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TRANSCRIPT – EXPLAINING REVELATION 17:10 (0714)

VOICEOVER:

The Key of David with Gerald Flurry

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Greetings, everyone. There's one verse in the book of Revelation that actually unlocks most Bible prophecy in this end time. That one verse really just gets to the heart of unlocking the prophecy that we need to know in this end time. But if you look at the context of that verse and the surrounding verses, you will see that that verse is a mystery to this world; it is not understood by the world, and the Bible tells you that because, well, men try to interpret the Bible themselves. But God says only He can interpret the Bible, and the Bible, then, interprets itself by putting all these verses together like a jigsaw puzzle, and we begin to understand God's master plan and His understanding of prophecy. And men today are deceived—that will be shown here as well—they're deceived because they won't do it God's way. They try to interpret the Bible themselves.

But just how important is the book of Revelation? How important is it to you? It wasn't revealed—as many people believe—by the Apostle John. It wasn't revealed by an angel, as other people believe. It wasn't even revealed by Jesus Christ, Himself. It was revealed—you can read this in John 1:1—it was revealed by God, the Father, Himself, the very supreme ruler of the universe revealed this book! So it must be supremely important. Never, ever in the history of man has so much prophecy been fulfilled as is being fulfilled today, so we need to take a look at that one verse that does, indeed, unlock the heart of Bible prophecy, and is right from the Father, Himself, the supreme being of the universe. *Surely* it must be *tremendously important* that we understand this verse, and of course, the rest of the book of Revelation, as well.

But let's take a look at that verse, and it's in Revelation 17 and verse 10. **“And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.”**

So there are seven kings here, if you look at the context, and we have a booklet we'll send you at the end of this program that will explain all of this to you in much more detail, but I'll give you the thrust of all of this, even today.

But after five have fallen, then another one appears, and that is the one that *is*. The one that *is*. What does that mean? Well, it means that God would send a messenger on the scene at that time when one *is* to explain it to us, and tell us what that means, explain that

prophecy to us. The sixth head is the one that *is*, and then of course, there's another one to follow. But that sixth one has to be understood, and it has to be explained because that is like launching into the prophecies of the end time. And obviously, God would have to explain it to us, and He has to send somebody that understands it to do just that, and we'll give you, as I said, a lot more material on that.

The number seven is the number of completion, and once these beasts are completed—the seventh one is completed—it runs directly into the return of Jesus Christ to this earth. The final two heads are tied to the five that are fallen, and of course, those two heads are tied closely together. So if you stay right on track of these seven heads—which continued over a period of some 1500 years—it leads directly into the return of Jesus Christ, Himself! God lays it all out there so we can clearly understand it, but it's a mystery to the world, and so the person who is the messenger and is explaining it is—as John said in another place—a voice crying out in the wilderness, the wilderness of religious confusion. So most people do not understand it, though they should. But they don't.

So this verse also implies that this one that is—this man that explains all that—is going to be moved out of the way, and then there would be another one yet to come, and then another messenger would come and explain that. Then there would be just a little short space of time—three and one-half years—that that beast would reign. That's a short amount of time, and then Jesus Christ, Himself, is going to thunder out of the heavens and return to this earth!

Now, that's what this Bible is all about! And that's what we need to understand. And it's going to get awfully bad. Christ said it would get so bad that there wouldn't be any flesh saved *alive* if He didn't return!

So it's a time of the greatest suffering ever on this planet, and it's also a time of the best news you could ever possibly hear. Jesus Christ is going to return to this earth in a very short little space of time, that three and one-half years. And we're getting awfully close to that three and one-half years, and so this last head is already virtually risen, and you can prove that to yourself. And then when it comes to power there's only going to be three and one-half years left before Jesus Christ returns to this earth, so that's a little short span of time. And, as I said, that beast, that seventh head is almost totally risen.

What you need to do is you need to subscribe if you don't receive our Trumpet magazine. You certainly need to receive that because we talk about these prophecies, so many of them being fulfilled today *by far* more than at any other time on this earth! And our Trumpet magazines will explain all of this to you. The next issue talks about why the Italian Prime Minister resigned, and then he came back a little later, and decided he would keep his job, but he had changed his views *radically*. Why? What happened? What does that all mean? Well, the Trumpet article will explain that to you.

Also, the Anglican and the Vatican churches are coming very close together. There was a leaked document to tell us that. And they're uniting in a way much faster than most people thought they would. And it's not going to end well at all for most people, and we need to understand why. Now, that's all explained in our booklets.

But what is happening in Europe *right now* is fulfilling Revelation 17 and verse 10, and *you*, you can understand this, I can understand it. We're *supposed* to understand; that's why God is removing the mystery. He wants us to understand, but at the same time tells us that most men will not pay attention. They will not listen to that message.

