

Revelation (By Pastor Atlas King)

Things Which Must Must Shortly Come To Pass

5/16/24

- How many premises did Pastor Atlas prepare for in his preliminary prerequisite?
- Premise 1: God IS ! Gen 1:1 “In the beginning God...”
-Dan. 8:28 “but there is a God in heaven”
- Premise 2: God is “ TRANSCENDENT “. To be transcendent, is something that is above and beyond that which can be understood with finite reasoning.
-Rom. 11:33-36
-What does Pastor Atlas say requires us to use to describe God? “OMNI WORDS “-Omnipresent, Omniscient, Omnipotent By these God and the Godhead (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) are able to do all things. He is the God of the impossible! Acts 27:25 Job 42:2
-Now apply these things to Eph. 3:20-21
- Premise 3: God is “ ETERNAL “! We are ***everlasting***, God is ***eternal***. -Deut. 33:27, 1 Tim. 1:17 “Now unto the King ***eternal***...”, Rev. 19:11-16 Jesus is the “ETERNAL“ King! -Heb. 9:14 In these verses we read that God Jehovah is eternal, Jesus is eternal, the Holy Spirit is eternal. God is the great “I AM“!
- Premise 4: God is “ONE“. Deut. 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is “ONE “ LORD: (Amp. 4 “Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one [the only God]!”
-Isa. 45:18 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God “HIMSELF“ that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I *am* the LORD; and *there is* none else.
- Premise 5: God is “A TRINITY“. Mark 1:9-11 *Notice the 3: Jesus was being baptized in water, the “HOLY SPIRIT“ descended like a dove, “GOD“ spoke from heaven.

- Premise 5 (cont'd): 2 Cor. 13:14 Pastor Atlas adds: “These scriptures are basic and to the student of the Bible may be somewhat elementary, and yet, unless we accept them and the ones we are leading into, we will not be able to understand prophesy at all.”
- Premise 6: God knows the “FUTURE“. Rom. 8:28-29 **28** And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose. **29** For whom he did “FOREKNOW“, he also did “PREDESTINATE“ to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. **30** Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.
 - Rev. 1:**8** I am “ALPHA“ and “OMEGA“, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is come, the Almighty.
 - Dan.2:**28** But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these; **29** As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came *into thy mind* upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter: and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass: Pastor Atlas adds “Unless you can accept the fact that God knows the future, you are going to be at a total loss in attempting to study the Bible. God does know the future!”
- Premise 7: God has a “PLAN“! Eph 1:9-11 Pastor Atlas says He (God) has here a will! I could not find the word plan here in scripture, however these verses and many more like them indicate that something would happen in the “DISPENSATION“ of the fullness of time.” -Dan. 4:25

- Premise 8: God's "PLAN" is revealed in the Bible. 2 Tim 3:16 "ALL" scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.
-2 Tim 2:15Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. Pastor Atlas adds "Without our personal acceptance of premise 8 we cannot move to premise #9 which is an absolute must in our faith." (added)16But shun profane *and* vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. 17And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; 18Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some. 19Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.
- Premise 9: The Bible is "COMPLETE". Gal.1:7-9 6I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 8But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9As we said before, so say I now again, If any *man* preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. Rev. 22:18-19 Pastor Atlas adds "There are those who argue that the above statement (Rev .22:18-19) was made concerning the book of Revelation, but this is a statement concerning the entirety of scripture.

- Premise 9 (cont'd): May it be clearly understood that we are going to teach prophecy under the belief that the Bible is complete and that nothing may be added to it. There may be more ways in which God will shed light on it or to it, but the Bible is complete. No book can be set alongside the Bible, that could add to it in any way.”
- Premise 10: The “HOLY SPIRIT“ wrote the Bible! 2nd pet. 1:16-21 Pastor Atlas adds: The Holy Spirit Himself is the author of the Bible. In spite of the fact that He used many penmen, he is still the author.
- Premise 11: The Holy Spirit “REVEALS“ the Bible. The Bible cannot be understood unless the Holy Spirit, who wrote it, reveals it to us. 1 Cor 2:9-10,13-14 Pastor also adds “If you want to know the Bible, get acquainted with the author. Spiritual things are hidden from the eyes of those who are not spiritual.”
- Premise 12: “REVELATION“ is gradual. Pastor adds: I do not mean the book of Revelation, I mean revelation! Our understanding of the truths, whether we are studying prophecy or anything else, the revelation of it does not come all at once. God helps us as we are able to receive it. Isa. 28:10For precept *must be* upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little: This is the way God reveals His word. It can't be understood all at once. Dan. 12:4But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. 9And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words *are* closed up and sealed till the time of the end. When the Bible says that knowledge will be increased, it is not speaking of, men going to the moon, modern medical science, computer technology, and such. But it is rather speaking of the Word of God.

