

Great Controversy Series
Most Holy Place Wedding
Chapter 24 - In the Holy of Holies
 Bible Sermon Study Notes: Cary Rodgers, Jr., pastor

-Trump promises North Korea 'fire and fury' over nuke threat By [Jim Sciutto](#), [Barbara Starr](#) and [Zachary Cohen](#), CNN August 9, 2017 <http://www.cnn.com/2017/08/08/politics/north-korea-missile-ready-nuclear-weapons/index.html>

“President Donald Trump issued an extraordinary ultimatum to North Korea on Tuesday warning Pyongyang not to make any more threats against the United States or they will "face fire and fury like the world has never seen,""North Korea best not make any more threats to the United States. They will be met with fire and fury like the world has never seen... he has been very threatening beyond a normal state. They will be met with fire, fury and frankly power the likes of which this world has never seen before," he said.

“Satan delights in war, for it excites the worst passions of the soul and then sweeps into eternity its victims steeped in vice and blood. It is his object to incite the nations to war against one another, for he can thus divert the minds of the people from the work of preparation to stand in the day of God.” GC 589

-‘God has given Trump authority to take out Kim Jong Un,’ evangelical adviser says

August 9, 2017 Washington Post https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/acts-of-faith/wp/2017/08/08/god-has-given-trump-authority-to-take-out-kim-jong-un-evangelical-adviser-says/?utm_term=.35b66fdc18ff

“Texas megachurch pastor Robert Jeffress, one of President Trump’s evangelical advisers who preached the morning of his inauguration, has released a statement saying the president has the moral authority to “take out” North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.”

While Trump is threatening North Korea with “fire and fury like this world has never seen” and that the US is “locked and loaded” what are the image of the beast and beast doing in the smoke of distraction?

-Trump’s evangelical advisers request papal meeting August 8, 2017, National Catholic Reporter <https://www.ncronline.org/news/politics/trumps-evangelical-advisers-request-papal-meeting-after-critique-francis-friends>

(Catholic Prospective – The Beast)

“President Donald Trump's evangelical Christian advisers are requesting a meeting with Pope Francis after a Vatican-approved magazine published a piece condemning the way some American evangelicals and Roman Catholics mix religion and politics.”

“That request came in an Aug. 3 letter to the pontiff from Johnnie Moore, an evangelical author, activist and public relations consultant. Moore asked Francis for a meeting of Catholic and evangelical leaders — and quickly.”

“Moore said he reached out to the pope because of his reputation as a "bridge builder" and assumes Francis would be willing to build bridges to those who disagree with the piece published in La Civiltà Cattolica in July. The article was authored by Fr. Antonio Spadaro, an adviser to Francis, and the Rev. Marcelo Figueroa, a Presbyterian pastor.”

-Evangelical Advisor to Trump Calls for Solidarity with the Vatican CBN (Christian Broadcast Network News) August 8, 2017 <http://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/us/2017/august/evangelical-advisor-to-trump-calls-for-solidarity-with-the-vatican>

(Evangelicals prospective – Image of the Beast)

“Political tensions have maligned relationships between the evangelical and Catholic communities. Now evangelical leaders are pushing for unity with the Vatican.”

“An excerpt from Moore's letter to the Pope reads: "... Together, Catholics, Orthodox, Protestant, and evangelical Christians throughout the entire world have shared - as you've said – 'an ecumenism of blood.'”

“In efforts to mend the wounds of the evangelical-Catholic relationship, Moore has requested a meeting with the pope in which he hopes to include other religious leaders with global influence.”

Revelation 13:3

3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

"A day hasn't gone by in this entire administration where there weren't evangelicals in the White House," he noted. "Part of that is because they're in the Cabinet. This is an administration that every meeting that I've ever been to with any of them, they make the point that the door is wide open."

“Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of spiritualism, the latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome. The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience.” GC 588

The mark of the beast crisis is RIGHT UPON US!

(Review)

How does God illustrate in the Bible lessons about the plan of salvation, cleansing from sin and victory over sin?

