

I. I want to begin this lesson with a reading of Revelation, chapter 13 with my interpretations imbedded in it.

A. The symbols in bold print and underlined are explained by my comments after each symbol in the text. At least, this has become my understanding as I read this text. Of course, this is just my opinion.

### Rev 13

13 1 and I saw **a beast** (an empire of nations—a resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire—the Fourth Reich) come up out of **the sea** (all of the peoples of the earth), with ten horns and seven heads. On its horns were ten royal crowns and on its heads blasphemous names. 2 The beast which I saw was like **a leopard, but with feet like those of a bear and a mouth like the mouth of a lion** (the nations that make up “the beast” must be European Nations, based upon their symbols—even Russia, the bear, resides partially in Europe). To it **the dragon** (Satan) gave its power, its throne and great authority. 3 **One of the heads of the beast appeared to have received a fatal wound** (Germany was divided after World War II), but **its fatal wound was healed** (Germany was reunited), and **the whole earth followed after the beast** in amazement (Germany takes its place as the leader of a resurrected Holy Roman Empire with control at the United Nations). 4 They worshipped the dragon, because he had given his authority to the beast; and they worshipped the beast, saying,

**“Who is like the beast?**

**Who can fight against it?”** (Resistance is futile!)

5 **It was given a mouth speaking arrogant blasphemies** (Could this represent the Abomination of Desolation—the appearance of “the little horn” at the Third Temple in Jerusalem?); and **it was given authority to act for forty-two months** (the time of Jacob’s trouble, the Great Tribulation). 6 So it

opened its mouth in blasphemies against God to insult his name and his Sh'khinah, and those living in heaven; 7 it was allowed to make war on God's holy people and to defeat them; and **it was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation** (it will have a majority of votes in the United Nations—today the EU has 27 votes in the UN General Assembly. The United States has one.). 8 **Everyone living on earth will worship it except** those whose names are written in the Book of Life belonging to the Lamb slaughtered before the world was founded (this government will have wide support during the time of the persecution). 9 Those who have ears, let them hear!

10 **"If anyone is meant for captivity, into captivity he goes!**

**If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword he is to be killed!"**

**This is when God's holy people must persevere and trust!** (Don't trust in circumstances. When you see these things happen, know that HaShem has all things under His control. You have been told the plan before it happens so that you might not lose hope.)

11 Then **I saw another beast coming up out of the earth. It had two horns like those of a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon** (the spiritual leader of the Holy Roman Empire was always the Pope of the Roman Catholic Church. A Pope is coming that I believe will fulfill this prophecy). 12 **It** (this second beast) **exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence** (this Pope will have strong spiritual influence amongst the people of the European Union); and it makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, the one whose fatal wound had been healed (Germany: "Sich Heil!"). 13 It performs great miracles, even causing fire to come down from heaven onto the earth as people watch. 14 It deceives the people living on earth by the miracles it is allowed to perform in the presence of the beast, and it tells

them to make an image honoring the beast that was struck by the sword but came alive again (remember, Germany was the beast that was struck with the sword. This does not refer to a person. I believe that this image will have more to do with the state.). 15 It was allowed to put breath into the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast could even speak; and it was allowed to cause anyone who would not worship the image of the beast to be put to death. 16 Also it forces everyone — great and small, rich and poor, free and slave — to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead 17 preventing anyone from buying or selling unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name (all of those who will pledge allegiance to the state will receive the mark—the alternative is death.). 18 This is where wisdom is needed; those who understand should count the number of the beast, for it is the number of a person, and its number is 666. CJB

**B.** Could this be the description of a resurrection of *Nazism* in a *United Europe*? Under the Nazis, Germany and its *Führer* were almost worshipped and joining “the party” had its economic rewards, I am sure.

**C.** Remember that the Holy Roman Empire represented an expansion of the power of the Germanic tribes, under the auspices of the Roman Catholic Church during its three earlier manifestations in history.

**D.** Notice that all will be forced to take a mark of allegiance. Those who refuse to pledge allegiance to this state (ie: those who refuse to worship the image of the beast) will not be able to work, buy, or barter.

1. Persecution, jail, and death await the Jews during *the time of Jacob’s trouble*. The same eventualities will await those who refuse the mark for ideological reasons. This, I must assume, means Christians who support Israel and refuse to go along with the pogroms of the state.