So let's take a look at Revelation 17 and verse 7. If you understand the sixth and seventh heads, you'll also understand all seven heads, and you can begin to really count down from that first head, which was in 554 A.D. and rose out of the old Roman Empire and became known as the Holy Roman Empire, a church and a state combined. Notice verse 7 of Revelation 17, and let's get a little context here for verse 10. **“And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.”**

So this woman, this church—which *is* a church, the *symbol* of a church, and you can see that in the Bible, the Bible will prove that to you very clearly—but it's all, you see, this church and state combined, this one entity, combined. These two, a church and a state combined, makes the one entity called the beast. And here you have this last one, has a seventh head and ten horns, or ten toes, which means ten kings, it mentions several times in the book of Revelation. Ten kings are going to unite, and it's going to create shock waves throughout the western world and even the entire earth because they're going to become a super, super-power.

And yet, how many people really understand anything about that? It's a mystery. That's what God says here. It's a mystery that people don't understand, this church and the political entity that unite. They don't understand that, but to understand the sixth and seventh heads you also have to understand all seven of them, and then it *really* begins to open up Bible prophecy to your understanding. But if you get a fix on Revelation 17 and verse 10, and understand that, you're going to understand the essence and what you need to know *essentially* from the book of Revelation. Or this beast is going to really and truly stagger this world.

Notice verse 8. **“The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit...”** This is talking about the sixth head, where the focus is here in this chapter. **“The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; ...”** What does that mean? **“... and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit...”** Or the underground, it *should* read. **“... and go into perdition: ...”** It's going to rise up again, and then it's going to be destroyed forever. Go into perdition, into destruction. **“... and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.”**

What does that mean? What does that mean? “The beast that was, and is not, and yet is.” It was, well, that sixth head, after five were fallen, came on the scene in World War II, and there it was, and then all of a sudden it was gone. Or was it? Well, “it is not, and yet is.” It went underground, and now it's risen right back up. That same beast that we came into contact with, in World War II, “the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.” It was always there, never did change, just went underground, and here it comes back for all of us to see again.

Now, this is amazing Bible prophecy, and you can understand it—it's not that difficult—if you're willing to study. But it's all happening right now.

But do you believe, and do I—do you believe God? Do you believe the Father? Do you believe this Creator of you and your mind and the universe and the angels? Do you believe the God of this Bible? Well, He says you'd better prove all things (I Thessalonians 5 and verse 21), and He also says there, don't despise prophesying, because some people do. Some people get agitated because of Bible prophecy, but God tells us not to despise Bible prophecy; there's something there we really need to understand. There's a *lot* in Bible prophecy we must understand, or we're going to be very deceived in this end time.

Notice verse 9. **“And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.”**

So the church, this false church, sits on those seven heads (every one of them), and God says, though, that there is a mind that—if it has wisdom—it will understand this, and that this church sits on seven mountains or seven governments. Again, that's a symbol of government in the Bible. And they're all, all of those heads are earth-shaking events; you can read all about it in your history books, though men have not understood it. They've not understood it in the context of the Bible. They haven't understood Bible prophecy, or even Bible history. They have not understood that important ingredient. So, if you have wisdom God says you can understand it.

And then let's look at verse 10 again. Verse 10, again. **“And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.”**

So in the middle of all of this is the very elect of God explaining this to everybody. I mean God doesn't come down here and explain it, Himself. He says He will send a voice that will *cry out* in the wilderness of religious confusion and tell people what this means. God wants us to understand! But it will just be a witness to most people because if God didn't do that, well, then they'd say later, “Well, why didn't you warn us? Why didn't you tell us what was coming just before Jesus Christ returns to this earth?”

And you know, if you know Bible prophecy, you know God the Father—when He's going to send His Son to this earth—He's certainly going to explain it to us, that what's going to precede His Son's return. *Surely*, we would expect that, and of course, He does.

But, you see, again, it's a time of the greatest suffering ever on this earth, and we need to understand it. I mean, we really are living in treacherous times.

Let me give you just a little insight into some of the horror that we're facing today. I saw a documentary recently, I think the title was *White Light and Black Rain*, I believe that's the full title, but anyhow the Black Rain was, of course, the radiation from atomic bombs that were dropped on Nagasaki and Hiroshima, and that burning radiation. Then, of course, you also have the atomic cloud, as they call it, or the nuclear cloud in this case, the atomic cloud and these people that were, well, let's say *nearly* killed, and were not,

were burned very badly, but managed to live. One of them said, “Look, it’s not a cloud. It’s a pillar of fire!” And those people that were there went around, that lived but were still badly burned, were going around and begging, *begging* people to kill them. And they witnessed these horrible, horrible scenes of eyeballs falling out of people’s heads, and their brains falling out, and their intestines falling out. And I know we don’t like to hear about that, but let me tell you, that’s just a little firecracker compared to the nuclear bomb. And this is reality; this is the real world. This is what Christ said it would be like. He said, “Look, if I don’t return there would be no flesh saved alive!”

