

Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship

"We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ." Col 1:28

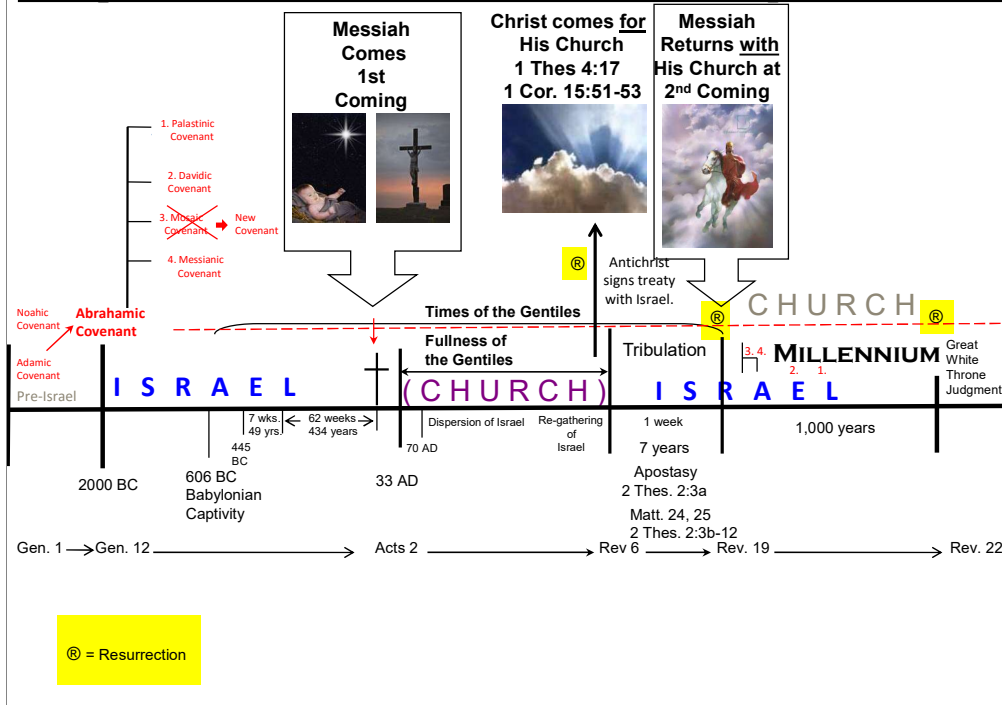
"The Great Multitude"

Part 2

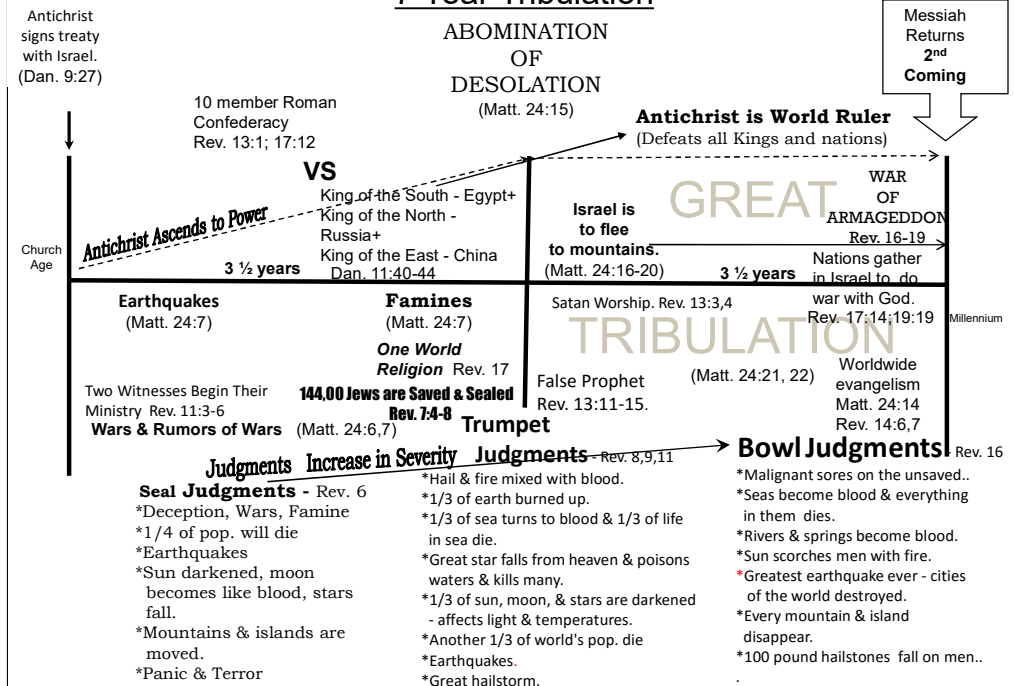
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Comprehensive Biblical View of Future Prophetic Events



