

The Gospel of Luke

a verse-by-verse study

Session 23

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CHAPTER 13

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¹ There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

² And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things?

³ I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Luke 13:1-3

- The unspoken question is, does God punish us for sin?
- Do those who suffer do so because of sin?

Grace

- Does God love me more when I'm reading Leviticus than when I'm getting frustrated in traffic?
- No!
- God cannot love you more than He does right now!
- In Christ you are righteous in God's sight
 - Even when you are sinning
 - *'Shall we continue in sin, that grace might abound?'*
 - 'Certainly not!'
 - But it is God's kindness that leads us to repentance
- You cannot earn God's favour by your obedience
- 'Grace' is God's unmerited favour

Grace

⁵ Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

⁶ To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Ephesians 1:5-6

Grace

¹ Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

² Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

Psalm 32:1-2

4 Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?

5 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Luke 13:4-5

- The issue is not our sin, but our repentance & acceptance of Christ's atonement that matters.
- We have ALL sinned and fallen short of His glory.
 - None can stand before a holy God
 - Christ was punished by the Father on our account
- There is nothing we can do to improve our standing with God!

6 He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none.

7 Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?

8 And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it:

9 And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.

Luke 13:6-9

10 And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.

11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.

12 And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.

13 And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

Luke 13:10-13

14 And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.

15 The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering?

Luke 13:14-15

16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?

Luke 13:16

- Jesus attributes the cause of this woman's sickness as being the work of the Devil
- It was not her sin, but her adversary that was to blame.
- 1 John 3:8 states that Jesus came to destroy the works of the Devil.
- It was Jesus' will that she be made whole

17 And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

Luke 13:17

- Jesus' enemies were silenced by this miracle...
- It provided powerful testimony to who He was

18 Then said he, Unto what is the kingdom of God like?
and whereunto shall I resemble it?

19 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took,
and cast into his garden; and it grew, and waxed a great
tree; and the fowls of the air lodged in the branches of it.

Luke 13:18-19

- Matthew 13 records 7 'kingdom parables'
- They lay out the entire 'church age'
 - Paralleled by the 7 letters to the 7 churches in Rev 2-3
- Here Luke records the two that foretell the corruption that would permeate the church

20 And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God?

21 It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

Luke 13:20-21

- The three measures of meal speak of the fellowship offering.. (see Gen 18)
- ...which should not contain leaven!
- Leaven is seen as a type of sin, because it 'corrupts by puffing up'
- Who is this woman that puts leaven into this offering? – See Rev 12 / 17

Letters to the Churches

EPHESUS – ‘love of espousal’

SMYRNA – ‘suffering’

PERGAMOS – ‘mixed marriage’

THYATIRA – ‘continual sacrifice’

SARDIS – ‘remnant’

PHILADELPHIA – ‘brotherly love’

LAODICEA – ‘the rule of the people’

The Prophetic History of The Church

EPHESUS
'love of espousal'

1st Church Age

The early Church

32AD – 100AD

'The Seed is Sown'

(Cf: Matt 13:3-9)

"Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come to thee quickly, and will remove thy candle stick out of his place"

Rev 2:5

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SMYRNA
'suffering'

2nd Church Age

The persecuted Church

100 AD - 313 AD

'Tares sown among the wheat'

(Cf: Matt 13:24-30 / Jude / Acts 20:29-30)

"Be faithful unto death"

Rev 2:10

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PERGAMOS
'mixed marriage'

3rd Church Age - The 'Constantine Church'
313 AD - 590 AD

'Mustard Seed'

(Cf: Matt 13:31-32)

"Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will
fight against them with the sword of my mouth"

Rev 2:16

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THYATIRA
'continual sacrifice'

4th Church Age - Roman Catholic Church
590 AD - Tribulation

'The Woman & The Leaven'

(Cf: Matt 13:33)

"And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. Behold I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation"

Rev 2:21-22

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SARDIS
'remnant'

