

The Opening of the Book of Revelation

Chapter Seven

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The Failed Faithful

'Why did they stop Searching?'

As our exploration continues, we have needed to create some terminology to help separate the positives from the negatives within the book of Revelation's narrative. The failed faithful are not those who are the wolves in sheep's clothing among the flocks of the churches. We use the term as an indication of those who have fallen foul of the meaning of the parable of the Talents. They have given up, or have not even tried searching deeper into the God story for the greater message. What they began with is what they shall end with, and what they end with is the same as began with, and that little they have, even that little shall be taken away. The failed faithful are lazy, but innocent of their failure because they have been badly led by corrupt church leaders.

The guiltiest among failed are the faithful who have found the God model, or have been offered it but then reject it in favour of the God myth. They

have been beguiled by the sword from the mouth of the four horse-beasts and will be hurt by the sting from their tails. Their plagues of torment shall be forever, or for as long as they continue to reject the Tree of Life God model revealed by the four unsealed gospels. Religious faith that has become a repetitious indulgence rather than a commitment is no faith at all, and death and hell follow the failed faithful who refuse to acknowledge and engage with the model.

The book of Revelation will not tell us what the hidden fruit of the Tree of Life is, but will give us the clues we need so that we can work out the mysterious conundrum for ourselves.

What follows will be a great revealing, followed by an Armageddon of faith versus doubt as the myth goes to war with the model. Ending with 'one is taken, the other is left,' as the angel of knowledge (inside our heads) that enables the opening of the final seal, stands with one foot in the wilderness of the mystery of the myth and the other on the dry land of certainty of the model. The opening of the sixth seal symbolises the revealing of the model, although it does not tell us anything. But the seventh seal opened symbolises the choice the faithful must make. The ending of the God mystery will be sweet in the mouth, but so bitter in the belly that many of the failed faithful will spit it out and the beast (Cain) will go back into the salty sea. Or else they might swallow the bitter pill and become enlightened as they convert to the Tree of Life model.

This terrible Armageddon of choice can be avoided though. The emergence of the model from the story can be ignored and the debate not engaged with at all. In which case 'in the days of the opening of the books, many shall be killed with peace.' All those who refuse to accept the model or even take part in the great myth versus model debate, will always be known as the failed faithful. Those who are not afraid to take part in the Armageddon, and fight against the God myth, and win by accepting the God model, will always be known as the recovered faithful, because they have revered the model and their souls.

The Acknowledgement of the Worthy Faithful

In this chapter seven of Revelation, the genuine of the faithful of the past who have suffered and died for their faith are acknowledged. They have had to wait a season until their number has been determined. They may or may not have been enlightened by the model. But their genuine loyalty to the God of the story that hides the God of model, has ensured the future finding of the Tree of Life for others. Therefore, because of their daily sacrifice of their lower moral selves, either by the lesser light of the story, or by the greater light of the model, their faith has made them whole, and they are counted among the number of the recovered faithful.

We understand though, that chapter seven is also a subtle indication to all faithful who read the book of Revelation that there is more to come from the God story. The great winds of the revealing are held back until 'Time, Times, and the Dividing of Time' is ended, and the mystery disciple whom Jesus loved should 'tarry' no longer!

The Verses

V.1

And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

1.

The visualisation here is of the four hidden messages of the four gospels being held back from the view of the Christian faithful. That the secret should be kept from the mystery disciple whom Jesus loved, and that he

should tarry a while until the four winds of the deeper Gospel message are released at the set time when 'Time, Times and the Dividing of Time' are ended.

The God myth is dependent on the 'mystery' that surrounds the God story. Should 'the mystery of God be finished,' then as the four winds of the unsealed gospels begin to blow, the God myth it will collapse like a house of cards. Until that time, the lowly (in spirit) inhabitants of the earth that are symbolised by Cain, and all those in the moral wilderness of the salty sea, and all trees that bear the false fruit of the fig that the faithful are satisfied to eat, these are all safe for a season un till the revealing of the God model.

V.2

And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living god: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

2.

Chapter six unseals six seals to reveal four horse-beasts, the souls of the saints and martyrs, and the sun turning as black as sackcloth as the God myth begins to crumble before the eyes of the faithful. We must assume that the angel of verse two has the seventh seal called the seal of the living God. But he is told not to unseal the seventh seal, or to reveal anything at present until all who are to be counted as saints are sealed in their final number.

V:3

Saying, hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

3.

Hurt not the earth or the sea, neither the trees that bear the false fruit of misinterpretation. It probably means that all components of the God myth belief system cannot be harmed until the God model is released. The parallels are that the flat earth belief cannot be hurt until it is challenged by the round earth science, and creation belief cannot be challenged until evolution science arrives. Likewise, the God myth has no challengers until the God model is released. We could say that simple atheism opposes the myth, but it does not directly challenge it with a viable alternative explanation of the God story.

