

Mary's School of Prophecy Hermeneutics of End Times Prophecy – Pt 1

Today we will be starting a new series on hermeneutics which is the rules of End Times apocalyptic literature which are not the same as the hermeneutics of the rest of Bible prophecy. There's a lot of prophecy in the Bible but a subdivision of Bible prophecy is apocalyptic literature or End Times Bible prophecy and even some End Times Bible prophecy does not follow the hermeneutics or rules of apocalyptic literature which are quite unique. Why don't we start with saying the prayer as we usually do, to Our Lady of All Nations.

The Prayer of the Lady of All Nations

**Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the Father,
send now Your Spirit
over the earth.
Let the Holy Spirit live
in the hearts of all nations,
that they may be preserved
from degeneration, disaster and war.
May the Lady of All Nations,
the Blessed Virgin Mary,
be our Advocate.
Amen.**

Thank you for helping me out with saying the prayer.

I'm going to go through some of the hermeneutic rules but this will not be exhaustive by any means. First of all the symbolic interpretation takes precedence over the literal, and I'll give you an example. In the Book of Revelation, the first five chapters are not apocalyptic literature, and that means the literal interpretation takes precedence over the symbolic. In other words when John says he writes letters to the seven churches, those are real churches; those are real letters. He is not giving End Times prophecy. However when he gets to the End Times apocalyptic chapters, that is 6 through 20 which are different than the others; notice by the way that there are 15 of those chapters, then we go by different rules.

In the End Times chapters that is 6 through 20, for example John says that the plague of locusts lasts five months. Well you can be sure that the five months must symbolize something else. It could be five days; it could be five decades; it could be five centuries, and that's what I believe the five indicates; five months indicates five centuries. In that case it refers to the five century plague of demons unleashed by the precursor to the False Prophet, Martin Luther.

In another place, John says that the Great Tribulation lasts 1260 days. So you might say, well okay that symbolizes something else like 1260 years for example, and there are false prophets on YouTube for example who assume that's what it does mean. 1260 days equals 1260 years or decades or some other length of time, but if you read carefully, John gives three other timeframes for the exact same period. He says 1260 days; 42 months; three and a half years. Therefore you have to take the literal because that's the only way to explain all those other numbers given. In fact that's the reason John gives those other numbers, is so that in other words, if it were not apocalyptic literature, you could say 1260 days and you would have to say it's 1260 days, but because it's apocalyptic literature, he has to add those other numbers in order to verify that it's not symbolic in that case.

And that's the same with all of the other images in the Book of Revelation. For example when John describes the Whore of Babylon, the false prophet Dave Hunt says it represents the Catholic Church. He says the golden chalice; well that must indicate the chalice that priests use for consecrating the Blood of our Lord, but you can rest assured that a golden chalice would not symbolize a golden chalice. The same way with the garments; purple and clothing, he says the Whore of Babylon is clothed in purple and scarlet clothing, when you can be almost positive that purple and scarlet clothing would not indicate purple and scarlet clothing. Dave Hunt says that indicates the garments that bishops and cardinals wear. It must indicate something else. It's not impossible that it could not be the purple and scarlet clothing, but you first look at the symbolic interpretation, and my experience has been that 95% of the time, the symbolic interpretation comes first. There are exceptions. You always look at that first. If that's impossible when you exhaust all the possibilities, then you look that it may be actual, but in that case, it's not natural. It is symbolic.

Now the second rule for End Times prophecy is the importance of sacred numerology. That's the second rule, the second hermeneutic rule, and we've been over that a great deal on this program. For example the Beast has seven heads and the seven heads also symbolize seven mountains and seven kings. So there are three different meanings for the number seven and seven we know is probably the most important End Times number in End Times hermeneutics. I've gone over this many times before. That's because seven is the last number in a chronological sequence; the seventh day of the week is the last day. Four is another very important number. The fourth week of the month is the last week. Twelve is another very important End Times number, the third most important. The twelfth month of the year is the last month of the year. So those numbers all indicate the last days, and 28 is the fourth most important number, and that's because that symbolizes the last day in a lunar month.

And as far as numerology goes, let me look at sacred numerology. Of course we know that the number 555 in End Times prophecy symbolizes Mary's Rosary and 666 symbolizes the Antichrist. And we have already seen in Jeremiah, Zechariah and our Lord's Olivet Discourse that those verses are very often arranged in a 666 sequence followed by a 555 sequence, which indicates that Mary's Rosary is the weapon which Jesus will use to defeat the Antichrist, and we see that in Genesis 3:15. In fact a lot of the fathers of the church consider Genesis 3:15 to be a protoevangelium, in other words the first prophecy of the Gospel or the evangelium, but that is a mistake. It is a proto-apocalypse. It's the first example of apocalyptic literature and that's because we see Mary crushing the serpent. If you want an example of protoevangelium, you have to show Jesus being crushed.