5th Church Age - The Reformation Church
1517 AD - Tribulation

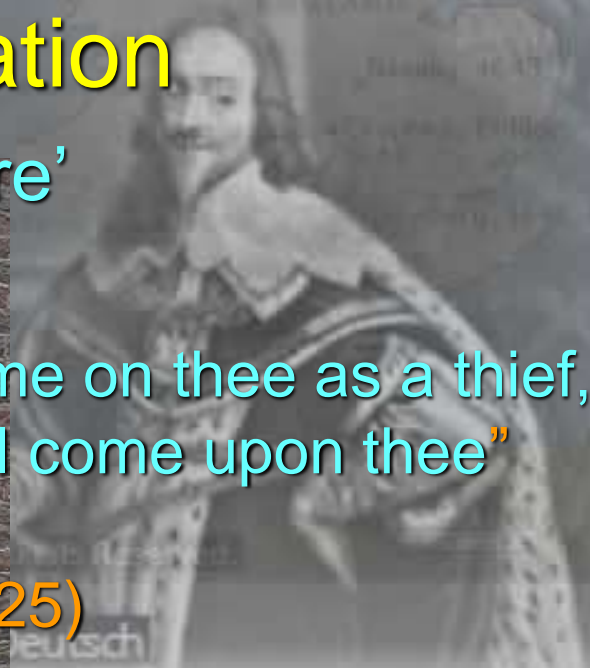
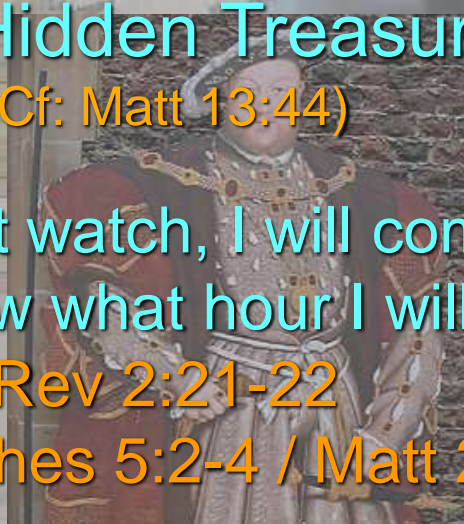
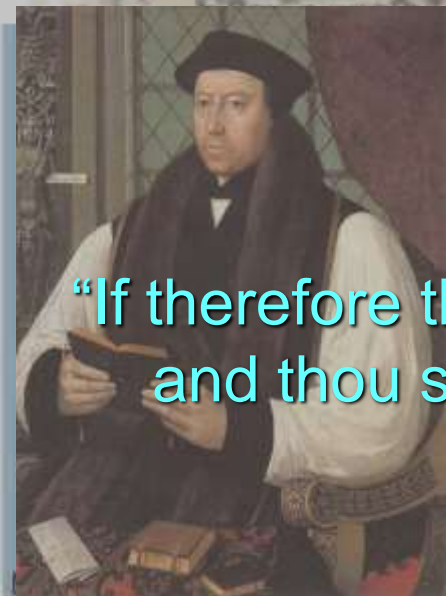
'The Hidden Treasure'

(Cf: Matt 13:44)

"If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief,
and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee"

Rev 2:21-22

(Cf: 1 Thes 5:2-4 / Matt 25)



Oswald Chambers

David W. Lambert

The man and the message behind My Utmost for His Highest

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PHILADELPHIA
'brotherly love'

The 6th Church Age - The faithful Church
1750 AD - Rapture

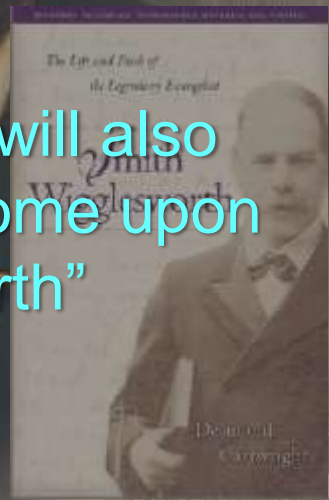
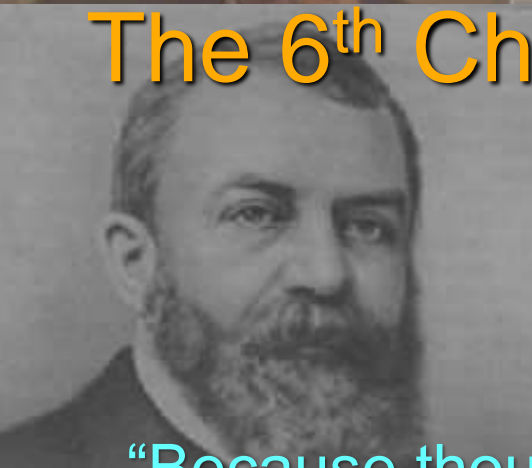
'The Pearl of Great Price'

(Cf: Matt 13:45-46)

"Because thou hast kept the word of my patience. I will also keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth"

Rev 3:10

(Cf: 1 Thes 1:10 / Luke 21:36)



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LAODICEA

‘the rule of the people’