Hurt not the abstract earth domain of the lowly Cain or the wilderness of the sea he inhabits. Neither hurt the abstract trees that bears the lesser fruit of the fig that the faithful must eat. In fact, do no harm to the belief system of the God myth faithful until it is time for the God model to be revealed.

To get our heads around it a bit better. The God authors and model creators could not have known when the model would begin to emerge from the story in full view of all. They therefore set the time of the duration of the God mystery to last for an indeterminate, 'Time, Times, and the Dividing of Time.'

This gave them open license to pretend to the reader that their God had comment over the time for the opening of the seventh seal. In reality though, it is left to chance and fate to decide when the model will be realised. In the meantime, all those who are to be counted as saints and martyrs for 'The Word' will accumulate in their numbers as they will.

Although the Gospel of the new testament is for Jew and Gentile alike, the authors continue their license to fabricate a multitude those who are chosen. This number is probably given to appease the chosen people, so continuing the old testament's connection with the Gospel story.

We should note that the word 'seal' can mean to close up and keep secret, and it can mean a sign of approval. 'Till we have sealed the

servants of our God in their foreheads,' could mean those who have gained God's approval, or it could mean the secret God message sealed up to the failed faithful has become known to the truth servants of God. They have not given up looking for the deeper truth but have searched diligently for the model and have found it and will engage with its powerful message. In which case, they have found the true message, and it is sealed in their foreheads (minds), and have gained the approval of the God.

V.4

And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed a hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

4.

This next bit brings in the supposed twelve tribes of Israel of the Old Testament that are symbolic of the chosen people. However, the message of the New Testament Gospel has it that whoever chooses God is also chosen by God.

V.5

Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand.

5.

Three tribes are named. Three times twelve thousand equals thirty-six thousand.

V.6

Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Neptalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand.

6.

Another Three tribes are named. Three times twelve thousand equals thirty-six thousand. Making seventy-two thousand so far.

V.7

Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand.

7.

Three more are named. Another thirty-six thousand making a hundred and twenty thousand so far.

V.8

Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

8.

Another three tribes of thirty-six thousand were added. Making a total of a hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of Israel.

V.9

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the lamb, clothed in white robes, and palms in their hands;

9.

The total number of all those to be sealed in their foreheads and confirmed as the servants of God are numbered at a hundred and forty-four thousand. This number is in respect of the Old Testament's number of the chosen people to be sealed. But the book of Revelation is part of the New Testament which encompasses the Gospel of the spiritual salvation of all peoples of the earth. Therefore, all the generations of the decedents Adam and Cain are called to the feast of the wedding of the Holy Lamb of God. (But in the days of the great revelation of the God model, many of the Christian faithful will make excuses not to attend the wedding feast according to the parable of the prophecy). We understand that this wedding is the reunion of the Holy Lamb of God which is the Holy spirit of the Christ of conscience with the 'all living' of all humankind. (As far as we can make out at the present time).

It might be a difficult concept for some minds to comprehend that we need to be reunited with the conscience we have abandoned. Even so, it is the nub of the deeper message of the God model via the God story. The metaphor is that of a bridegroom and the bride joining together in the union of holy matrimony blessed by God.

We need to understand that the water of the Old Testament had to be turned into the wine of the New Testament, but that the new wine should not be poured into old bottles in case the old, limited message corrupted the new. Even so, the New Testament authors had to have respect toward the words of the Old Testament. In the days of the ancients, the ordinary folk could not have comprehended the enormity of population numbers in the world. In ancient times, a hundred and forty-four thousand might have seemed like the entire population of the earth.

All of those sealed as being faithful to God where originally just the Hebrews, but the Gospel story includes all who want to be included, both Jew and Gentile. Verse nine suggests a great multitude of all who choose to be saved as having a seal of approval on their foreheads and are ready to be married to the innocent Lamb of their conscience.

V.10

And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our god which sits on the throne, and to the lamb.

10.

We can abstractly visualise the scene of (hopefully) the whole of humankind gathered in total acceptance of the God model as it emerges from the God story. God, the Holy Lamb of innocent conscience, together with the Christ of conscience all symbolise the same thing. Whether the bridegroom is the whole multitude of all humankind marrying their newly found bride of conscience, or conscience is the bridegroom and humankind the bride, is unimportant as far as relevance to the meaning is concerned.

V.11

And all the angels stood around about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

11.

