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Episode 138 - From 13 Bullocks to One: Finding the Mediator Behind Revelation's Seals

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Hey — in this follow-up to my Numbers 29 podcast, I trace the Feast of Tabernacles into Revelation, showing how the seven churches, the seals, and the “day of the Lord” map our journey out of confusion into Christ as the one true mediator.

If you’ve felt overwhelmed by competing teachers or stuck in a church that isn’t speaking truth, this episode explores how God brings us through the wilderness to a deeper, practical understanding of the cross and redemption from iniquity.

It’s intimate and straightforward — for those who want clarity, compassion, and a clear roadmap for spiritual growth. Give it a listen.

Modified Transcript:

This transcript has been edited. Scriptures are transcribed directly with notations. Refer to the KJV for verbatim wording.

Hi, I’m Scott Stanley with DTG Ministries. July 8, 2026, I released a podcast concerning Numbers chapter 29. In that podcast, I tried to explain the sacrifices that were made concerning the Feast of Tabernacles. If you haven’t listened to it, you really need to do

that. But you can go back and recognize that this Feast of Tabernacles was kept for seven days, and you began the first day with 13 bullocks, 2 rams, 14 lambs, and a goat.

I tried to explain what those things are to make it practical, showing it in our prayer life, in our understanding of what God has done for us through Christ. He was revealing our past walk with him, meaning that when he delivered us out of Egypt or out of the world into his truth, we immediately entered into a wilderness. We didn't understand the truth. Part of the reason for it was because we were listening to so many people who were trying to explain the scriptures to us. That's why the 13 bullocks.

On the first day, you offer 13 bullocks. Thirteen is rebellion, and the bullock represents the person who can grind out the heads of grain to make bread. Bread is the scripture, and we were trusting so many people to grind out that bread for us. We had to be brought to the eighth day of that feast, where you have one bullock, one ram, seven lambs, and one goat. So all of that was explained in that podcast. I want to pick up where that left off. This really could be a part two to that.

When we talk about dwelling in the wilderness and temporary structures, that points to the seven churches in Revelation chapters 2 and 3. All of those churches were in Asia, and, as Paul states, *all the churches in Asia have forsaken me* (2Ti 1:15). They represent in Revelation the churches who are still in the wilderness; they are not understanding the Scriptures.

The truth of the matter is, all of us have been in that place. The book of Revelation is about the people who come out of that understanding because now we see the apostasy that began in the days of the apostles. Everybody who comes to the Lord, who comes out of the world and wants to serve God, immediately enters a wilderness. They stay in that wilderness until they have progressed through Ephesus to Laodicea. Everybody. Again, we're no different than they are. But Revelation shows you how you progress through those temporary dwelling places of the seven churches.

Again, I would like to encourage you: If you have not listened to that podcast on July 8, 2026, you should take the time to listen to it because we're brought to a place of having one bullock. We have got Christ who grinds out the wheat and barley for us. There's only

one bullock, and we can go to him; there's one mediator. *There is one God and one mediator between God and man, and that is the man, Christ Jesus* (1Ti 2:5).

So what makes this really interesting and very significant is that the seven churches, or the times of dwelling in the temporary structures, are also depicted in the seals of Revelation chapter 6. You see, that is the same time frame. When we look at those seals, we see ourselves: how we came to the Lord, and you're on that white horse, and it turns red, then black, then pale, then you ask for help... and then the Lord steps in, and that sixth seal is to show you the problems in your understanding. By revealing those problems, he's able to redeem us from all iniquity.

But what we need to understand is that everybody goes through that process, and the people who are still in the universal churches are also in those temporary structures. If a person is really open to the truth, and they're wanting to grow in their understanding, they're not afraid of the peer pressure that happens when you realize the church you're in is not speaking truth... And you have to move to the next church until you're finally through Laodicea and you begin to grow in your knowledge of the truth.

