

## **“Heaven and earth will be passed away” by Jeremiah**

Today, my topic is “Heaven and earth will be passed away.” Revelation describes this as below.

**Revelation 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.**

Let’s think about what kind of day it will be when heaven and earth get passed away.

<Lord talked about parables>

First of all, we need to know that the Bible is full of mysteries and parables. The Bible indeed describes that Lord always used parables.

**Mark 4:33 And with many such parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear it.**

**4:34 But without a parable spake he not unto them: and when they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples.**

Revelation, especially, is the book which is difficult to understand without knowing the importance of parables. We should be aware of it.

<Parables for heaven and earth>

What does heaven and earth represent in the first place? We need to look at the scripture below to understand this.

**Genesis 22:17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea-shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;**

There is a promise from God to Abraham written here.

It describes that his family will increase like stars in the sky and sand on the beach. Abraham is the father of all the people in Israel as well as the spiritual father of Christians.

This means that Christians are just like stars and sand. The sky and beach are also like where Christians belong to: the church.

<Heaven and earth / Law >

The scripture below tells us that the heaven and earth will pass.

**Luke 16:17 And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail**

Just like Revelation, as this explains that the heaven and earth will pass, we can understand that this part tells us why that happens.

The answer is because it is easier to get the church destroyed and passed than deleting the law/word of God.

This means that seeing the church passed is related to modifying, attacking, and canceling the word of God.

<Attacking on the word of God is permitted in the modern days>

What kind of era is it now?

It is the era when churches and Christians become rebellious and alter the word of God. See examples below.

1: Acceptance of homosexuality

The Bible clearly mentions that homosexuality is a sin and causes the wrath of God.

**Romans 1:27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and**

**receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet.**

Despite the fact that the Bible clearly forbids homosexuality, some churches these days don't even seem to care much about this problem. Rather, they even appoint a homosexual person as a pastor.

Churches sometimes try to attack the word of God which forbids homosexuality, and attempt to alter and ignore it. It will be such churches which will change their nature and get passed or destroyed.

2: There is no other salvation than Jesus Christ

The Bible also clearly states that there is no other salvation than Jesus.

**Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**

However, this also causes some controversies among the church community at the moment. Pope is affirmative about the pluralism, and Mother Teresa was fond of this idea. Therefore, she didn't force Hindu followers to believe in Christ even as they were about to die. This means that Catholic can be said to be attacking the doctrine of the Bible "There is no salvation to be found but in Christ" and trying to push the idea of "There are other ways to receive salvation than Christ." However, arrogant churches like this must be destroyed according to the word of God.

There are more and more strange version of the Bible in the U.S, which supports homosexuality and feminism, but just because you have those versions doesn't mean the word of God will change. If the church tries to alter the word of God, they will end up getting destroyed in the end.

<Church will be passed, instead of the word of God>

The question is, "Is everything going to be OK if you change the contents of the Bible for our favor?" The answer is Never.

The Bible describes that it is easier to have heaven and earth passed than getting the law of God passed. That is what **it is easier for heaven and earth to pass than one tittle**

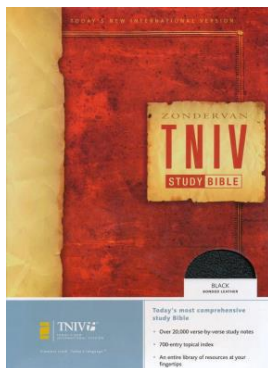
**of the law to fail** represents.

The other part in the Bible which prophesies the destruction of the church in End Times is below.

**Revelation 6:14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.**

This scripture explains that the heaven is going to vanish and we need to understand what this parable means. The heaven is a parable for the church as we looked before therefore, this scripture is also talking about its disappearance and destruction. It also describes why it vanishes. The scroll means the Bible and particularly the scripture below.

**Luke 4:17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,**



Revised Bible for Homosexual people

What **“the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together”** means that the church will vanish and destroyed which is also related to the word of the Bible.

I suppose this is exactly what I explained before: talking about the day when the church is destroyed because of their attitude towards the word of God.

If you look at Thessalonians, you can clearly see that the day when the church becomes rebellious is written here.

**2 Thessalonians 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;**

As is written here, the church will fall way close to End Times, and they will try to alter the word of God. However, what moves and passes is not the word of God but the church itself. The church will become something which it was not supposed to be.

You can see it as you read this scripture.

**2 Thessalonians 2:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.**

The temple of God means the church. It describes that an anti-Christ will seat in the middle of the church. What kind of church would kick Christ out and accept an anti-Christ as a god? The answer is a kind of church which is destroyed, passed, and changed its nature.

It sure doesn't sound great to say the church changes its nature and gets destroyed, but Lord Himself has prophesized about the day. Please check out the scripture below.

**Matthew 24:1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple.**

**24:2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye, not all these things? verily I say unto you; There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.**

This scripture is not talking about the physical destruction of the temple because there is no temple in Jerusalem at the moment, so it is important for a non-existent temple to be destroyed.

Rather, the temple is where you normally worship God, which means the church.

