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APRIL CALAMITIES, SIGNING CLIMATE CHANGE AGREEMENT, EARTH DAY, EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES, ALL LEAD TO NSL

1. Note: The last time we studied the first of the seven blessings that we find in the book of Revelation. Read Revelation 1:3. In this study, we are going to study the second of the seven blessings in the book of Revelation.
2. To whom does the Lord promise a blessing? Revelation 14:13 _____
3. Why does Jesus promise a blessing to those to who die in the Lord? 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18; 2 Timothy 2:11 _____
4. Note: This blessing of Revelation 14:13 is two-fold, it has two applications. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord means that there is a blessing for those who die the first death; and there is a blessing for those who die spiritually, which means that they die to self and live for the Lord.
5. How does the Bible define the spiritual death of a person who denies self and lives for Jesus? Colossians 3:1-5 _____
6. Note: Revelation 14:13 says that the works of the dead do follow them.
7. Note: Our desire should be that if we are to die that the life that we lived will continue to impact others positively.
8. Who is one of the many persons that died, yet his works continued, and still continues to impact the lives of other people positively and spiritually? Hebrews 11:4 _____
9. Note: One of the blessings that Abel received before he died was that he received witness or evidence that his life was accepted by the Lord.
10. What sacrifice did Abel bring to God, in order to receive the evidence that his life was accepted by the Lord? Genesis 4:4 _____
11. What does the bringing and the offering of the lamb to God as a sacrifice represent for us today? Romans 12:1,2 _____
12. What does the fat represent that we must bring to the Lord today as a sacrifice? Psalm 37:20; Deuteronomy 32:15-17; Deuteronomy 31:20; Jeremiah 5:28 _____
13. What literal evidence would come from God as a token that the repentant person was accepted, after he brought the lamb and the fat? Leviticus 9:24 _____
14. Who was the fire a symbol of? Acts 2:1-4 _____
15. Note: If we want the blessing of the presence of the Holy Spirit, then we have to surrender every known sin to God and die daily to Him.
"Let none deceive themselves with the belief that they can become holy while willfully violating one of God's requirements. **The commission of a known sin silences the witnessing voice of the Spirit and separates the soul from God.**" {GC 472.3}
16. What would the priest make for the repentant sinner at the altar, once the sinner brought the lamb and the fat to be sacrificed to God? Leviticus 4:32-35 _____
17. Note: The word "atonement" means to be reconciled to God, to be one with Him.
18. Note: The word "atonement" is used two places in the layout of the sanctuary. The first place that the word "atonement" is used is at the altar in the courtyard. The second place that the word "atonement" is used is in the Most Holy Place of the sanctuary on the Day of Atonement. See Leviticus 16:29,30,15-21.
19. Note: To connect both "atonements" we must understand the following. The second atonement was done on the Day of Atonement, the Day of Judgment. On this day the sanctuary was cleansed and the sins of the people were blotted out. Only the people who had the atonement made for them at the altar in the courtyard could receive the blessing on the Day of Atonement.
20. Note: The altar in the courtyard represents earth. Jesus, the lamb of God, was slain on the earth. The most holy place of the earthly sanctuary was a copy of the great original Most Holy Place in heaven. We have been living in the antitypical Day of Atonement since October 22, 1844. Jesus is about to cleanse the heavenly sanctuary and blot out the sins of His people and save them. Therefore, only those who become one with Jesus while on earth, by surrendering every known sin, will receive the blessing of having our sins blotted out. See Titus 2:11-14.
21. Note: Revelation 14:13 says that "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth..." Bear in mind that the word "henceforth" means from this time on or from that time on. The word "henceforth" subjects Revelation 14:13 to time. What is the context of Revelation 14:13 when there is a blessing for the dead that die in the Lord? In other words, what crisis will bring death upon God's people? Answer: The context and the time period is found in the preceding verses of Revelation 14:9-11; this shows us the crisis of the mark of the beast. See also Revelation 13:15-17.
22. Note: The following events indicate that the mark of the beast, the national Sunday Law is near.
23. Note: The Lord's messenger states that the Sunday Law crisis will come under the guise of combating calamities. Read the following.
"It will be declared that men are offending God by the violation of the Sunday sabbath; that this sin has brought calamities which will not cease until Sunday observance shall be strictly enforced; and that those who present the claims of the fourth commandment, thus destroying reverence for Sunday, are troublers of the people, preventing their restoration to divine favor and temporal prosperity." {GC 590}