2. We have all been warned in advance not to take *the Mark* or pledge allegiance to the empire of “*the little horn*.” Eternity is at stake here.

**E.** People have been trying to figure out the mystery of the number, 666, for centuries. Is the number 666 somehow encoded in a name? I actually think that I may have found the answer to this mystery, but after I share with you what I have come to consider regarding this, I will let you decide if I might have found something that makes sense about this mystery number.

**F.** I do not believe that it was even possible until the last few years to even begin to come up with a plausible explanation for this mystery. The reason: a key piece of history had not happened yet. Here is the chronology of that history as far as it has now played itself out in my understanding:

1. 1995: A 10-nation military alliance began to form in Europe. It was known as the Western European Union (WEU). The WEU nations are the permanent members of the EU. Up until recently the WEU was an organization within the organization of the European Union.

2. **December, 1998:** The Office of the High Representative was created by the European Union heads with the passage of Document 666 (out of over 1,100 documents that were created at that time). The motion to make this document was made by one, Javier Solana.
3. **1999:** Javier Solana was appointed to oversee the EU's foreign and security policies. At the same time, he was appointed as head over the ten-nation WEU.
4. **2000:** The WEU (10-nation alliance) made themselves the official military wing of the EU and Javier Solana was given unlimited emergency powers. This was done at the Western European Union's Assembly with the passage of Assembly recommendation 666. This is the second time that the number, 666, has appeared and is linked to the miraculous rise of a certain fellow named Javier Solana. It is also the second time that this number has become associated with the main position of power created within the European Union. The person in the office created by both 666 laws is the most powerful person in Europe.
5. **2004:** Up until now the presidency of the EU has been a rotational office, changing holders and host countries every six months. Consideration, during this period, was being given to changing this process by giving the oversight of the EU foreign policy entirely to only one man.
6. **June 29, 2004:** Javier Solana was approved as the EU's first super Foreign Minister.

G. Although we will have to wait for a future event to be absolutely sure who *the little horn* will be, I believe that this office, the European Minister over foreign and security policies, is a track to keep an eye on. Will *the little horn* be Javier Solana? I don't think so. He is too old now. Besides that, he is from Spain. I think that it is more likely that *the little horn* will come from Germany. The point that I am trying to make is that the office created by both resolutions, numbered 666, may be the government position that the person, we are calling *the little horn*, will fill.

H. So, we end chapter 13 with the time of persecution known to us as *the time of Jacob's trouble*.

I. This chapter ends when a *Mark* is forced upon the world along with personal economic sanctions. How could this all play out? Let me continue with my speculations.

## II. Let's talk about the Mark:

A. Up until the last decade it would have been entirely impossible to number every human being on the planet. We simply did not have the technology.

B. In this prophecy, economic control will be used to force political and religious conformity, if I understand these scriptures properly.

1. People who believe that we are all in a *one-world community* are called, *Globalists*. They believe that there are three root causes for war on earth. Among the causes are political conflicts, economic conflicts, and religious conflicts.

2. They theorize that if we could have a one-world political system, a one-world economy, and a one-world religion, we would have removed the root causes for conflict among mankind.

3. The result, according to theory, would be peace and security.

4. This thinking dominates the policies of the United Nations. The problem with it is that the theory fails to take into account man's sinful, lawless nature.

C. The prophecy talks about the use of individual economic control to enforce conformity. It is also significant that economic sanctions are the number one tool of the United Nations today—only on a national scale.

1. If a nation will not bow to the edicts of the U.N., the first thing the U.N. does is to forbid member nations from trading with the offending nation.

2. If a nation is not a part of the U.N., it is considered to be a "rogue state," to be shunned until it falls in line with the world community.

3. By exercising control over a nation's economy, the U.N. gains authority over that nation.

**D.** This is how the system of world government has been designed to work, although we all know that in our day there are exceptions to how uniformly these controls are applied and enforced. Yet, this prophecy states that eventually such control will be used, even on a personal level. Such will be the time of *the Mark*.

**E.** The *Brit Chadasha* teaches that if you are going to be accepted into the New World Order of *the little horn*, you will have to worship, or pledge allegiance to, the state. Then, you must receive a Mark attesting that you are a *good citizen*.

**F.** The real question is, how quickly is this coming and where do we stand right now in relation to the possibility of such an occurrence?