Psalms 77:13 Thy way, O God, *is* in the sanctuary: who *is so* great a God as *our* God?

Who is the way that the sanctuary is centered on?

John 14:6

6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Jesus = Jehovah (Lord) is salvation that came to cleanses us and save us from sin.

The sanctuary's symbols, types, and services are ALL centered on the ONE way to be saved from sin, Jesus Christ.

The Sanctuary Teaches..

Why Jesus came to dwell among us

How He came to dwell with us

Who alone can save us from sinner

How we can have victory over sin

The role of Christ on earth and in Heaven

**The courtyard teaches us about justification – how to go from guilty to not guilty instantly!
The temple of holy and most holy places teaches us about sanctification – to live a holy life without sin.**

The sanctuary message points to the complete ministry of Jesus Christ, past, present, and future. You cannot completely understand the plan of salvation and Bible prophecy without the study and understanding of the sanctuary message. **(Complete online video detail Bible study at pathwaytopeace.net – Victory In The Sanctuary Series)**. You cannot understand the prophecies revealed in Daniel and Revelation without understanding the sanctuary message.

The earthly sanctuary was a miniature model of the Heavenly Sanctuary in which Jesus Christ is our High Priest!

It is IMPOSSIBLE to be saved from the penalty of sin without first being totally cleansed from sin!

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The sanctuary shows us HOW Jesus totally cleanses us from sin!

Remember, What were the two main services associated with the earthly sanctuary?

1) Daily Service 2) Yearly Service

In Daily service, sin sacrifices, where did the sins go?

Holy Place = Record Room of Sin

When the sins were symbolically transferred to the holy place it was a record of the sinner's sins. Daily the sins of the people were placed and recorded in the holy place.

What was the yearly service known as?

Day of Atonement, cleansing of the sanctuary, and Day of Judgment. It was the sixth holy yearly service.

Day of Atonement (type)

- 1) Only the high priest can perform this service one a year
- 2) Chooses two goats – one to be sacrificed for the Lord, the other will be the scapegoat (cast lots)
- 3) High Priest takes the blood of the Lord's goat and goes into the most Holy place before the ark of the covenant
- 4) High Priest sprinkles the blood upon the mercy seat of God seven times
- 5) Places hand on the scapegoat at the courtyard entrance symbolically transferring all the sins that were recorded in the holy place unto the scapegoat
- 6) A fit man runs the scapegoat into secluded wilderness never to return to the camp

Scapegoat represents Satan. During the time of hellfire Satan will also be punished for all confessed and cleansed sin of those who are saved in the eternal kingdom of God.

Day of Investigative Judgment

The day of atonement was a very serious day for the people of God. Each record that was recorded in the Holy place. It was a day of the investigative judgment. Each confessed sin that was symbolically transferred and recorded in the holy place was closely examined.

Earthly Ministry to Holy Place

The ministry of Jesus was NOT complete at the cross, He entered into the holy place when He returned to Heaven as our High Priest! Remember the courtyard in the sanctuary on earth represented the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ.

What Bible prophecy reveals the literal fulfillment of the Day of Atonement, the cleansing of the sanctuary, when Jesus has High Priest, goes from the Holy to the Most Holy place (type meet anti type)?

Daniel 8:14

14 And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

When did the cleansing of the sanctuary, the investigate judgment in heaven begin?

Daniel 9:25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem.... (show 2300 days chart)

What text confirms that we are living in the investigate judgment?

Revelation 14:7

7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

This is a very urgent message in our day because based on the fulfillment of the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation, we are NOW living near the very END of the investigative judgment!