- Premise 12 (cont'd): “As we are approaching the time of the end you just can’t write prophetic books fast enough to keep up with the things that God is showing us that we didn’t know until we got there.” John 13:7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. I understand that I pulled this verse out of context, but I believe the principle abides the same—ye shall know hereafter. None of us understand all now, but God will teach us as we are able to learn.
- Premise 13: God has not “CHANGED“! I have heard people say when the Bible begins to be discussed, “well that’s the way things were back then.” Rom. 3:22 Even the righteousness of God *which is* by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:
- Premise 14: All prophecy points to “CHRIST“. John 5:39, Rev. 19:10, Rev. 1:1
We do not study events for events sake, rather we seek to know him better. This is our desire.

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- Pastor Atlas: “Now that we have considered the premise of “prophecy“, I want to ask and make my best effort to answer the question of what is “prophecy“?”
- Rev. 1:3 Blessed *is* he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the “time” *is* at hand. Our springboard text is Rev.19: 10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See *thou do it* not: I am thy “fellow servant“, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of “prophecy“. Bound up in this verse is the “theme” of prophetic “teaching” and “revelation“. Pastor Atlas states “John was on Patmos and had seen the Lord in Revelation chapter 1. He had fallen at the Lord’s feet as dead and the Lord had touched him and brought him to his feet and began to show him things which would be hereafter. After he had seen the events of many chapters, he had seen some things from heaven and some things from earth. It was a miracle all the way! And now, there comes another “word” from God. “And I fell at his feet to worship Him”, but this is not the Lord who is speaking now! This, pastor Atlas says, is an angel or a man of God! “And he said unto to me “see thou do it not! I am thou fellow servant and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus.: worship God, for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of “prophecy“.”
- What is prophecy? This word, Pastor Atlas says, brings all sorts of connotations to mind/ Do you think about... beasts with seven heads or ten horns? Or Dragons, Lions, or Seraphims? Is prophecy merely apocalyptic literature and unveiling of future events?

- I (Pastor Atlas) believe that “prophecy“ is for the purpose of seeing the plan that is hidden in scripture and is revealed to God’s people. Prophecy is from the Greek words “Pro” (means in behalf of or for) and “Pa-me” (to speak). Prophecy is speaking on behalf of. Prophecy is the ‘case for “God“! There is no place in Scripture that you can turn to that has a chronological, clear cut, precise outline of future events like 1-2-3-4. 2 Tim 15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. Therefore, Pastor Atlas says, there is a possibility of wrongfully dividing the word of truth. (share illustration) For example: Eph 3:3 where the Apostle spoke of “the mystery of the Revelation”, which God has hid in times past but now has been made known. When we refer to the word mystery, we are not saying that it is “unknowable“. Eph 3: 1 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, 2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: 3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, 4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) 5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; 6 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: 7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. 8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; 9 And to make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: 10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly *places* might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, 11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: 12 In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him. 13 Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

- Pastor Atlas goes on to describe 8 different things that he believes prophecy is. He says: There are a few words that I want to tell you that prophecy is, and I hope these words will stick with you.
- First of all, prophecy is a “word”. Rev. 1:3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand. The word “Word” in the Greek is “Lagos” (New Test is written in Greek). It basically conveys the ideal of “communication”. Pastor Atlas relays: Prophecy is “communication”. God has a plan and the plan is in the word, but the world cannot see it there. God enlightens the minds and the eyes of those who love Him, and not because they are smarter or more spiritual. Pearls are not cast before swine! Ref. to Matt.7:6 Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you. Prophecy is God’s “communication”.
- Secondly prophecy is a “vision”. I (Pastor Atlas) do not mean this in the sense that you will go to bed at night and God will wake you up in the middle of the night, and somewhere in the wee hours of the morning you will see spirits pass in front of your face and it will make your hair stand on its end. (Whether your hair is on your head or on a Styrofoam head!). A vision is “seeing”. A great deal of prophetic scripture was given to men of God in vision. The prophecy given on the day of Pentecost was, your young men shall see visions. (Ref. Acts 2:17, whom Apostle Peter was ref. the Prophet Joel 2:28.) Pastor Atlas continues: When God’s prophetic word is spoken to our hearts, the scales of human blindness begins to drop away, and we begin to see what God is doing and what’s God’s plan is. Then suddenly we begin to see from the Divine standpoint rather than the human standpoint. And our “faith” is enlarged. Only then can we sing and mean “Though God slay me yet will I trust Him”! You can’t do that without a vision. Prophecy gives to us a vision of what God is doing and what God wants us to do.

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- Thirdly, prophecy is a “prediction“. A major part of the Word of God was a prediction when it was written. Pastor Atlas says, God does not give us predictions of things that are going to happen in order that we might know what others don't know, the prediction should enlarge our “vision“. This part of prophecy enables us to see into the future, because our God dwells there, and that is what gives us “hope“. Everyday we should live more and more in anticipation of Christ's “return“.
- Fourthly, prophecy is a “warning“. Pastor Atlas gives us a stern warning: That the warning prophecy lets us know that we are not on the church property to play a political, spiritual, or religious game of any kind. These warnings lead us again and again to live more near to God! Pastor continues, he was firmly convinced that the bible is true when it says after this world there are only two choices, heaven or hell. And if I (we) go into the next one (world) without God, it is hell. Prophecy is something that touches you with the warning of God's word and makes you do things that you wouldn't otherwise do, and not do things you would otherwise do. It also makes you live in ways that you might not otherwise live. If we seek to enter into the study of prophecy only for the sake of study, or compare one prophecy teacher to another, then most likely you will not get anything helpful towards your eternity. But, if we open the “Word“ of God to hear what God has to say to us in warning in his word, then you will respond by spending hours on our knees in prayer, and we will “work“ as never before.