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ερχηομενοι - present participle. They are *continually coming out*. Continued repetition.

During the tribulation, multitudes will die –

- Unbelievers in judgment
- Believers from martyrdom, calamities, natural causes

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“washed their robes”

1. There is human responsibility here and it's the responsibility of believing, of exercising faith. God reveals the gospel in His Word and you are responsible to the Word. You are responsible to believe. It's your responsibility.
2. They did not become white because they were washed in the tears of repentance.
3. They did not become white because they were washed in the ocean of good works.
4. They did not become white because they were washed in their own blood.
5. They were white because they were washed in the blood of the Lamb.

Interesting paradox: White robes made white by blood.

Isa 1:18

18 "Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They will be like wool.

****They acted in faith, trusting in the person and work of Christ, and God then justified them, imputing or crediting the righteousness of Christ to their account**

- The blood of the lamb means 3 things:
 1. pardon
 2. security
 3. the penalty is gone.

**Morality may keep
you out of jail, but
it takes the blood
of Jesus Christ to
keep you out of hell.**

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Rev 21:21-22

21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

22 I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

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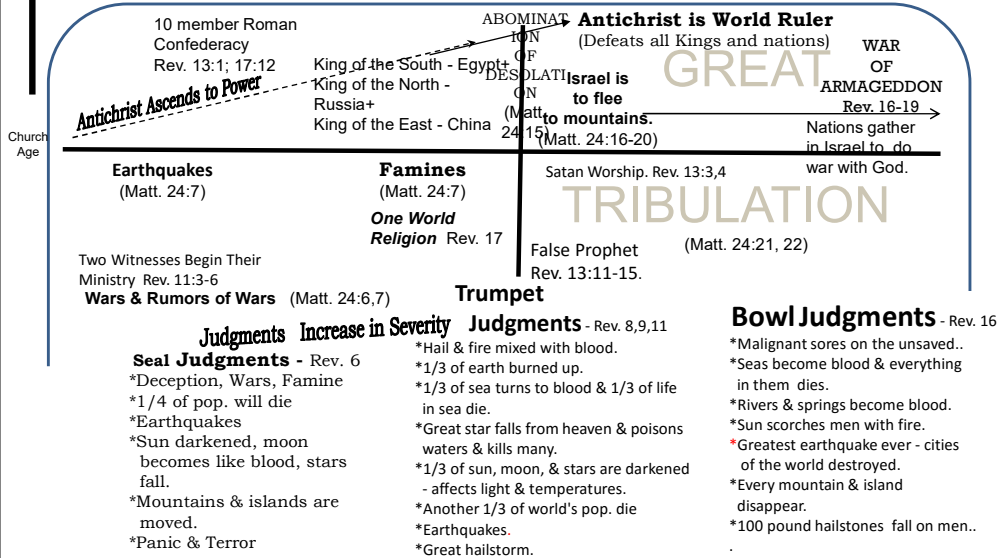


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The Nature of the Jewish Marriage.

1. **Betrothal** (bridegroom left his home and traveled to home of prospective bride to pay a price to purchase the bride).

2 Cor 11:2

2 For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I **betrothed** you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin.

1 Cor 6:20

20 For you have been **bought with a price**: therefore glorify God in your body.

2. **Bride prepares her wedding garment of white linen.**

Rev 19:7-8

7 . . .and His bride has made herself ready."

8 It was given to her to clothe herself in **fine linen**, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

3. Bridegroom announces he is going to his Father's house to prepare a place for them to live.

John 14:2-4

2 "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; **for I go to prepare a place for you.**

3 "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.