1. Powerful forces are pushing us towards a cashless society.

2. It costs nearly one dollar for every transaction at the bank. The same thing is true for credit card transactions because you have to sign a piece of paper. Anytime there is a paper to be handled and records to be kept, the cost goes up dramatically.

3. The same transaction made electronically costs less than three cents per transaction. Multiply this by the fact that the average bank makes millions of transactions a day, and you can see that non-electronic transactions cost them lots of money.

4. Imagine what a cashless society would do to crime. Drug dealers would all be out of business because transactions could no longer be done anonymously.

5. The IRS would love it because such a system would entirely eliminate tax evasion. Everything could be tracked.

**G.** How close are we to a cashless society?

1. Everyone in the United States is required to have a Social Security number. It is illegal to hold a job in the U.S. without one. You have to have one to open a bank account and you can't invest in securities, stocks, or bonds without a Social Security number.

2. Once a cashless society is begun, every person will have to have a bank account for the purpose of carrying on financial transactions. The plan for this is already very far advanced.

a) ***As of August 1, 1996, the Social Security Administration ruled that all new Social Security recipients would have to receive their benefits electronically through direct deposit. No longer would checks be an option after this date.***

b) ***In Florida, since July 1, 1996, all employees of the state had to accept the direct deposit into a bank account of their paychecks. Today, this is common practice for many employers.***

c) ***Vendors and contractors doing business with WalMart are required to bill electronically for their goods and services. Today, many other businesses have followed their example.***

d) ***There has also been experimentation with chip implantation. This started with pets and cattle, but now it is just beginning to be used on human beings. A host of products that you buy in the store have radio-frequency tags attached to them. In this way stores can track their stocks and account for things that leave the premises through the exit doors.***

e) ***Retinal scans and fingerprint readers also allow for unique personal identification.***

3. **I believe that such tools bring the idea of a cashless society closer than ever.**

H. **In my opinion, what might *the Mark* be?**

1. **I do not think that *the Mark* will be the use of your fingerprint or retinal scan to identify you.**

2. **The technology to individually number all of us is now available. I am more inclined to look towards that technology to fulfill the prophecy about *the Mark*.**

I. **In Popular Science Magazine, July, 1995, there was an interview with Ronald Kane, the then vice president of Cubic Corps, an automated revenue collection group. They produced the smart cards used for identification at the Atlanta Olympics.**

1. **He said, "If we had our way, we would implant a chip behind everyone's ear in the maternity ward."**

2. His company was a leading maker of smart card systems used for mass transit, highway tolls, and parking. The idea they put forth was that of a cashless society.
- J. Today, the technology has advance far beyond smart cards.
1. In early 2002, a company called Applied Digital Solutions released a new implantable chip called the “*VeriChip*.”
  2. This was an RFID unit that could be embedded beneath a person’s skin and read remotely.
  3. Know this: The U.S. Department of Commerce and the globalist, World Economic Council have both thrown their weight behind the “*VeriChip*.”
- K. Realize that it is not the technology itself that is evil, but rather how it will be used. I suspect that such a chip will be involved when it comes to *the Mark of the beast*.
- L. If such a thing might be so, consider that only those who have submitted to chip implantation will be able to actively participate in a cashless society. All others would simply become, “*non-entities*.”
- M. Is this really how the story of *the Mark* will play itself out? Only time will tell, but the technology to make it happen as I have described, is certainly available in our present day.
- N. Finally, as the world moves into a totally cashless electronic system for the transfer of funds, a daily report of who buys what will become entirely possible. This will mean an end to all privacy. The result: everyone will have complete files about them in a computer somewhere. Everything about you that can be known will be known by the government.
- O. But here’s the warning: Whatever it turns out to be, **DON’T TAKE THE MARK!!!**

III. Chapter 13 has been talking about *the Abomination of Desolation, the time of Jacob’s trouble, and the Mark of the beast*. Chapter 14 begins with a vision that continues with information about those who have taken another type of *Mark*:

**Rev 14:1-5**

14 1 Then I looked, and there was the Lamb standing on Mount Tziyon; and with him were 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. 2 I heard a sound from heaven like the sound of rushing waters and like the sound of pealing thunder; the sound I heard was also like that of harpists playing on their harps. 3 They were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living beings and the elders, and no one could learn the song except the 144,000 who have been ransomed from the world. 4 **These are the ones who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins; they follow the Lamb wherever he goes; they have been ransomed from among humanity as firstfruits for God and the Lamb;** 5 on their lips no lie was found — they are without defect. CJB