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- Fifthly, prophecy is a “_____”. God has something He wants to say! Now on the word “_____”, as we spoke of in #1, our ideal was “_____”. Communication, pastor Atlas says, is a two-way street. God has a message that he wants to get through to you and me.
- Sixthly, prophecy is an “_____”. SEALS ARE BEING OPENED, TRUMPETS ARE BLOWING, THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE “_____”! Martin Luther said the Book of Revelation shouldn't even be in the Bible. He said it was obscure and without meaning. But prophecy is an interpretation. It is not an invention, creation or fabrication.
- Seventh, prophecy is a “_____”. Pastor Atlas continues: There are many who dislike the study of prophecy because it sounds like a warning! Prophecy is not something that causes you to face each day with a great deal of dread. Like a train that hits you and it will be all over, or like you are walking in the midst of a bunch of eggshells and if you break one you will go to hell. Romans 8:**18**For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are not worthy to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us. Romans **12:9** love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. **10**Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; **11**Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; **12**Rejoicing in “_____”; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; **13**Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Romans 15:**13**Now the God of “_____” fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

- Prophecy is a hope, a thrilling experience, an exuberant experience. It makes us pray along with the last line of Scripture—even so come Jesus!!
- Eighth, prophecy is a “_____”. Rev 19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See *thou do it* not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of “_____”. Pastor Atlas then gives us some invaluable advice: **Judge the prophecy by its Spirit. Judge the prophets by their spirit. Does the prophecy and the prophet point to Christ? Does it give the love and hope and faith that can be found in Him? If it does, then follow it.** A prophecy is not negative, it is positive. It says that Jesus Christ will save anyone who will call upon him. It is a word of hope. It is a word of deliverance. “_____” is built on the total working of God, which is what prophecy is all about.
- Now, pastor Atlas says, I would like to consider another vitally important prerequisite to the actual study of the book of Revelation. Please understand the Bible is the description of the divine plan for the redemption of this fallen Adamic race. (Bing search engine-Adamic race: Adamic is an adjective that means pertaining to or suggestive of Adam¹. It can also mean resembling the Biblical character Adam. It would be quite impossible to grasp the truth of the Revelation without the separation of time periods from genesis through Revelation. Before we actually enter into the study of the Revelation, we will also consider things that happened before the creation of “_____”. I have contended for many yearsthe unfairness of prophecy teachers and Revelation teachers who enter into this type of study without first preparing their students to receive the truth that is outlined in the prerequisites of the Revelation. The time periods are referred to as “_____”. The simplest definition of a dispensation is: a period of time in which God “_____” man in a particular way. If you read the book of Revelation without some knowledge of dispensations, or for that matter the whole Bible, it will be easy to say it is all a closed book. Pastor Atlas continues: A minister friend said to me once while I was visiting in his home “ I tried reading it and it didn’t make any sense”. Of course not. A person might be reading of God’s dealing with man under the Dispensation of Conscience.

- (We are not living in the Dispensation of Conscience.) Every phrase of the the definition of dispensation is important. (Again) It is a period of time in which God tests man in a particular way. Think about it, A period of time...what is time? Something that has a beginning and an ending. A time of testing. After reaching the age of “ _____ “ we must all be tested. (Improv of what is the age of accountability?).
- God, through the revealed Word, has seven dispensations! Seven different ways in which he tests man. In this part of the study I will give you, the name of the dispensation, the Bible location of the dispensation, and the length of the dispensation.
- First, there is the Dispensation of “ _____ “. The general area of the Bible where this is included is Gen. 1:26-3:24. What is the definition of innocence? Guiltless, having no stain of wrongdoing, a stage in life where there is no consciousness of right or wrong. What a child has when they are real little. They neither do or don't do something because it is right or wrong. There's no sense of either one. It is in the state of innocence that God placed mankind. The length of this dispensation is not found in Scripture. It began with the creation of man. It lasted until the fall of man. Probably lasted several years (we will discuss this more later). Please understand Pastor says, this was a state of true “ _____ “ with God. The Lord would come down and walk with them in the cool of the day (ref. Gen. 3:8-10, improv). So genuine was their innocence that they had no clothes, there was no shame. Not because they were shameless, but because there was no cause for shame. But remember, a dispensation is a time in which God tests man. Adam and Eve had to be tested. How were they tested? There is a tree in the midst of the garden and you must not eat of it. For the day you eat of it you will die. Pastor Atlas conveys this: I would loved to have been there to hear how God explained deth to two people who had no idea what He was talking about. It was not that there was a particular fruit that held inherent death in it and the fruit itself would cause death. It was that man had to be tested.