So therefore, when I am reading the seals in Revelation, I am seeing the people who are going to contradict the truth that we have. See, not only is it a picture of us and what we went through, but it's a picture of the universal church and where they are at this given moment. It's interesting to me; I listened to a variety of Bible teachers, and honestly, I don't know what to think about all of the confusion.

I mean, I knew it was there, but not to the extent that I see it. It blows my mind at all the different things people are teaching, and nobody seems to have a handle on what is going on and why this is happening. Everyone thinks they have the answers. When you get the true answer, you know it. And you begin to look around you, and the more light you have, the more darkness you see.

Going through these seals, looking at the apostate churches is what I wanted to do today. Remember, they're in the temporary structures. Therefore, they have multiple teachers. They are trusting multiple people to grind out the grain so bread can be made. By trusting all of the people they're trusting, their confusion just escalates. They've got to be brought to the one bullock. They really need to grab hold of the fact that there is

One Lord, one faith, one baptism (Eph 4:5). There is one church, and Jesus Christ has his ministry.

If we could come to that, it really protects us from being blown about by every wind of doctrine. I have recognized that God is using me as a teacher, and I see the responsibility of getting it right. If you're teaching something that isn't right, as soon as you recognize what you've said is not the truth, you need to correct it, because the church of God is precious in his eyes. It is by possessing the truth that we are redeemed from iniquity, and if you're redeemed from iniquity, you are being set free from iniquity. If you are set free from iniquity, you are free from sin.

So what is the process the Lord takes us through to bring us to the place where we're willing to listen- we're willing to let him change us... because you don't see this willingness in people. Everybody seems to be so bold to stand on their doctrines, which are nothing but iniquity. They just don't see it.

You know, looking at Revelation 5, we see four living creatures. Now, the King James has put four beasts, but if you look up that word "beast," it's "a living creature." And I've done podcasts on all of these things in the past. So what I'm sharing today, this really isn't for beginners. This is something for people who have been following along, and they recognize where I'm coming from.

What you see happening, starting at Revelation chapter 4, is the mind of the believer who has ascended into the truth of God. They have gone through Ephesus to Laodicea, and they have ascended into the truth, and you will see four living creatures. You'll see 24 elders and four living creatures. Twenty-four elders; six is the number of man. "Twenty-four elders" is four elders, or four old men. The four old men represent earthly completeness of the understanding we carried before grasping the truth of the cross.

It's at the cross the old man dies. There are four beasts, which are four living creatures. When they first begin, they're beasts, because this is the understanding you have that is not redeemed. Once they are redeemed, they become living creatures, and there is another name for them - it's the 144,000.

Now, I know if somebody's listening to this and you've never heard the other podcast, you don't even know where I'm coming from. But everything can be proven scripturally, easily. We're just not doing that today. We're building on what we have.

So these four living creatures, or these four beasts, are going to have a sanctified and an unsanctified meaning. Why? As a beast, it's unsanctified. As a living creature, it's been redeemed and sanctified. This is nothing more than the understanding you're carrying, and each one of the old men was in confusion but was redeemed.

So looking at these beasts, or the four living creatures, in Revelation chapter 4, I want to read verse 6.

Rev 4:6 Before the throne there was a sea of glass like crystal: in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, are four beasts or living creatures. They're full of eyes (it means they're full of understanding) before and behind (or future and past. This is the understanding the believer has.)

Rev 4:7 The first is like a lion, the second a calf, the third a man, the fourth as a flying eagle.

Now, this is what is going to be described in the seals, because when Jesus opens the seals, which is simply the mind of the believer, he is showing you where you have come from and why you are the way you are, which, for us as believers, we have gone through this process.