**Ephesians 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;**

**2:21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord:**

As you can see here, the temple means the church and its foundation consists of the teachings of Apostle Paul, prophets, and the doctrine of Jesus.

However, these foundations will be destroyed and thrown away at the church in End Times. They will change into something that doesn't resemble what the church should be like.

The reason for that is because they dare to go against God and try to change/cancel the word of God.

The Bible prophesizes that it is not the word of God but rather the church (heaven and earth) that passes away as the result.

<The church becomes the beast >

Revelation also talks about where the church like this will end up as the scripture below.

**Revelation 13:11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.**

**13:12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.**

**13:13 And he doeth great wonders so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,**

**13:14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had the power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.**

13:15 And he had the power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

13:16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

13:17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

This tells us about the changed state of the church. **“he had two horns like a lamb”** means it is supposed to follow Jesus. However, what we can learn from here is that the church will turn into the beast to worship an anti-Christ which indicates that they become a forceful organization.

Also, **“as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed”** describes that the rebellious church would kill anyone who refuses to worship the anti-Christ.

Therefore, we need to know that the rebellious church who denies, ignores, and changes the word of God will one day get destroyed and become something which doesn't resemble what the church is supposed to be. This is what the Bible prophesizes and we have to make sure that we understand how important it is to stick to the word of God.

Amen



Mother Teresa was religious pluralist

## **“Understanding the Parables” by H.F**

**Psalm 78:1 Give ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.**

**78:2 I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old:**

**Ezekiel 17:2 Son of man, put forth a riddle, and speak a parable unto the house of Israel;**

**17:3 And say, Thus saith the Lord God; A great eagle with great wings, long-winged, full of feathers, which had divers colors, came unto Lebanon and took the highest branch of the cedar:**

It says that God talks parables here. Mark 4:34 also tells us that Jesus always speaks in parables. Since the Bible is full of parables and mysteries, you can only understand the Bible when you unlock their meanings.

Some people understood parables with the help of Holy Spirit. As Mark 4:34 also says **"he expounded all things to his disciples,"** only the disciples were allowed to understand the meanings of parables Jesus used. Paul also understood parables by Holy Spirit instead of human wisdom.

**1 Corinthians 9:9 For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen?**

**9:10 Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope.**

As you can see, Paul explained to us that the ox in Deuteronomy 25:4 is a parable of a



worker. If an ox in the Old Testament is a parable of a worker and righteous follower, a pig in the Bible may somehow be seen as a parable of an unrighteous believer, as Jesus told not to throw a pearl to pigs.

Paul also said **“This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church (Ephesians 5:32)”** about marriage described in **“Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh (Genesis 2:14)”**. Paul came to understand that Genesis 2:14 is talking about Christ and the church. So, it is very important ability to be able to interpret parables. Paul didn't try to understand them through human wisdom as Pharisees did, but he relied on Holy Spirit. No one can understand the Bible fully without the help of God.

Once you understand that “woman is a parable of the church,” you will know what it stands for in the Bible. I heard people saying Song of Songs is too sexual, but that is because they think the word of God as the love between a man and woman. If you know that the woman in Song of Songs is a parable of the church, you wouldn't think like that.

The Old Testament is also full of parables and mysteries, and so is Revelation. It is normal to think if the people in the New Testament are present Christians, what is written in the Old Testament is also related to what happens now. That is why Revelation has many countries from the Old Testament such as Sodom and Babylon.

It is very important to understand parables and mysteries, but Pharisees and people at the time of Jesus weren't allowed to do so.

It is stated in Matthew 13:11 **“He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them, it is not given”** when Jesus answered to the question of His disciples.

Also, Matthew 13:13-14 says. **“Therefore, I speak to them in parables: because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, neither do they understand.”**

**13:14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:**

So, why were the teachers and leaders not be allowed to understand the parables?

In Matthew 15:1-2, Pharisees accused Jesus as **Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders?**, to which Jesus replied **Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?** Plus, Mark 7:13 says **Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.**

Jesus said Pharisees and rabbis prioritized what they wanted to say and made the word of God empty. That is why they failed to understand parables and remained against Jesus.

Jesus said **Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life** in John 5:39:40. This backs up what Isaiah prophesized.

In Matthew 11:25, Jesus said **I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto little children.** Also, Acts 4:13 states **Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.**

It was uneducated disciples, not the Bible specialist, who understood the truth with the help of Holy Spirit.

The mystery and parable of the Bible need to be understood by Holy Spirit. Pharisees tried to understand with human wisdom, but it is not the right way. Many people try to understand parables by relying on books written by specialists. If leaders and specialists were spiritually blind, can we say those people in this era are OK? We have Liberal theology, Dialectical theology, Feminist theology, and many more theologies, but they are all based on human wisdom. When Jesus said **"your tradition,"** it may have meant theologies of the modern time.

If we blindly follow what teachers say without asking Holy Spirit's help, we will repeat the same mistake and be unable to understand parables.

After all, without Holy Spirit, we wouldn't be able to understand anything.

We really need Holy Spirit to understand what era we are in like Paul did.



Disciples understood parables