24. Note: The news reports show the most recent devastating calamities around the world.

“Kumamoto, Japan Earthquakes 2016: At least 44 killed, 3,000 injured.” <http://www.disaster-report.com/2016/04/kumamoto-japan-earthquakes-2016-at.html>

“India crippled by extreme weather as 100 million exposed to floods” <http://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/2016/apr/21/india-drought-flooding-natural-disasters-risk-population-economy-insurance>

“Ecuador Earthquake 2016: M7.8 strongest earthquake in 37 years kills 507” <http://www.disaster-report.com/2016/04/ecuador-earthquake-2016-m78-strongest.html>

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/apr/20/ecuador-quake-death-toll-rises-search-continues-survivors>

“Houston, Texas Flood 2016 kills 8; State of disaster declared” <http://www.disaster-report.com/2016/04/houston-texas-flood-2016-kills-8-state.html>

<http://www.theguardian.com/news/2016/apr/20/weatherwatch-bell-texas-rain-damage-uruguay-tornado-americas>

“San Antonio hailstorm produces nearly \$1.4B in damages, insurance group says” <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2016/04/21/san-antonio-hailstorm-produces-nearly-1-4b-in-damages-insurance-group-says.html>

25. Note: The leaders of the various nations are blaming the devastating calamities on climate change, global warming. One of their primary solutions to combat climate change is to persuade the leading nations to accept the policies laid out in the Climate Change Agreement.

26. Note: This Climate Change Agreement was accepted by the leading nations in 2015. “COP21 climate change summit reaches deal in Paris” “Pope Francis praises ‘historic’ Paris climate change agreement” <http://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-35084374>

<http://www.cruznnow.com/life/2015/12/14/pope-francis-praises-historic-paris-climate-change-agreement/>

27. Note: The Climate Change Agreement was officially signed on April 22, 2016 on Earth Day.

“Leaders from at least 175 countries were signing the Paris Agreement on climate change this Friday as the landmark deal took a key step forward, potentially entering into force years ahead of schedule. Never have so many countries signed an agreement on the first available day. States that don’t sign Friday today, April 22, 2016 have a year to do so. ‘We are in a race against time,’ U.N. secretary-General Ban Ki-moon told the gathering.” <http://www.apnewsarchive.com/2016/175-states-signing-landmark-Paris-deal-on-climate-change-key-step-toward-implementation/id-c43a6ba78bd44903873174d451e83060>

28. Note: The above sentiments are in-tune with the agenda of Pope Francis.

“Pope Francis urges action after Paris climate agreement reached...In his Sunday Angelus address Pope Francis commended world leaders for reaching an agreement in the recently-concluded Paris climate talks, urging the international community promptly put it into action.” <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/pope-francis-urges-action-after-paris-climate-agreement-reached-78971/>

29. Note: The Climate Change Agreement has the fingerprints of Jesuits all over it. <http://time.com/4132104/paris-climate-conference-pope-francis/>

<http://www.jesuit.org.uk/jesuits-add-their-voice-cop21>

<http://www.jesuit.org.uk/blog/cop21-%E2%80%93-we-have-deal>

30. Why was the Climate Change Agreement signed by the nations on Earth Day, April 22, 2016?

“Earth Day had reached into its current status as the largest secular observance in the world, celebrated by more than a billion people every year, and a day of action that changes human behavior and provokes policy changes.” <http://www.earthday.org/about/the-history-of-earth-day/>

31. Note: Earth Day is of Pagan origin. “Paganism is a nature religion or earth-centered spirituality. According to Religious Studies scholar, Michael York, a nature religion is one that has ‘a this-worldly’ focus and deep reverence for the earth as something sacred and something to be cherished. Not surprisingly then, Earth Day (April 22) is a holy day for many Pagans.” <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/john-halstead/eight-ways-pagans-celebrate-earth-day/id-c9625944.html>

32. Note: The chief god for the pagans is the sun. Bear in mind the Bible and history teach that Sunday worship originated from pagan worshipping the sun. See the following: 2 Kings 23:5 and Ezekiel 8:16. Consider this fact about Emperor Constantine, the Great.