Remember the prophet Daniel saw the investigate judgment time set in **Daniel 7:10** "the judgment was set, and the books were opened." The prophet John sees the hour of the judgment that was set in Daniel arrive in **Revelation 14:7**

Investigative Judgment In the Most Holy Place

"Both the prophecy of Daniel 8:14, 'Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed,' and the first angel's message, 'Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come,' pointed to Christ's ministration in the most holy place, to the investigative judgment, and not to the coming of Christ for the redemption of His people and the destruction of the wicked." GC 424

Remember, the Investigate Judgment and the cleansing of the sanctuary in Heaven is the anti-typical Day of Atonement fulfilled that takes place in the Most Holy place. It began on October 22, 1844. Now we are living at the end of the investigate judgment. After the investigate judgment is complete, Jesus returns to this earth the second time to reap the harvest of the faithful and obedient.

Who will be able to stand in the last day when Jesus has left the Most Holy Place to return to this earth and no longer interceding as our High Priest?

Malachi 3:2-3

2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:

3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

"Those who are living upon the earth when the intercession of Christ shall cease in the sanctuary above are to stand in the sight of a holy God without a mediator. Their robes must be spotless, their characters must be purified from sin by the blood of sprinkling. Through the grace of God and **their own diligent effort** they must be **conquerors in the battle with evil**. While the investigative judgment is going forward in heaven, while the sins of penitent believers are being removed from the sanctuary, there is to be a special work of purification, of putting away of sin, among God's people upon earth. This work is more clearly presented in the messages of Revelation 14." GC 425

Are you ready to take this study deeper about the activities in the Most Holy Place just before the coming of Jesus?

Who did Jesus go before when He entered the Most Holy Place in Heaven?

Daniel 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

Jesus here is not coming to the earth, He is coming in the clouds of heaven to the "Ancient of days", God the Father. This is a picture of Jesus moving from the Holy to the Most Holy place in Heaven. This action in heaven from the holy to the most holy place is the same event that is spoken of in Daniel 8:14.

This coming is foretold also by the prophet Malachi: "The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, He shall come, saith the Lord of hosts." **Malachi 3:1.**

After Jesus ascended back to heaven from His earthly ministry He went to the heavenly temple, first the holy **place in 31 AD and then to the Most Holy place on October 22, 1844** as depicted in the vision that Daniel sees in Daniel 7:13. Daniel saw Jesus coming in the clouds of heaven from the holy to the most holy place before God the Father. Remember, this is the beginning of the investigative judgment phase.

What is another very important event that takes place in the Most Holy Place before the coming of Jesus?

Daniel 7:9-10

9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.
10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: **the judgment was set, and the books were opened.**

Daniel 7:9-10 is revealing the investigate judgment that takes place in the most holy place. Let's continue...

Daniel 7:13-14

13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

14 And **there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom**, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

This is the same everlasting kingdom in Daniel 2 that strikes the feet of the image bringing and end all earthly kingdoms! In the most holy place Jesus officially receives dominion over the everlasting kingdom (physical) from God the Father. Again, this official reception takes place after the investigate judgment is complete in the most holy place. This action in Heaven is also depicted as the "marriage" between Jesus and His kingdom.

What is the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, which is the capital and representative of the physical everlasting kingdom?

Revelation 21:9-10

9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, **I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.**

10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God.

The Holy City, the New Jerusalem, which is the capital and representative of the kingdom, is called "the bride, the Lamb's wife." Jesus, the Lamb, is the bridegroom and the eternal kingdom is the bride. When the bride, the everlasting kingdom, descends from heaven, Jesus and his bride is already married. Don't forget, the

wedding takes place in the most holy place after the investigative judgment and before the second coming of Jesus.

Did you know that Jesus describes this heavenly “marriage” of His official reception of the kingdom in the most holy place in the parable of the five wise and the five foolish virgins? Listen because this is deep but good.

Matthew 25:1-13

1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

9 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.

10 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.

11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Again this parable is describing the “wedding” that takes place in the Most Holy place at the end of the investigative judgment and right before the coming of Jesus

What were the virgins waiting to attend? A wedding, the marriage between the bridegroom and the bride.

Who is the bride in this parable? The everlasting kingdom (physical)

Who is the bridegroom? Jesus!

When did the wedding take place? After the investigative judgment in Heaven in the most holy place

Who do the “virgins” represent?

