’s return are blessed! “Blessed is he that WAITETH, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.” (Daniel 12:12)

So, just what is the Work Christ is performing in this Laodicean age of the Church?

The knock of Revelation 3:20 is the WORK that occurs toward the end of the Laodicean era that admonishes the people of God to WATCH! How is this work performed? By people that are

watching during the third watch! Performing this work attaches the people of God to the true vine described every Passover service in John 15. It moves God’s people to restored spiritual vitality and vigor.

This is the manner in which the Church is prepared to meet Christ at His return! By performing Christ’s work, the people of God are in complete harmony with Christ, understanding fully the correct prophetic season!

What prophetic season are we in today?

“Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer *is* nigh:” (Matthew 24:32). With lands formerly controlled by the Isralitish race collapsing, and the European colossus rising quickly, we are in the prophetic season of the summer **JUST BEFORE THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST!**

Remember, the Feast of Trumpets—the annual holyday pointing to the return of Jesus Christ—occurs each year **IMMEDIATELY** following the summer months in early fall!

**TIME IS SHORT!**

## **Prophecy In Song**

Chapter 5 of the Song of Solomon offers an interesting colorful allegory of a sleeping bride, hearing the voice of her beloved that is knocking at her door, “I *sleep*, but my heart waketh: it is the *voice* of my beloved that *knocketh*, saying, Open to me, my *sister*, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, *and* my locks with the drops of the night.” (Song 5:2)

The inspired words written by Solomon thousands of years before provide insight to the passion that Christ has toward his church! This verse prophesies a sleepy church of God that is coming awake as Christ knocks upon her door. The word “sister” used to refer to Christ’s betrothed and demonstrates the familiarity and kinship that the first of the firstborn—Jesus Christ—has with His church! Not only is the church His bride, but those that walk with him are His friends, and brothers and sisters, as well! (John 15:14)

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” (Psalm 133:1) And how unfortunate it is for when two can’t walk together because they cannot agree. (Amos 3:3)

What unifies brethren in the church of God? Is it personality? Secular education? Nonsense!

The unifying force is God’s Holy Spirit leading to the one truth to which all should hold fast! The plumbline at the end of the age by which all are measured are the restored truths of God prophesied to occur during the Philadelphian age!

The Bible IS, as Mr. Armstrong used to say, a jigsaw puzzle that can only be understood by one exercising the spirit of God, and being led by the true Christ: “For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:” (Isaiah 28:10)

## CHAPTER 5

# THE GATHERING

A gathering of the people of God blessed by God BEFORE the Great Tribulation must take place. We know this because God promises to protect a group of people from this terrible time. Today, the people of God are scattered in fulfillment of the prophecy in Daniel 12:7 and Ezekiel 34:5.

Many have had a vague idea that God will somehow simultaneously transport those He chooses to protect to a place of protection. Some assume that Jesus Christ will lead these people directly, and there will be no other hierarchy. These ideas are vague, AND THEY'RE UNWORKABLE! It can't and won't happen that way!

Revelation 12 describes a prophecy that became clearly understood during the Philadelphian era of the church. Many organizations with roots in the WCG still largely understand these versus.

There are two groups mentioned in Revelation 12. The first group is helped by Christ, and protected from the wrath of the devil. The second group becomes the object of his wrath in the tribulation. The first group includes those that are "counted worthy" by Christ to escape, while the second group includes the virgins of Matthew 25.

### Place of Safety

It is not the purpose of this booklet to present a detailed narrative of the flight of God's people to a place of protection. However, it is very useful to note that there IS a place of protection for SOME of the people of God.

Mr. Armstrong once said that that physical place might not be the rocky area of the world known as Petra, but it probably would be. If not Petra, he observed, the Bible doesn't reveal where this place of protection will be.

Stated another way, there are strong Biblical indications that this physical place IS Petra.

Being protected by God should not be something spurned. While it should not be our main consideration—we must love the truth without regard to what it means to our personal safety—those that are protected ARE BLESSED! Who doesn't want to be blessed by God? Who doesn't want to be in His fellowship?

"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought [meditated] on His name." (Malachi 3:16)

The book mentioned here is NOT the book of life! It is a book that records the names of those holding fast and meditating—NOT DENYING—Christ's name! When MOST of the people of God are drifting back into false Christianity; when MOST are erecting various false Christs or embracing the false Christs of Protestantism and Evangelicalism; there are a people that love

the true Christ of the Bible! They love the law of God, along with the many statues and judgments. They understand that The Way restored during the Philadelphian era is going to be established around the earth—and they LOVE IT!

“And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels, and I WILL SPARE THEM, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.” (Malachi 3:17)

Who is “spared”? Those that SERVE the true God!

While we don’t want to be accused of being motivated by fear, and trying to “save our skins”, we also should recognize that the reward of those that serve the true God includes physical protection. Of course we know that those that attempt to save THEIR lives will lose them (Luke 17:33); we should have confidence that God will protect those who serve Him.

### **He That Hath An Ear, Let Him Hear**

The prophetic course of events in human history appears to be leading mankind into a dark age as the world’s so-called “last hope”—America—rots from within. The birthright nations of Joseph are now under a curse, being dismantled at alarming speed! Soon they will be UTTERLY SMASHED and ENSLAVED!

The true Gospel of the Kingdom of God—that same Gospel preached by Jesus Christ as a human being some 2000 years ago—was delivered to all the nations of the earth as a witness during the Philadelphian era (Mat.24:14)! The prophesied

“falling away”, or apostasy away from the truth has likewise been fulfilled (II Thes.2:3)!

The measuring of the Church of God during the Laodicean era that has been occurring for years, is now drawing to a close. A period of apparent “delay” is about to conclude, just before the two witnesses appear on the world scene.

In this very brief prophetic period toward the end of the Laodicean age—Christ is Knocking! Bible prophecy reveals this “knock” to be VERY BRIEF! There is no reason for the knock to be anything but a short and loud “cry”; as God’s people are at the end of their measuring and will either be counted worthy, or they will have slumbered and slept.

If you can HEAR Christ’s voice through the words of the Holy Bible; if you can SEE the truth of God through spiritual eyes; if you can UNDERSTAND with wisdom the prophecies of the Bible and God’s plan for mankind; then you will also zealously recognize the urgency of the times and what MUST BE DONE!

*Seize The Hour*, redeem the time (Eph.5:16), and seek the Eternal while it is still day before the fullness of the dark night descends upon the earth (Luke 9:4)!

Is Christ KNOCKING ON YOUR DOOR? Do you HEAR his VOICE? Are YOU willing to arise, open the door, commune with Christ, and assist in the work of the living God?

You decide. The choice IS yours.