4. In Israel the father determined the wedding day when he was satisfied all was prepared before he gave permission to the son to go get his bride.

Matt 24:36-37

36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, **but the Father alone.**

5. Bridegroom comes personally for his bride and brings her to his father's house. The marriage of the bride and groom is about to take place.

1 Thess 4:16-17

16 For the **Lord Himself will descend from heaven** with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

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6. The couple spends 7 days in the place prepared for the honeymoon. The groom is sheltering the bride from the activities of the world.

Rev 3:10

10 I also will **keep you from the hour of testing**, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

****If the Church goes into the Tribulation, you have to ask: "Why would the bride of Christ receive the wrath of her groom just before the wedding?"***

7. After the honeymoon, the couple is presented to the world.

Rev 19:14

14 And the **armies** which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, **were following Him on white horses.**

Rev 1:7

7 BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and **every eye will see Him**, even those who pierced Him;

8. The wedding feast begins in the new home of the bride and groom.

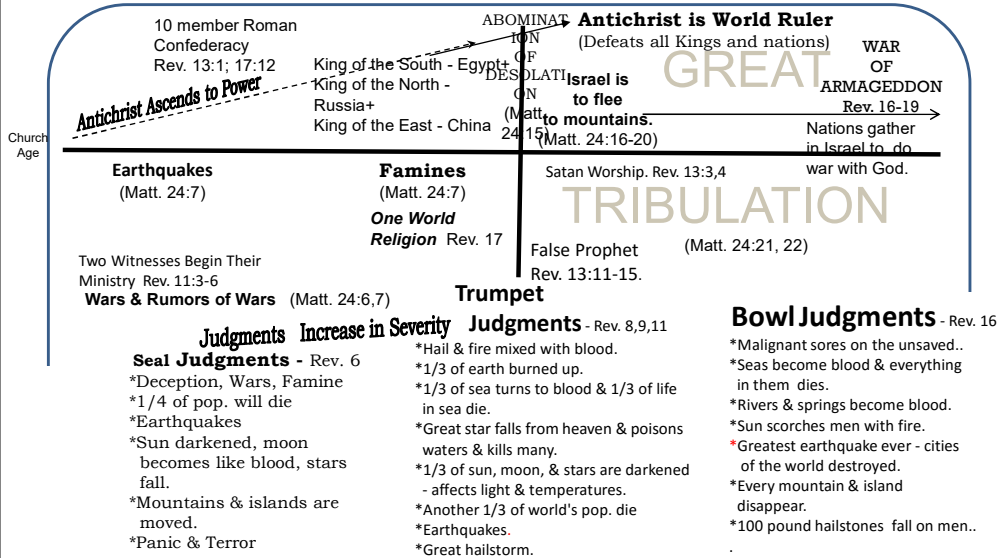
Rev 19:9

9 Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the **marriage supper** of the Lamb.'

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"bema seat to receive rewards."
2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14, Rev. 19:8



2 Cor 5:10

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Rom 14:10-12

10 For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.

11 For it is written, "AS I LIVE, SAYS THE LORD, EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW TO ME, AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL GIVE PRAISE TO GOD."