For example the scapegoat which the Israelites used; they would pin their sins to a goat and send it out into the desert, and that's an example of Jesus taking out our sins. The goat is pinned and that is a protoevangelium. Any time someone or something is injured like that or beaten, that would indicate Jesus, but in Genesis 3:15 the snake does not represent Jesus. In this case the snake of course represents the serpent, and it is the woman who crushes the head of the serpent. So Genesis 3:15 is a proto-apocalypse not a protoevangelium. By the way, notice that numerology Genesis 3; that symbolizes the three decades and three mysteries of the Rosary; 15 symbolizes the 15 decades of the Rosary.

Now I know some critics will say, all those verses and chapters were added later. Well of course that's true, but I challenge them. I say, "Well how would you number Genesis or any book in the Bible or any chapter, especially in Daniel for example?" The people who numbered the chapters and verses in Scripture, I'm sure were inspired by the Holy Spirit just as those who wrote the passages. I have yet to have anyone who complained about that I used those as if they were Gospel that is the numbering, to show me a better way to number the chapters and the verses and they never do. 95% of the time you simply number the verses; verse 1 is number 1.

And now the third rule of hermeneutics. The third rule is that Mary is very often indicated, and I've already given you several important examples of them. Another example is Esther. The Book of Esther is probably the most complete prediction of these End Times other than the Olivet Discourse which we just completed. In the Book of Esther, the Jews symbolize End Times Catholics, and they are targeted by Haman for extinction, just as we will be targeted by the Antichrist, in fact Haman is a pre-figure of the Antichrist; to save ourselves, so that we imitate the Jews who saved themselves by appealing to Mordecai. Remember Mordecai was Jewish and he was always at the temple gates even the king knew that Mordecai was at the temple gates. Mordecai for us, I am sure in these End Times, is the last pope and I agree with Maria Divine Mercy that the last pope is actually Pope Peter the First and that he will guide our church in these End Times from Heaven, in other words from the gates of the palace.

Mordecai appealed to Esther and that would be, in the End Times, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Esther prefigures Mary. She appeals to King Ahasuerus who prefigures Jesus, and he is the one with the authority to hang Haman the Antichrist, and the ten sons of Haman who represent the ten kings of the Antichrist

on a scaffold that is 50 cubits high. And like all End Times prophecy, those 50 cubits are very important. They symbolize the 50 Hail Marys in a five decade Rosary. And if you have a bible that changes the 50 cubits to 75 feet; that may well be accurate as far as the length goes, but it is not accurate as far as the symbolism goes. Your best bible for End Times hermeneutics is the old Douay-Rheims version, and you can check the veracity of your own bible by looking at Genesis 3:15. Does it say “she will crush”, that is Mary, will she crush the serpent or does it say “he will crush”? - because Jesus did not crush the serpent. And all the prefigurings of Jesus’ mission as the Saviour of mankind, He is the one who is crushed, but in the apocalyptic proto apocalypse which is what Genesis 3:15 is, it’s the serpent that is crushed.

Now there's one more rule and that is extrapolation, in other words, you can determine a third prophecy from the two prophecies given. And I know people say, and it's true, you should not add or subtract from scripture, but I believe extrapolation is a legitimate way of interpreting the bible. And the example I always give is that Jesus said in the End Times it would be as in the days of Noah, and it would be as in the days of Lot. And of course we know that the sins that our Lord was warning about with Noah, they were sexual sins, and in this case, Incubus and succubus. Then of course in the days of Lot we know what those sins were. In each of those cases, God punished mankind.

The third time God punished mankind is in Genesis 38, and the sin there is the sin of Onan, which was wasting seed, and I don't think there's any doubt that in these End Times, we can certainly add that sin which would be masturbation and contraception to the list of sins which we are guilty of in these End Times. There's a perfect example of extrapolation. Jesus does not say the End Times would be as in the days of Onan and Er, but by extrapolation I think we can very definitely say that. And of course all we have to do is look around us and say that that would be true. So those are four rules for hermeneutics thus far. Tomorrow night I will give you a more complete listing of the rules of hermeneutics and how to interpret End Times prophecy.

And that's almost as much as I usually devote to a lesson, so until I to see you all again, may God bless all of you, and may all of you have a very blessed day.