“In a memoir of the Roman emperor that Eusebius wrote after Constantine’s death a miraculous appearance came in Gaul long before the Battle of the Milvian Bridge. In this later version, the Roman emperor had been pondering the misfortunes that befall commanders that invoke the help of many different gods, and decided to seek divine aid in the forthcoming battle from the One God. At noon, Constantine saw a cross of light imposed over the sun. Attached to it, in Greek characters, was the saying “Τοῦτῳ Νίκα!”. Not only Constantine, but the whole army saw the miracle. That night, Christ appeared to the Roman emperor in a dream and told him to make a replica of the sign he had seen in the sky, which would be a sure defence in battle.” Eusebius also left a description of the labarum, the military standard which incorporated the Chi-Rho sign, used by Emperor Constantine in his later wars against Licinius. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chi_Rho

On this day in the year 321, Constantine decreed “the day of the sun” as a day of rest. <http://www.historychannel.com.au/classroom/day-in-history/473/constantine-decrees-sun-day-as-day-of-rest>

33. Note: Earth Day has unified politicians, religions, pantheists, and pagans in an effort to combat climate change. Similarly, Sunday worship by law, under the guise of combating climate change will unite the world.

34. Note: U.S. Attorney General, Loretta Lynch, 16 State Attorney Generals, and Bill Nye have declared that climate change deniers should be prosecuted. <http://www.cnsnews.com/commentary/hans-von-spakovsky/attorney-general-lynch-looks-prosecuting-climate-change-deniers>
<http://dailysignal.com/2016/04/04/16-democrat-ags-begin-inquisition-against-climate-change-disbelievers/>
<http://www.christianpost.com/news/bill-nye-the-science-guy-favors-jailing-climate-change-skeptics-161854/>

35. What does Pope Francis say is the primary solution to combat climate change? _____

#237. On Sunday, our participation in the Eucharist has special importance. Sunday, like the Jewish Sabbath, is meant to be a day which heals our relationships with God, with ourselves, with others and with the world...The law of weekly rest forbade work on the seventh day...(Ex 23:12). Rest opens our eyes to the larger picture and gives us renewed sensitivity to the rights of others. And so the day of rest [Sunday], centred on the Eucharist, sheds it light on the whole week, and motivates us to greater concern for nature and the poor. http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

"New Eucharistic Miracle Approved In Poland After Amazing DNA Tests" "The Bishop of Legnica, Zbigniew Kiernikowski, announced on April 17 that a reported "bleeding Host" that "has the hallmarks of a Eucharistic miracle" was approved for veneration in Poland." <http://ucatholic.com/blog/new-eucharistic-miracle-approved-poland/>

Zugiba testified that, "the analyzed material is a fragment of the heart muscle found in the wall of the left ventricle close to the valves. This muscle is responsible for the contraction of the heart. It should be borne in mind that the left cardiac ventricle pumps blood to all parts of the body. The heart muscle is in an inflammatory condition and contains a large number of white blood cells. This indicates that the heart was alive at the time the sample was taken. It is my contention that the heart was alive, since white blood cells die outside a living organism. They require a living organism to sustain them. Thus, their presence indicates that the heart was alive when the sample was taken. **What is more, these white blood cells had penetrated the tissue, which further indicates that the heart had been under severe stress, as if the owner had been beaten severely about the chest.**" <http://aleteia.org/2016/04/22/eucharistic-miracle-beheld-by-pope-francis/>

36. Note: The following statements further confirm along with Revelation 14:13 that some of God's people will be martyrs for the truth of Jesus.

