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“DISCERNMENT FOR THE LAST DAYS”

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Tonight we will be briefly looking several discussions of study that you presented for potential review. Because you have been one of the most consistent classes that I have had the privilege of mentoring, I am sharing with you over 18 years of study and revelation that the Holy Spirit imparted to me that I now present to you.

1. What does a white stone with a new name written on it mean? This question refers to Revelation 2:17. There are many theories concerning this particular verse, but the one that I believe is: “There was an ancient Roman custom of awarding white stones to the victors of athletic games. The winner of a contest was awarded a white stone with his name inscribed on it. This served as his ticket to a special awards banquet. According to this view, Jesus promises the overcomers entrance to the eternal victory celebration when heaven comes to earth. The new name may refer to the work of the Holy Spirit as He conforms the remnant seed to the holiness of Christ. {Colossians 3:10; and Romans 8:29}
2. What is Biblical Numerology? It refers to the interpretation by some biblical scholars of numerical values used in the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament that they believe relate to symbolism, which imply quality or attributes, of the value rather than to actual quantity. For example:

A. Unity {symbolizes the unity of God} there is one God. Deut. 6:4, 1 Cor. 8:4, Gal. 3:20. The Father and the Son are one {John 10:30}, and Jesus is the one Mediator and Shepherd, 1 Tim. 2:5; Jn. 10:16

B. The truth of the matter or witness of the truth. Deut. 17:6. Also confirmation that something is firmly established and will come to pass. Genesis 41:32

C. Perfection and Divinity. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. II Cor. 13:14, Luke 1:35, Matthew 28:19. Purity and Holiness are also connected to the perfection and divinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

3. How do you know if your name is in the book of life? Is everyone's name in the book of life when born and then possibly blotted out based on their decision and choices? Several verses speak of God blotting or not blotting names out of the book of life: Rev. 3:5; Rev. 22:19; Ex. 32:32-33. These scriptures present two positions, 1) Everyone's name is written in the book of life from eternity past, indicating God's desire for all to be saved, until they have rejected Christ, when their name is blotted out; or 2) When a person gets saved, his name is placed in the book of life for the first time, and when he later turns against Christ, his name is blotted out.

I believe after a very thorough study of this issue that in keeping with God's desire that all be saved, from eternity past every person's name is written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from before the foundation of the world. However, the names of those who refuse to yield to the wooing of the Holy Spirit, for this sin there is no forgiveness. Mark 3:28; Luke 12:10

4. Will those who have gone to Heaven {believers} know us when we get there? How will they know us? I believe our relationships in Heaven will be far superior to anything we have known on earth, although there will clearly be some differences {Matthew 22:23-34}. The strongest attraction in Heaven will be Jesus, Revelation 21:1-4. Our knowledge in Heaven does not decrease, but rather increases. 1 Corinthians 13:12, 1 Corinthians 15: 42-49.
5. Who or which believers will make up the New Jerusalem, and will they have the supernatural ability to travel throughout the planet. This question is in reference to Rev. 21:2. Those who follow truth and faithfulness, vs 5; those who are thirsty for the fountain of the water of life, vs 6; those who lived as overcomers, vs. 7; those who have brought glory, honor to Jesus, and walked in the light of their salvation, vs. 23-27.
6. Explain the previous Age before the earth age. Scriptures that deal with this question are Genesis 1:1, Jeremiah 4:18, II Peter 3; the belief surrounding this issue is that God created the earth many millions of years ago, but that earth was corrupted by the fall of Satan. Those who chose to remain loyal to God during that time became the chosen of God in our time to lead others into His Kingdom. Proverbs 16:4, 1 Cor. 2:7, 1 Thes. 1:4, 1 Peter 1:2, Romans 8:29.
7. What day did Jesus die on? Because the Hebrew day begins at sunset to another sunset, Matthew 27:46, Mark 15:34, try as you might, it is impossible to fit three days and three nights between a late Friday burial and a Sunday morning resurrection. The Good Friday-Easter Sunday tradition isn't true or biblical. How long did Jesus say He would be in the grave? See Matthew 12:40.

The key to understanding the timing of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection lies in understanding God's timetable for counting when days begin and end, as well as the timing of His biblical feasts during the spring of the year when these events took place. The sign that He was the promised Messiah, Matthew 12:39; The Gospels are clear that Jesus died and His body was hurriedly placed in the tomb late in the afternoon, just before sundown when a Sabbath began, John 19:30-42.

Most people have no idea that the Bible talks about two kinds of Sabbath days - the normal weekly Sabbath day that falls on the seventh day of the week and seven annual Sabbath days. What has lead to much confusion is that there were two Sabbaths taking place at this time. See John 19:31. Most people fail to note that John tells us that the Sabbath that began at sundown after Jesus was entombed was one of the annual Sabbath days. Notice in John 19:31 his explanation that 'that Sabbath was a high day' was a term used to differentiate the seven annual Sabbaths from the regular weekly Sabbath days. From this understanding we can clearly see that Jesus was crucified and entombed on a Wednesday afternoon, not on Friday.

8. Explain the operation of the Spirit realm, and the operation of angelic beings.
This is one that I have written a whole manual on. It is so broad a subject that I will only state the short summary from my book entitled: "The Realm of the Spirit, and God's Special Agents". The realm of the Spirit is an invisible realm that can only be seen with eyes of the Spirit; heard with the ears of the Spirit, and spoken by the language of the Spirit. Ephesians 1:3-4; and 17-23. This is a realm which cannot be discerned or comprehended by natural wisdom or understanding but must be revealed by the operation of the Holy Spirit. I Corinthians 2nd chapter. As you learn to flow and move in the revelation of the Spirit of God, the dreams, visions, and open impartation of the Holy Spirit will clearly reveal the Alpha and Omega, and you will have the eyes of the Spirit.
9. What will the Millennium Realm consist of? I have also written a manual on this subject that I have not revealed until this time. Because of the very advanced revelation concerning this teaching, I will only share the following.
 - A. The word millennium means a space of a thousand years.
 - B. The millennium is part of God's overall plan for mankind.
 - C. In the millennium, the Kingdom of God will become manifest to all humanity.
 - D. The appearance of the Kingdom of God will create a world that is very different from what we now know.

E. There will only be one government that rules in the millennium and that will be the government of God.

F. Light will rule in the millennium and will expose anywhere where darkness attempts to manifest.

G. Millennium Jerusalem will serve as the camp of the remnant saints, and also the spiritual gateway to the Kingdom of God.

H. Begin your study of the millennium in the book of Isaiah chapter 11 instead of starting in Revelation 20.