2 Corinthians 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

Chaste = pure or clean. undefiled.

The virgins in the parable in Matthew 25 are the invited guests to the wedding between the bridegroom Jesus, and the bride, the everlasting kingdom. All ten virgins professed to be pure, clean, and undefiled by the world. They professed to be innocent of spiritual adultery against God. In general the virgins represent the profess church of God.

Remember it was tradition in Christ's day for the bridegroom to go from his house to pick up his bride at her father's house. The bridal party was responsible to provide the light as bride, bridegroom, and invited wedding party went back to the groom's home during the dark for the wedding and marriage to take place.

Before the wedding what were the virgins anticipating first? The coming bridegroom!
Remember the coming of the bridegroom comes before the wedding.

Even after a delay, why were the five wise ready to go with the bridegroom in the midnight dark to the wedding? They had enough oil to keep their lamps burning as they took their journey in the dark to the wedding.

In the Bible who does the oil spiritually represent? The Holy Spirit

Like the oil the Holy Spirit provides the fuel to keep the light of God's TRUTH to continue to burn as a light to the world!

The light is the Word of God.

Psalm 119:105 - Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

The wise virgins were "wise" because that keep the light of truth filled with the Holy Spirit. The only way to keep the light of truth on is the study the Word of truth. As you study the word of truth on a daily basis you are filled with the Holy Spirit! Even in the darkest of nights you will have enough oil to light TRUTH before you so you can see.

The wise virgins were diligent students of God's Word and it's prophecies in order to shine its light in a dark world. They greatly anticipated the coming of the bridegroom and prepared themselves. **The wise virgins represent the true people of God who not only study and take heed to God's word but they live by faith. The lifestyle and actions is proof and evidence of the things revealed in God's word such as the kingdom of heaven that they cannot physically see with their eyes now, but they believe it because Jesus promised it!**

Why were there five foolish virgins?

The five foolish virgins are "influenced by fear and acting from impulse, had been satisfied with a theory of the truth, but were destitute of the grace of God." GC - 426

"Others 'took their lamps, and took no oil with them.' They had moved from impulse. Their fears had been excited by the solemn message, but they had depended upon the faith of their brethren, satisfied with the flickering light of good emotions, without a thorough understanding of the truth or a genuine work of grace in the heart. These had gone forth to meet the Lord, full of hope in the prospect of immediate reward; but they were not prepared for delay and disappointment. When trials came, their faith failed, and their lights burned dim." GC 394

Wedding In The Most Holy Place

The "marriage" that the five wise virgins were traveling to with the bridegroom and the bride represents the wedding that will take place in the most holy place between Jesus and reception of His kingdom (physical).

Romans 1:17

17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

In reality all the faithful wise servants of God follow Christ in the Heavenly temple by faith. All those who believe the prophecy of Daniel 8:14 by faith follow Jesus as He went from the Holy to the most holy place on October 22, 1844.

“They that were ready went in with Him to the marriage: and the door was shut.’ They were not to be present in person at the marriage; for it takes place in heaven, while they are upon the earth. The followers of Christ are to ‘wait for their Lord, when He will return from the wedding.’ Luke 12:36. But they are to understand His work, and to follow Him by faith as He goes in before God. It is in this sense that they are said to go in to the marriage. ...And all who through the testimony of the Scriptures accept the same truths, following Christ by faith as He enters in before God to perform the last work of mediation, and at its close to receive His kingdom--all these are represented as going in to the marriage.” GC - 427

What do the five wise virgins experience once they are inside the wedding waiting for the marriage?

Remember the five wise virgins are the invited guest to the wedding inside the wedding room, the most holy place.

Revelation 19:9

9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

Jesus explains what happens in the wedding room before the marriage takes place in His parable of the invitation to the wedding of the king’s son.

What did the king do in the parable when the guest were in the room wait for the marriage to take place?

Matthew 22:11

11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:

Before the marriage took place ALL the guests and their garments were **investigated and examined by the king**. The wedding garment represents the righteousness of Jesus Christ made white through His blood.