- A. Again, we see the 144,000 first mentioned in chapter 7.
1. From Revelation 7, we know that there are 12,000 from each tribe of Israel. These were each sealed on their foreheads with the seal of *HaShem*.
  2. They have obviously accepted *Yeshua* as their Messiah because they follow *the Lamb* (In *Yochanan's* terminology, *Yeshua* as Israel's Messiah is known as "*the Lamb*") wherever he goes.
  3. Notice that, "they have been ransomed from among humanity as first fruits to *G-d* and *the Lamb*." In other words, I suspect that they are *brothers* in the faith who have kept their testimony even until death. I suspect that these guys may have been the first ones to be killed during *the time of Jacob's trouble*. Once again, only time will tell me if I am correct in my assumption.
- B. Now new visions come to *Yochanan* in quick order:

**Rev 14:6-7**

6 Next I saw another angel flying in mid-heaven with everlasting Good News to proclaim to those living on the earth — to every nation, tribe, language and people. 7 In a loud voice he said,

**“Fear God, give him glory,**

**for the hour has come when he will pass judgment!**

**Worship the One who made heaven and earth,**

**the sea and the springs of water!”** CJB

1. During the time of *the little horn*, men will fall for false beliefs. Most will fall for anything except the true faith—faith in the *G-d* of the Bible and hope in *His* Messiah.

2. What is the Good News that the angel is proclaiming to the world? **“Fear HaShem and give Him glory because the things that have been prophesied to happen are now going to come to a close. Get yourselves right with HaShem because the hour has come for Him to judge the earth!”**

C. My advice to all in preparation for this time to come: Become so familiar with *HaShem's* Torah, *the Tanakh* and the *Brit Chadasha*, that you will easily be able to spot the counterfeit. During the times prophesied to come upon us, it will be easier to bow to peer-pressure than it will be to live by *G-d's* Torah. Yet, we must remain faithful in order to claim the prize. Such may cost us our lives, but the rewards outweigh all risks.

D. Next, the chapter pauses to mention the destruction of Babylon, which is detailed later on in chapters 17 and 18.

**Rev 14:8**

8 Another angel, a second one, followed, saying,

**“She has fallen! She has fallen!**

**Bavel the Great!**

**She made all the nations drink the wine**

**of God's fury caused by her whoring!"** CJB

1. This passage could confuse you, if you believe that the Book of Revelation is written in chronological order because, as I have already stated in the earlier lessons, chapter's 17 and 18 deal with the fall of *Bavel the Great* in detail.
2. However, we now know that this book was not written in chronological order, so here *Yochanan* is giving an overview that he will back up with specifics later on in the coming chapters.

E. Next comes another vision in short order:

**Rev 14:9-12**

9 Another angel, a third one, followed them and said in a loud voice, **"If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives the mark on his forehead or on his hand, 10 he will indeed drink the wine of God's fury poured undiluted into the cup of his rage. He will be tormented by fire and sulfur before the holy angels and before the Lamb, 11 and the smoke from their tormenting goes up forever and ever. They have no rest, day or night, those who worship the beast and its image and those who receive the mark of its name."** 12 **This is when perseverance is needed on the part of God's people, those who observe his commands and exercise Yeshua's faithfulness.** CJB

1. It appears that there is no salvation for those who take *the Mark*.
2. Why do you suppose that this is the case? Because, those who take *the Mark* must approve of all of the things that are being done to *G-d's* people during *the time of Jacob's trouble*. They will be complicit. No one can be neutral on this subject. Such is *HaShem's* rendering, not my own construct.
3. Believers are told to patiently endure when all of this persecution happens. Your individual destiny has been preordained. Things will seem bleak for the faithful, and it will look like *G-d's* people are on the losing side of the whole thing. To the eye there will seem to be no hope. Only our faith in the promises of *HaShem*, and *His* ability to keep them, will get us through the hard times.

**Rev 14:13**

13 Next I heard a voice from heaven saying, **“Write: ‘How blessed are the dead who die united with the Lord, from now on!’ ‘Yes,’ says the Spirit, ‘now they may rest from their efforts, for the things they have accomplished follow along with them.’”** CJB

F. During *the time of Jacob's trouble*, those who are killed in the faith of *Adonai* will be considered blessed to have escaped the hardships of their present life. They will have escaped that particular time of persecution and will rest from their labors until *the day of resurrection*, which is not far off.