Again, we need to abstractly visualise the scene of all the angels of the messages of all the elder books including the four gospels falling before the nature of the hidden meaning of the deeper God message of spiritual salvation and reunification with the Holy Lamb of God.

V.12

Saying, amen: blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.

12.

The authors are optimistic that one day the entire world will understand and accept their Tree of Life model. That there will come a time when the

'all living' of all humankind will accept the importance of a life led by conscience rather than a life being driven by greed born of self-interest.

V.13

And one of the elders answered, saying to me, what are these which are arrayed in white robes? And whence came they?

13.

Who are they dressed that are dressed in the robes of their newfound salvation?

V.14

And I said to them, sir, you know. And he said to me, these are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the lamb.

14.

The great tribulation is probably that of the persecution of the early Christian churches. Those in white robes suffered to the end of their lives remaining faithful to the Word of God whether they understood the secret message or not. 'Washed their robes in the blood of the lamb' is symbolic of washing in the blood of the Christ who also symbolises the slaughtered Abel character, who in turn symbolises the killing of conscience by us all. We note though that the great tribulation of Armageddon is yet to come for the present-day Christians. When the four horsemen of the God myth charge against the four angels of the gospels that have revealed the hidden God model, it will be a time of great troubling of mind. Those who come through are those that have understanding of the mind and a sturdy heart. It will take moral strength and great courage to give up on a lifetime of mistaken belief to accept and engage with the God model when it appears.

V.15

Therefore, are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sits on the throne shall dwell among them.

15.

He, God, sits on the throne of his importance in their minds, and being the God of conscience has his place within and dwells among them forever.

V.16

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

16.

Hunger and thirst in the spiritual sense (they are now aware of the secret knowledge) neither shall the hot sun burn them in the heat of the wilderness of the open plane.

V.17

For the lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them and shall lead them to living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

17.

We are spiritually blind and have led ourselves into a moral wilderness of our own making. The Lamb of the God of inner conscience shall lead them out of the salty sea of the wilderness. The God model being moral philosophy is an early science of us. In the same way that the medical science of us has wiped away many tears from many eyes, so shall the moral science of us enable many evils to be brought to an end and wipe away many tears from many eyes.

End of Commentary.

To Sum Up

Chapter seven does not tell us much. It infers that there is a time of unknowing that the faithful must endure. They have failed to search for, and to find the hidden God model. This time of misunderstanding precedes the time of the great revealing. Until then, the structure of the belief system of the failed faithful is held intact. The great wind of the revealing of the deeper message is held back for a while allowing time for all those who are genuinely faithful to accumulate in their numbers. The list of the numbers of the tribes are irrelevant to us as they are symbolic of an undetermined multitude of people who were in the eyes of the authors faithful in spreading the word of God around the world until the time of the final revealing.

We are using the term the failed faithful and the recovered faithful to differentiate between those who have failed to search for the model and engage with it, and those who have searched and found and will engage with it. The failed are therefore not bad people, just unwise. The badness comes when they are presented with the model and then reject it. Because the model is the meaning of the story, in rejecting the model they also reject the story that had hidden the model for so long.

It seems to be that the God story interpreted literally leads to the God myth, and it is the myth that hinders the finding and acceptance of the model. And this is the paradox of the eggshell that was once the protector of the developing embryo becoming the restrictor of the new life that needs to emerge. In the same way, the God myth that once enabled the safe protection of the model will become the main resistance to the Tree of Life model when its time comes.

The faithful of past times may or may not have known about the secret model, but they labored against much opposition to establish the religions and churches that enabled the preservation of the model hidden

inside the story. In this sense they are not the failed faithful but are the saints that are worthy to be include in the numbers of those saved.

It is very tongue-in-cheek to assume that there must be a given number of the faithful who are to be recognised for their labors. The God authors died not knowing if their God story would even survive in the world. They had to be optimistic though assuming it would and that their model would likely be found hidden within and that it would become accepted in preference to the limitations of the story.

Chapter seven is inferring that the revealing must be held back in a controlled way until a given number of the faithful has been achieved. In reality though, it is all a bit haphazard. No one knows when the revealing will happen and when it does, how many among the present-day faithful will convert from myth to model. Even so, the round earth eventually replaced the flat earth, and medical science replaced witch doctor remedies, and it is likely that the God model will one day replace the God myth. Curiosity may have killed the cat, and it frightens the faithful to not question the God story. But it is curiosity that that brings new knowledge into the world so that we can be enlightened by it. The God story is very limited in its illumination, whereas the God model has much more information to tell us. Listening to the lamb of conscience which is in the midst of the throne, shall feed us with that information and, according to the story and the model, we shall become wise as gods and live (spiritually) forever.

End of Chapter Seven

