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Intro Music – “My Father Is So Good To Me”

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Hi, my name is Carl Vasta and I would like to welcome you to the Bible Seeds section here, at Understanding God’s Word. This is where I get to comment on biblical readings and stories that brings the bible into what’s happening to us in our daily lives.

I’ll touch on such topics as Family Prayer or Why I Believe There Is A God. I’ll talk about what was predicted that makes these the Terrible Times In The Last Days or how to Have A Daily Meaningful Relationship With God.

Today's topic: **A Society Practicing Tribulation**

In today’s world, it is not rare to hear talk about ***Tribulation***.

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines *tribulation* as [***distress or suffering, resulting from oppression or persecution.***]

The Free Dictionary defines *tribulation* as

1. [***great affliction or distress; suffering; trial***]
2. [***An experience that tests one’s endurance, patience, or faith.***]

Human beings have often been fascinated by scary things: stories and movies; even celebrations like Halloween. Ancient civilizations have long feared dragons and demons. But there is an another evil that is being practiced today by governments, politicians, judges, schools, military, businesses and people in the general population.

These are the people who practice some of the threats stated in the **book of Revelation** in the bible. That story is about the end all evil perpetrated by the devil, his demons and all who are possessed by those who follow in the devil's footsteps!

These people seem to take great pleasure inflicting their **"minute of power"** to cause great distress and suffering on those who do not agree with their **whims and wants of social behavior!** Just say **"NO"** to their mandates and you will quickly find out how soon they will oppress and persecute you!

They will make it so that even the people who used to like you now shy away from you. Your name will be slandered on the internet and might hinder you from getting a job or even a promotion from where you work!

If you won't wear a mask or take a vaccine shot, they might claim that, **"it's a safety protocol" or "their mandate is a law," but it's not and you don't have to obey it!** Or they have decided you, as a parent have no right to teach or discipline your own children. **But that is not what the bible says!** It tells you that you are commanded to teach and discipline your own children.

[**Proverbs 13:24:** **"Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him."**]

[**Proverbs 22:15:** **"Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline drives it far from him."**]

[**Ephesians 6:4:** **"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."**]

[**Hebrews 12: 9-11:** *“Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness. All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.”*]

So, who do you want to obey; the law of GOD or the law of government?

The leaders don't think twice about ignoring laws that are set by the constitution when you are involved but they think it's fair that you should lose your job or end your career in the military because you are not the right skin color!

They object to your using a **religious objection** to anything they oppose!

What we have now is a society of people practicing for **“the tribulation.”** which came from the book, **“The Revelation”**. It was written by the Apostle John when he was about 92 years old, at **Patmos**, an island on the **Aegean sea**, where he was a prisoner of Rome. At that time, Christians were being persecuted because of their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord. John's main concern was to give his readers hope and encouragement, and to urge them to remain faithful during times of suffering and persecution.

The following is an **Outline of The Contents** of this book.

Introduction

Chapter 1: verses 1-8

From the beginning of the first chapter, the **Revelation of Jesus Christ**, which God gave to Jesus to show His servants -- things which must shortly take place. And Jesus, who has been referred to in the **Old Testament** as *“the angel of the LORD”* and in the **New Testament** as *“the Word Of God”* was sent to John by Jesus to reveal to him the things that must shortly take place. I know this is a mouthful, but it has to do with the **Holy Trinity – the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!**

Opening vision and the letters to the seven churches

Chapter 1:verse 9 through Chapter 3: verse 22

This pictures Christ as as the critic of the churches, who commends their virtues and condemns their vices in the light of His virtues.

The scroll with seven seals

Chapter 4: verse 1 through Chapter 8: verse 1

The seven trumpets

Chapter 8: verse 2 through Chpter 11: verse 19

The dragon and the two beasts

Chapter 12: verse 1 through Chapter 13:verse 18

Chapter 13: verses 5-10

The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise its authority for forty-two months. It opened its mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven. It was given power to wage war against God’s holy people and to conquer them. And it was given

authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the Lamb's book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world. Whoever has ears, let them hear. "If anyone is to go into captivity, into captivity they will go. If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword they will be killed." This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of God's people.

Chapter 13: verses 11-18

Then I saw a second beast, coming out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon. (meaning having the spirit of the Devil) It exercised all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed.

And it performed great signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to the earth in full view of the people. Because of the signs it was given power to perform on behalf of the first beast, it deceived the inhabitants of the earth. It ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived.

The second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name. This calls for wisdom. Let the person who has insight calculate

the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. That number is 666.

Various visions

Chapter 14: verse 1 through Chapter 15: verse 8

The seven bowls of God's anger

Chapter 16: verse 1-21

The destruction of Babylon

and the defeat of the beast; the false prophet, and the Devil

Chapter 17: verse 1 through Chapter 20: verse 10

The final judgment

Chapter 20: verses 11-15

The new heaven; the new earth, the new Jerusalem

Chapter 21: verse 1 through Chapter 22: verse 5

Conclusion

Chapter 22: verse 6-21

I'm sorry to have to tell you that the society that is practicing for the tribulation will not stop practicing, but it will only get worse! So we must prepare ourselves to hold out against these people. We can take a lesson from the Apostles!

After Jesus had risen from death, the apostles were preaching and healing in Jerusalem. Then the high priest rose up and all those that were with him, which were the Sadducees and they were jealous and

filled with indignation. So they arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. But that night an angel of the Lord opened the prison gates, led the apostles out and said to them, “Go and stand in the Temple and tell the people all about this new life.” At dawn, they entered the Temple area and started teaching. When the high priest and all the Jewish elders that were brought together heard that the apostles were teaching in the Temple area, they were surprised and sent the guards to bring them back. In the book of **Acts, Chapter 5: verses 27-42**, it says,

The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,”he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.”

Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings! The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death. But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while. Then he addressed the Sanhedrin: “Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to

these men. Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing. After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered. Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.”

His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

Back Ground Music Starts and

I would like you to know how much GOD loves you. He is ready and waiting to help you. You just need to believe that He exists and has created all things and has given ***His Son Jesus, the good shepherd*** to bring you back to him.

This is why I put together these pod casts, starting with **The Storyline Of The Bible**, 19 easy understandable pod casts that take you from Genesis, the first book of the bible- to Revelation, the last book of the bible.

And beyond that, there are **The Stories And Quotes From Jesus**, which will help you to strengthen your faith in God. And now I have just added these ***Bible Seeds***: my commentary on some of these readings.

You can find all of this and print out the **PDFs** for ***Storyline Of The Bible*** and ***Quotes and Stories from Jesus***. You can download the MP3s, Videos, and my original music from my website: www.carlvasta.com Everything is free and there are no sign ups. Enjoy!

Ending The Program

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