The 7th Church Age - The apostate church
1900 AD - Tribulation

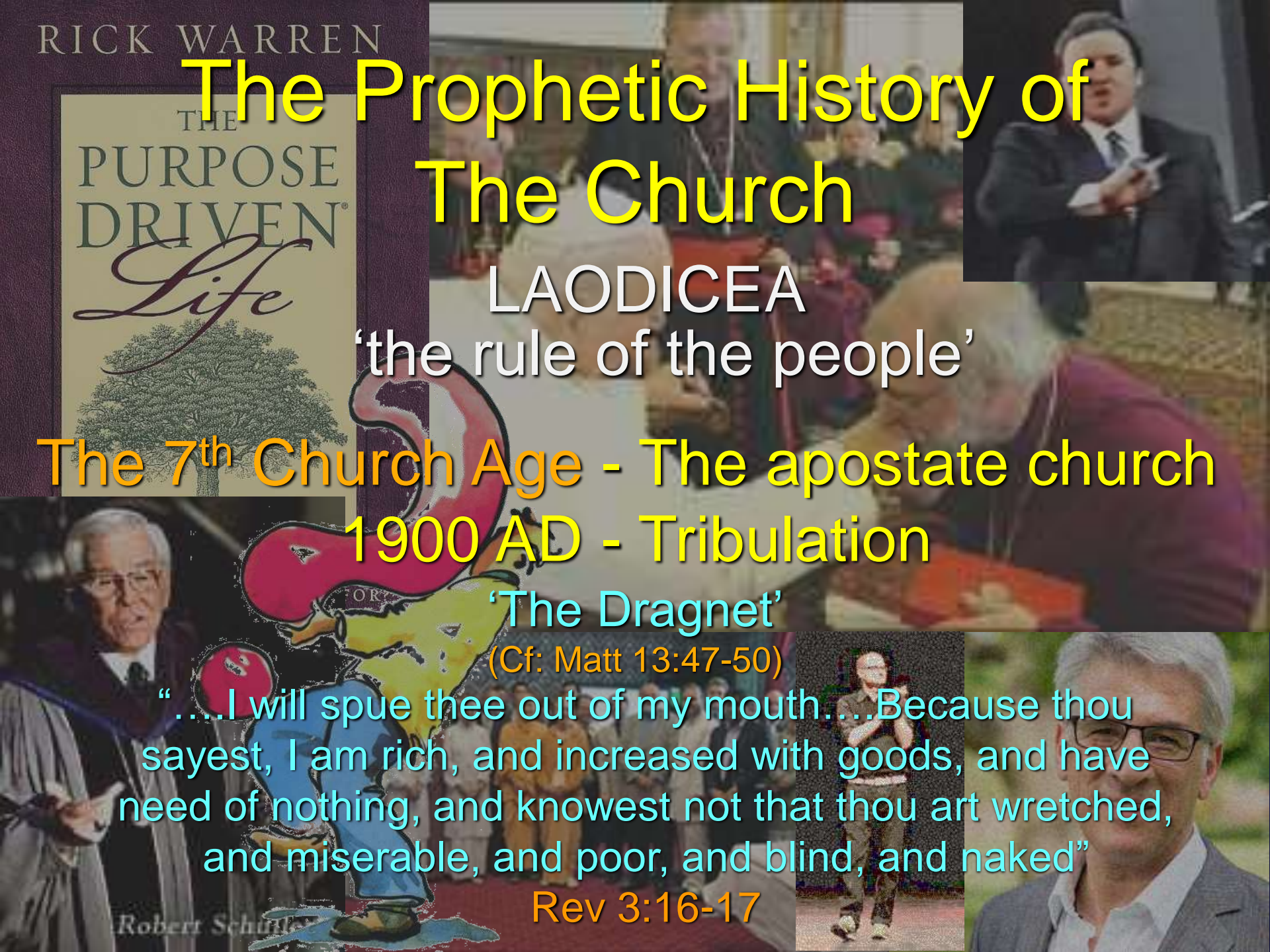
‘The Dragnet’

(Cf: Matt 13:47-50)

“....I will spue thee out of my mouth....Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing, and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked”

Rev 3:16-17

Robert Schuller



22 And he went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem.

23 Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them,

24 Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

Luke 13:22-24

- There is a 'highway to Hell' and a 'stairway to Heaven'!
- Strive to enter!
- With the benefit of hindsight many will wish they had walked a different path!

25 When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:

26 Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets.

27 But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.

Luke 13:25-27

28 There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.

29 And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.

30 And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.

Luke 13:28-30

- Will the Jews be part of the Bride of Christ?
- Here we see Jews and Gentiles gathered together in One!

One Body in Christ

¹¹ Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

¹² That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

Ephesians 2:11-16

One Body in Christ

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

¹⁵ Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

¹⁶ And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby

Ephesians 2:11-16

One Body in Christ

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:

Ephesians 3:4-6

31 The same day there came certain of the Pharisees, saying unto him, Get thee out, and depart hence: for Herod will kill thee.

32 And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.

33 Nevertheless I must walk to day, and to morrow, and the day following: for it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem.

Luke 13:31-33

34 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!

35 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Luke 13:1-2

- The purpose, tragedy and triumph of all history

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