“He who is found wanting is cast out, but all who upon examination are seen to have the wedding garment on are accepted of God and accounted worthy of a share in His kingdom and a seat upon His throne. This work of examination of character, of determining who are prepared for the kingdom of God, is that of the investigative judgment, the closing of work in the sanctuary above.” GC 428

What will Jesus say when the investigative judgment is finished?

Revelation 22:11

11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

“When the work of investigation shall be ended, when the cases of those who in all ages have professed to be followers of Christ have been examined and decided, then, and not till then, probation will close, and the door of mercy will be shut. Thus in the one short sentence, ‘They that were ready went in with Him to the marriage: and the door was shut,’ we are carried down through the Saviour's final ministration, to the time when the great work for man's salvation shall be completed.” GC 428

Remember the sequence of events in the Most holy place

- 1) Investigate Judgment (cleansing of the sanctuary) – Started in 1844 soon to end
- 2) The Wedding, Marriage = Jesus officially receives domination of His kingdoms
- 3) Jesus prepares and returns to this earth for the great harvest of the righteous

“Having received the kingdom, He will come in His glory, as King of kings and Lord of lords, for the redemption of His people, who are to ‘sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob,’ at His table in His kingdom (Matthew 8:11; Luke 22:30), to partake of the marriage supper of the Lamb.” GC 426

Remember in order to be ready for the second coming of Jesus you MUST be examined and investigate first. Do you have the wedding garment on wash in the blood of Jesus, pure and white with NO stain of sin and worldliness? The MOST urgent message today is INVESTIGATIVE JUDGMENT is taking place now. This when you case will be decided. Your case is NOT decided at the second coming of Jesus.

While the investigative judgment is taking place the doors of mercy is still open. Jesus is still interceding. What closes the door of mercy is total rejection of the truth!

“When Jesus at His ascension entered by His own blood into the heavenly sanctuary to shed upon His disciples the blessings of His mediation, the Jews were left in total darkness to continue their useless sacrifices and offerings. The ministration of types and shadows had ceased. That door by which men had formerly found access to God was no longer open. The Jews had refused to seek Him in the only way whereby He could then be found, through the ministration in the sanctuary in heaven. Therefore they found no communion with God. To them the door was shut. They had no knowledge of Christ as the true sacrifice and the only mediator before God; hence they could not receive the benefits of His mediation.” GC 430

What is the condition those professed Christians who reject Bible truth and the sanctuary message?

They are found blind and willfully ignorant of the work of mercy by the High priest in heaven. They refused to humble themselves and cut of the things of the worldliness even though we are in the investigate judgment!

What does God tell His professed people who willfully reject His truth, especially the sanctuary message and Bible prophecy?

Hosea 4:6

6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

“The condition of the unbelieving Jews illustrates the condition of the careless and unbelieving among professed Christians, who are willingly ignorant of the work of our merciful High Priest. In the typical service, when the high priest entered the most holy place, all Israel were required to gather about the sanctuary and in the most solemn manner humble their souls before God, that they might receive the pardon of their sins and not be cut off from the congregation. How much more essential in this antitypical Day of Atonement that we understand the work of our High Priest and know what duties are required of us.” - GC 430

Jesus is appealing, appealing and pleading!

No one cannot continually reject God’s warning and truth and expect mercy in the end. Your salvation depends on how you treat the message of God. **Those in Noah’s day who treated God’s message with indifference, carelessness, or doubt was killed in the flood.**

“In the time of Abraham, mercy ceased to plead with the guilty inhabitants of Sodom, and all but Lot with his wife and two daughters were consumed by the fire sent down from heaven. So in the days of Christ. The Son of God declared to the unbelieving Jews of that generation: ‘Your house is left unto you desolate.’ Matthew 23:38. Looking down to the last days, the same Infinite Power declares, concerning those who ‘received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved’: ‘For this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.’ 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12. As they reject the teachings of His word, God withdraws His Spirit and leaves them to the deceptions which they love.” GC 431