G. Then, we move into verse 14, which begins a vision of two harvests:

**Rev 14:14-16**

14 Then I looked, and there before me was a white cloud. Sitting on the cloud was someone like a Son of Man with a gold crown on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. 15 Another angel came out of the Temple and shouted to the one sitting on the cloud, “Start using your sickle to reap, because the time to reap has come — the earth's harvest is ripe!” 16 The

one sitting on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested. CJB

H. This harvest of the earth is what Christians have called, “*the Rapture*.” This is the resurrection that Daniel chronicles in chapter 12 of his book.

I. After this first reaping there will be a second:

### **Rev 14:17-20**

17 Another angel came out of the Temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. 18 Then out from the altar went yet another angel, who was in charge of the fire; and he called in a loud voice to the one with the sharp sickle, “**Use your sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of grapes from the earth’s vine, because they are ripe!**” 19 The angel swung his sickle down onto the earth, gathered the earth’s grapes and threw them into the great winepress of God’s fury. 20 The winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress as high as the horses’ bridles for two hundred miles! CJB

**J. This latter reaping is the destruction of kings and armies at Messiah's coming during the battle for Jerusalem, which is the final battle of the war. Notice several things about this prophesied event.**

1. The winepress of *G-d's* fury was trodden outside of the city.
2. Immediately outside the walls of the Temple Mount there is a valley called the Valley of Jehoshaphat, and also known as the Kidron Valley.
3. This valley lies just outside the Eastern Gate, where many think that Messiah will enter at the time of His coming.
4. I believe that this is where the winepress of *HaShem* will be, and that this vision is describing what Christians call, *the Battle of Armageddon*.
5. The blood will flow up to the horse's bridles for a distance of (in the original Greek manuscript: 1,600 stadia) approximately 180 miles, by my own calculations. If you measure the plain of *Megeddo* in Northern Israel, through the Jordan Valley, and then to the gates of *Yerushalayim*, the distance can equal approximately 180 miles. I have come to believe that this is saying that *the Battle of Armageddon* will begin near Megiddo, then run down through the Jordan Valley as the armies of Israel are forced to retreat. The battle will finally culminate in the Kidron Valley, just outside the gates of Jerusalem.
6. That is when *HaMashiach* will come with all of *His* holy ones, descending to the Mount of Olives, and *HaShem* will deliver *His* people as *He* fights on the day of battle. Only *HaShem* could save us on this day, and *He* will redeem *His* people with a mighty outstretched arm. The whole world will know and acknowledge *HaShem* after this event completes itself, and every knee will bow to *Him*.

**IV. Now, let me summarize what we have just been studying coupled with my speculation as I attempt to write a script that has not yet been written.**

- A. There will be a war that will kill  $\frac{1}{3}$  of mankind.

**B. The world community that is left after the war will demand changes in the way that the United Nations functions.**

1. They will end the veto power held by certain nations in the Security Council.
2. They will demand adherence to international law and the World Court system.
3. They will mandate a two-state solution between Israel and the Palestinian Arabs. This will include a sharing of the Temple Mount as well as the sharing of the city of Jerusalem.
4. Israel's borders will be moved back to its pre-1967 borders.
5. The Third Temple will be built and the priestly office of the cohanim will be instituted once again.
6. After a period of about 3½ years, midway in a seven year agreement, the one who is *the little horn* will come to the Temple and proclaim that he is equal to any god. Some symbol of the state will be set up there, and this will become the Abomination of Desolation.
7. Under the auspices of the Catholic Church of the time, it will become one's spiritual duty to be faithful to the state. In fact, to resist will seem futile.
8. A world economic system will be instituted and everyone will have to receive a Mark in order to participate in it. Only those who pledge their allegiance to the state can receive the Mark.
9. Sanctions against individuals will ensure that people will conform to the new system. Jews, and those who will not take the Mark, will be persecuted to the death.
10. During the time of this persecution, *HaShem* will send two more prophets to the earth. They will be like Moses and Elijah during the highlight of their ministries. There will be no rain during the days that they prophecy. They will perform signs like the signs Moses was given to perform before the Egyptians, but *the little horn* will harden his heart just like Pharaoh did.