But who believes Christ? I mean they are His own words (Matthew 24, verses 21 and 22). And let me tell you, that’s going to be *far worse* than what happened in Hiroshima. The pilot who dropped one of those bombs said, “What have we done?” after he saw that fire, that pillar of fire. “What have we done?”

Well, it’s going to get a lot worse unless we listen to these prophecies, unless we heed them.

You look at Habakkuk 3, verses 16 and 17, and even Habakkuk prophesied the effect of nuclear power on this world in the future, and he just saw it in a vision and explained what happened. You need to read that, Habakkuk 3, verses 16 and 17. And it made his belly *tremble*, just seeing the vision of a nuclear holocaust.

Look, this is what we’re facing. We’ve brought this on ourselves. This isn’t God’s problem. Well, He’s going to *make it* His problem, but He didn’t *cause* it. We’ve caused this ourselves.

But the very elect would always be there getting this message out if people would just listen to them. And God says if you heed the message—whether it’s an individual or a nation or whatever—“I will protect you.” It’s a promise from God. But this is the world that we live in.

Notice Revelation 12 and verse 1, to give you a little more history about what that false church does to the true Church of God. Revelation 12 and verse 1. **“And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:”**

So that woman is clothed with the sun and the moon, and is obviously God’s Church. Only God could clothe a Church that way.

But then it goes on now to talk about how this Church was persecuted. God’s own Church was persecuted by another Church and a political party—this church/state combine called the beast—for over 1500 years, and they had to run for their lives. That is, God’s people.

Notice verse 3. **“And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.”**

See, there's a crown in Europe they talk about quite a lot—there are crowns here, I mean real power—and it's ruled by the great red dragon. It's ruled by the devil. Do you think this is going to turn out well? Do you think this is going to be good news if it's ruled by the devil? I mean we have to wake up and see what's happening here! See, the head—that last head—and the ten toes or the ten horns, the ten governments, the ten kings that are going to unite and give their power unto the beast, and it's going to be one nation that's going to provide most of the power, just like there was one in World War II that provided most of the power.

But all of those seven heads, God says, every single one of them of this false church and this beast power, with the beast power—the Church is guiding the beast—and God's people had to flee for 1260 years. Now, that's the real world. They had to find a place to hide, you see. It was all a mystery to this world. They didn't understand it. Of course not.

Verse 6. **“And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God...”** Oh, well, God did take care of them, but she had to flee. **“... that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.”**

So this woman fled into the wilderness, and had to do that for 1260 years. Look at Ezekiel 4 and verse 6, and Numbers 14, verse 34 where it says, “a day for a year in prophecy fulfilled.” And if you want to count from 554, when that first Holy Roman Empire was started by Justinian, and then come on down to the fall of Napoleon in 1814, you have your 1260 years, and God's Church had to flee during that time, to run for their lives for hundreds of years, and then the pressure was taken off a great deal after that because, well, the beast power was no more for quite a few years.

But then you can see in Revelation 12 and verse 9 where it says the whole world is deceived about this beast power. They don't understand it. It's in that context that God says the whole world is deceived, and you need our Trumpet magazine. I'll tell you, it just keeps you abreast of all of these prophecies and explains what is happening from your own Bible. And you don't want to listen to a man when it comes to something like this.

Notice verse 12. Here's what God says He's going to do in the future. It says, **“Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. (13) And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.”** There it goes again. **(14) “And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.”**

Now, you see, at this time it's a *literal* 1260 days. Revelation 13 and verse 5 calls it fourteen months, or three and one-half years. Or excuse me, forty-two months, which means three and one-half years. You go on to see in verse 4 that this—of Revelation 13—that this beast actually worships the dragon! Worships the dragon! Now, that becomes a super power because the whole world begins to say, “Well, who is like unto the beast?”

No super power like the beast!” Now, that’s an amazing transformation of political and military power in this end time. And it is able to continue for three and one-half years.

Now, that’s a short span of time. But it says in that span of time that that beast is going to *overcome* God’s people—that is, those who are Laodicean, those who are lukewarm—about 95% of God’s own Church today. You see, there’s only going to be a very elect that will be protected because they *obeyed* God, and they did God’s message, and they backed and supported a voice crying out in the wilderness. But most of God’s people didn’t, so you know that forebodes bad, bad news for most people, even God’s people who are turning away, themselves, if even God’s people turn away from that.

So the beauty of this, though, and the thing that you want to remember and never, ever forget is that it’s all leading *directly* to the return of Jesus Christ. I mean you can just follow it step by step by step, and even get to the point where you start counting days before long to the return of Jesus Christ to this earth! And He’s going to put a stop to that beast power, and all other evil throughout the entire one thousand year Millennium.

Until next week, this is Gerald Flurry. Goodbye, friends.

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