12 So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.

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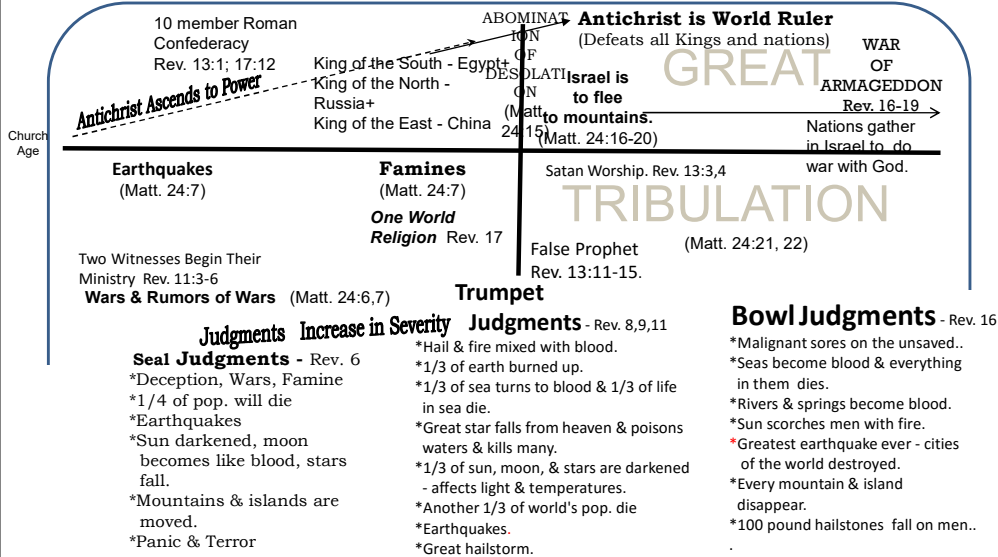
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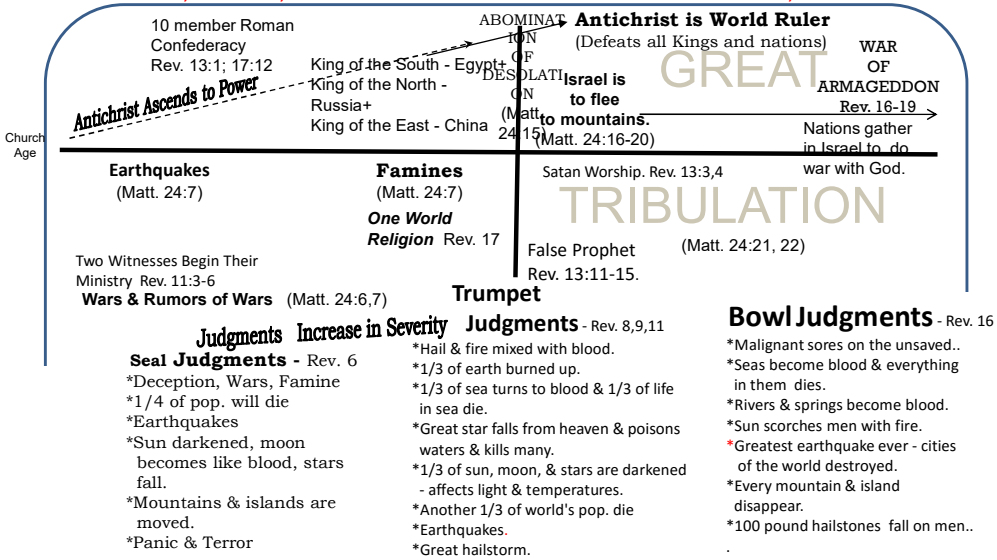
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Church Age Saints

Kept out of the Tribulation by the rapture (3:10)

Clothed in a white garment/linen(3:5; 4:4; 19:8)

Sit on thrones about the throne (4:4)

Wear crowns (stefanos, the victor's crown as promised to the church) (4:4)

Have harps and golden bowls full of incense (5:8)

Sing a new song (5:9)

Declared to be a kingdom of priests who will reign with Christ (5:10)

Tribulation Saints

Come out of the Great Tribulation through martyrdom (7:14)

Clothed in white robes (stole, a victor's robe) (7:9)

Stand before the throne (7:10)

No crowns mentioned

Palm branches in their hands (7:9)

Cry out with a loud voice (7:10)

Serve Him day and night (7:15, cf. 20:4)

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16 "They will hunger no longer, . . ."

- They had been hungry: 1. famine from crops destroyed. 2. they couldn't buy food without the mark of the Beast.

"nor thirst anymore . . ."

- They had been thirsty: 1. for the rivers, seas, springs were turned to blood; all fresh water supplies were polluted, so that men had scarcity of water.

"nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat; "

- they were scorched with the heat of the burning sun.

Rev 16:8-9

8 The fourth angel poured out his bowl upon the sun, and it was given to it to scorch men with fire.

9 Men were scorched with fierce heat;

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**He leadeth me beside the
still waters**

John 4:10-14

10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

11 She said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where then do You get that living water?"

12 "You are not greater than our father Jacob, are You, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself and his sons and his cattle?"

13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again;

14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

John 7:38

38 "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'"

Rev 21:6

6 Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.