The two armies will stand distinct and separate, and this distinction will be so marked that many who shall be convinced of truth will come on the side of God's commandment-keeping people. **When this grand work is to take place in the battle, prior to the last closing conflict, many will be imprisoned, many will flee for their lives from cities and towns, and many will be martyrs for Christ's sake in standing in defense of the truth.** They will be brought before kings and rulers, and before councils to meet the false, absurd, and lying accusations brought against them, but they must stand firm as a rock to principle, and the promise is, "As thy days so shall thy strength be." (Deuteronomy 33:25). You will not be tempted above what you are able to bear. Jesus bore all this and far more. The express command of God must be obeyed, for God has been working. Luke 21:8-19. {1888 484.1} or {3SM 397.4}

Those who are true to God will be menaced, denounced, proscribed. They will be "betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends," even unto death. Luke 21:16. {PK 588.1}

The time is not far distant when the test will come to every soul. **The mark of the beast will be urged upon us.** Those who have step by step yielded to worldly demands and conformed to worldly customs will not find it a hard matter to yield to the powers that be, **rather than subject themselves to derision, insult, threatened imprisonment, and death.** The contest is between the commandments of God and the commandments of men. In this time the gold will be separated from the dross in the church. {5T 81.1}

37. Who was the first martyr of Jesus? Why was he slain? 1 John 3:12 _____

38. Note: Based on the previous point, when the mark of the beast is enforced, why will the wicked persecute and martyr God's people? 1 John 3:13 _____

39. What did the Lord say to Peter after telling him that he would die as a martyr? John 21:18-21 _____

"The disciples were not endowed with the courage and fortitude of the martyrs until such grace was needed. Then the Saviour's promise was fulfilled." {DA 354.3}

We will not be able to meet the trials of this time without God. **We are not to have the courage and fortitude of martyrs of old until brought into the position they were in.** . . . We are to receive daily supplies of grace for each daily emergency. Thus we grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, and if persecution comes upon us, if we must be enclosed in prison walls for the faith of Jesus and the keeping of God's holy law, "As thy days, so shall thy strength be." **Should there be a return of persecution there would be grace given to arouse every energy of the soul to show a true heroism...** {OHC 125.4}

"There is a picture representing **a bullock standing between a plow and an altar,** with the inscription, 'Ready for either,' ready to toil in the furrow or to be offered on the altar of sacrifice. **This is the position of the true child of God--willing to go where duty calls, to deny self, to sacrifice for the Redeemer's cause.**" {MH 502.5}

"It is not for me to decide whether my life or my death will contribute most to the salvation of all. . . . You may expect everything from me. . . except flight and recantation. Fly I cannot, and still less retract." {GC 146.1}

40. Note: The Lord's messenger states that the Lord will put many adults and children to sleep who would not be able to endure the time of trouble. Read carefully the following statements.

"He knows whether or not those for whom petitions are offered would be able to endure the trial and test that would come upon them if they lived. He knows the end from the beginning. **Many will be laid away to sleep before the fiery ordeal of the time of trouble shall come upon our world.** This is another reason why we should say after our earnest petition; "Nevertheless not my will, but Thine, be done." Luke 22:42. Such a petition will never be registered in heaven as a faithless prayer. The apostle was bidden to write, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." Revelation 14:13. From this we can see that all are not to be raised up; and if they are not raised to health they should not be judged as unworthy of eternal life...[See Matthew 26:39]" {CH 375.2}

This promise is yours. You may be comforted and trust in the Lord. **The Lord has often instructed me that many little ones are to be laid away before the time of trouble. We shall see our children again.** We shall meet them and know them in the heavenly courts. Put your trust in the Lord, and be not afraid.--Letter 196, 1899. {2SM 259.5}

41. What says the Spirit to those who die in the Lord? Revelation 14:13 _____

42. On which day does the Lord say that we should rest from our labors in order to receive His blessing? Exodus 20:8-11; Hebrews 4:8-11 _____

43. What is the blessing that is connected with resting on the Sabbath? What did the Lord receive when He rested on the Sabbath? Exodus 31:17 _____

44. Every Sabbath it is the Lord's desire that we remember the refreshing. What blessing is connected to the refreshing that the Lord wants to give to us? Acts 3:19,20 _____

45. In whom shall we find rest from our labors? What must we do? Matthew 11:28-30 _____