11. These guys will seem unstoppable, but in the end *the little horn* will kill them. I suspect that this will happen as armies are amassing for a final assault upon the Nation of Israel to complete a final annihilation of the Jews from their Promised Land. This will be during the lead-up to the last battle for Jerusalem.
12. The two prophets will lie in a street of Jerusalem and the media will cover the story. It will be the top story all over the entire world. They will be refused burial for 3½ days. Then, *HaShem* will show *His* hand.
13. Not only that, but I have come to speculate that all of those who have believed that *Yeshua* is *HaMashiach* will be taken at the same instant that *HaShem's* two prophets are taken up. *Yeshua* spoke of this.

### **Matt 24:29-31**

29 “But immediately following the trouble of those times,  
the sun will grow dark,  
the moon will stop shining,  
the stars will fall from the sky,  
and the powers in heaven will be shaken.

30 “Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, all the tribes of the Land will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with tremendous power and glory. 31 **He will send out his angels with a great shofar; and they will gather together his chosen people from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.** CJB

14. This is the first reaping. The second follows:

**Rev 11:15-19**

15 The seventh angel sounded his shofar; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying,

**“The kingdom of the world  
has become the Kingdom  
of our Lord and his Messiah,  
and he will rule forever and ever!”**

16 The twenty-four elders sitting on their thrones in God’s presence fell on their faces and worshipped God, 17 saying,

“We thank you, Adonai,  
God of heaven’s armies,  
the One who is and was,  
that you have taken your power  
and have begun to rule.

18 **“The Goyim raged.**

**But now your rage has come,**

the time for the dead to be judged,  
the time for rewarding your servants the prophets  
and your holy people,  
those who stand in awe of your name,  
both small and great.

It is also the time for destroying  
those who destroy the earth.”

19 Then the Temple of God in heaven was opened, and the Ark of the Covenant was seen in his Temple; and there were flashes of lightning, voices, peals of thunder, an earthquake and violent hail. CJB

**15. This all happens at the sound of the *Seventh Shofar*. It refers to the wrath of *HaShem* being poured out when the vine of the earth is cast into the winepress of *G-d's* fury. This is the last battle.**

**C. *Sha'ul* gives us a clear picture of what happens during the first harvest:**

### **1 Cor 15:51-55**

51 Look, I will tell you a secret — not all of us will die! But we will all be changed! 52 It will take but a moment, the blink of an eye, at the final shofar. For the shofar will sound, and the dead will be raised to live forever, and we too will be changed. 53 For this material which can decay must be clothed with imperishability, this which is mortal must be clothed with immortality. 54 When what decays puts on imperishability and what is mortal puts on immortality, then this passage in the Tanakh will be fulfilled:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.

55 “Death, where is your victory?

Death, where is your sting?” CJB

**D. Is *Sha'ul* talking about the *Seventh Shofar*? This letter describes what will happen during the first reaping of the earth. Look at the details.**

1. ***HaShem's* holy people will be changed in a flash, in the blink of an eye.**
2. **Many Christians have taught that all believers will just disappear when this happens, but notice that the scriptures do not say that. This scripture says that we will be changed, but it does not say that we will simply disappear.**
3. **In fact, we have two examples in the *Brit Chadasha* that suggest how this will all play out. Let's consider them.**

### **Acts 1:9-11**

**"...he was taken up before their eyes; and a cloud hid him from their sight. 10 As they were staring into the sky after him, suddenly they saw two men dressed in white standing next to them. 11 The men said, "You Galileans! Why are you standing, staring into space? This Yeshua, who has been taken away from you into heaven, will come back to you in just the same way as you saw him go into heaven."** CJB

4. **The example in 1 Corinthians recently quoted tells me that we will be changed instantly, but that we will also be seen rising to the clouds as in the example we just read from the Book of Acts. None of this will be done in secret.**

**E. We have one more example to look at before we finish this lesson.**

### **Rev 11:11-13**

11 But after the three-and-a-half days a breath of life from God entered them, they stood up on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. 12 Then the two heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here!" And **they went up into heaven in a cloud, while their enemies watched them.** CJB

**F.** I believe that this *First Harvest* is what causes men to hide in the rocks because of the fear of G-d. This was the sign when the *Sixth Seal* was opened. All will see the sign.

**G.** Although it will be quite a sight, I don't want to be one of those still here on earth that see it!!! Instead, I want to be a participant. How about you?

*Next lesson: The Seven Bowls.*