Notice:

1. The paradox: It's the Lamb leading the sheep.
2. The Lamb leads the sheep to springs of waters, not a spring but springs, one succeeding another that is an infinite progression of joys. From pasture to pasture from spring to spring, variety and diversity in heaven. He feeds, he leads, he wipes away the tears.

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Ps 23

23 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters.

3 He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

7 metaphors to describe Christ's relationship to His Church

- A king with a kingdom (Col. 1:13)
- A vine with branches (John 15:5)
- A building with a cornerstone (Eph. 2:20-22)
- A head with a body (Col. 1:18)
- A husband with a wife (Eph. 5:23)
- A father with a family (Rom. 8:15)
- A shepherd with sheep (John 10:11)

John 10:11,27-29

11 "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; 28 and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

29 "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

John 21:15-17

15 So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My lambs."

16 He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Shepherd My sheep."

17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Tend My sheep."

Heb 13:20-21

20 Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord,

21 equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 2:25

25 For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

1 Peter 5:1-4

Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed,

2 shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness;

3 nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock.

4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

“It’s very much like a forest after a drenching shower. And the sun’s come out, but the leaves are still dropping water.”

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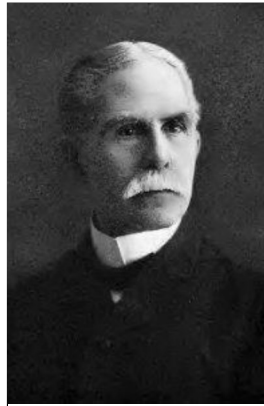
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Don't worry
God is never blind to your
tears, never deaf to your prayers,
and never silent to your pains.
He sees, He hears
and He will deliver.

“How often we pray for one who is critically ill, that God will somehow take away the pain and prevent death. In the light of Revelation chapter 7 this may be a very shortsighted (and faithless) prayer. If suffering and death is indeed a means of entrance into God’s heaven for those who trust in Him, why do we so eagerly pray against it taking place?”

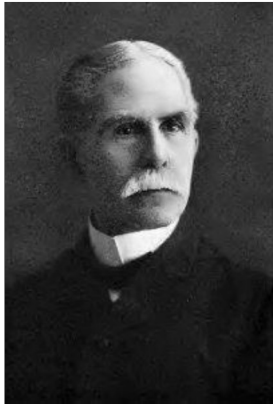
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Elisha Albright Hoffman
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Elisha A. Hoffman was born in Pennsylvania to German parents. His father served as a pastor for over 60 years, and this probably influenced Elisha’s decision to enter ministry. After attending public schools in Philadelphia, Elisha went on to study classics at Union Seminary. He was ordained as a minister in 1868, and he pastored for many years at churches in Ohio, Illinois, and Michigan.¹ As a pastor, Elisha was committed to drawing his people into worship, and during his lifetime, he composed over 2,000 hymns. He also helped to edit numerous music publications. Though Elisha did not have any formal training in music, he grew up in a home that was full of sacred song. Singing hymns was a regular part of his family’s daily worship and devotion time.³ From a young age, Elisha demonstrated a natural gift for music, and he developed a deep love of hymns. By age eighteen, Elisha had composed his first hymn.



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Unlike many popular hymns, Elisha is the author of both the words and music. Music historian Jacob Hall records, “When a melody is born in his soul, appropriate words seem to be immediately associated with the melody; or, when a conception in his mind crystallizes into a hymn, usually there is present the suggestion of a melody that will give adequate and fitting expression to the mental conception. There are exceptions, but this is the rule which governs him in his musical writings.”⁴

In addition to Elisha’s popular song, “Are You Washed in the Blood,” other favorites include “What a Wonderful Savior,” and “Down at the Cross.”

ARE YOU WASHED IN THE BLOOD?

1. Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour?

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Refrain

***Are you washed in the blood,
In the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb?
Are your garments spotless? Are they
white
as snow?***

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

2. Are you walking daily by the Savior’s side?

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Do you rest each moment in the Crucified?

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Refrain

3. When the Bridegroom cometh will your robes be white?

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Will your soul be ready for the mansions bright,

And be washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Refrain

4. Lay aside the garments that are stained with sin,

And be washed in the blood of the Lamb;

There’s a fountain flowing for the soul unclean,

O be washed in the blood of the Lamb!

Refrain