But never have we turned around and looked at the universal church to get a description of where they are. They are where we were, and we can have compassion on them and patience because we recognize the struggles people are having and the pride that rises up. Remember, *they're twofold the child of Gehenna than they were at the beginning* (Mat 23:15). Gehenna is that anger. And when you take a person and tell them, "You are saved," and then somebody else comes along and describes something that proves they're not, people cannot deal with that. They get angry at you for telling them the truth, which is John 7:7. Jesus says, *"The world can't hate you, but it hates me because I testify of it."*

That is exactly what happens when the truth is given. You're testifying of the falsehood, the iniquity of the people in the world who are the people in the church, the apostate

churches. So it's hard to deal with. There are people right now that if they were to listen to this podcast, they would already have turned it off. They can't deal with it. It doesn't make sense to them. But here, these thoughts that we have, at first, it's iniquity... and it's the lion, the calf, the man, and the flying eagle.

But sanctified, instead of a *lion*, it's a *king*. Instead of the *ox*, it's a *priest*. Instead of the *face of a man*, see, the negative would be a Pharisee, which fits with what you're reading here. They're measuring, weighing the words of God. You become a *son of man* instead. You're humbled. Instead of a *flying eagle*, that is *divine nature*. All of these things take on a new meaning for those who have cried out for help, and the Lord has answered their prayers.

If that hasn't happened, then you're dealing with a mess which is described in these seals. I would like to take the time to get into these. You know, just studying these, you could spend a whole podcast just on one seal. I do want to get into these. I do want us to understand. But for today, I want to get to the place where you understand how the true church of God is redeemed from these beasts and becomes living creatures. The living creatures dwell within the human heart.

See, if you look at the fifth seal, you see a cry for help. You see, in verse 9,

Rev 6:9 When he opens the fifth seal, there's under the altar the souls of them that were slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they held.

Under the altar, the souls... When you go back to the Old Testament, and you read where the animal would be slain, and its blood would be poured out at the bottom of the altar... *the souls of them are poured out*. In other words, these people have come before God and cried out for help, pouring out their souls, crying out for God to help them because they have recognized each one of the stages they have been through... where you finally reach this pale horse, and you realize God is not in it. Trust me, there are people out there right now representing that pale horse.

Remember, the horses are the people. The rider on the horse is the understanding they possess. So, riding that pale horse, the thinking that they understand- what is that? Death and hell. So there are people out there who are in absolute confusion, and they're

not asking for help. The people that I am ministering to have asked for help. How did the Lord help us? Well, you see, in the sixth seal, verse 12,

Rev 6:12 He opens the sixth seal, and (there is great conviction) an earthquake. And the sun (the way they are perceiving Christ) is black as sackcloth of hair, (the way they're reading the Bible) the moon is red as blood.

Rev 6:13 And all the stars (all the truths, all the heavenly truths) just fall to the earth...

Rev 6:14 And their heavens are closed...

There's another word for this. It's called the Day of the Lord. The Day of the Lord is when Christ is revealed to an individual. Each person who calls in on that conference, each person has experienced the Day of the Lord. They have realized that their understanding of the Son of God was wrong, and they're growing in light to understand him and what happened at the cross. Their understanding, the way they've been reading the Bible, was so literal, and they needed spiritual input. All of the truths that they thought to be true just fell to the ground, and their heavens are being closed like a scroll. The heavens are the way you think God thinks.

This is the only way that you come out of this and live. This is it. If there's anybody out there you're wanting to listen to, if they have not experienced the Day of the Lord, I'm warning you, please leave them alone. They cannot help you. There is only one bullock. There is one guy treading out that corn for us, the wheat and the barley, and that is who we need to rely on. If they do not have an understanding of the sun, the moon, and the stars, and the heavens, they cannot help you. They are part of the apostasy. There may be elements of truth that they have, but they need to understand the day of the Lord.

The Day of the Lord is going to come on this world when the gospel goes to all the world for a witness to all nations... the Day of the Lord, a revealing of Jesus Christ. I think this is exactly what is meant when we read in Revelation 1, where John says, "*I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day...*" (Rev 1:10). People have tried to make that either Saturday or Sunday. It isn't either one. The Lord's Day is the Day of the Lord. How do I know that? Because John is being given the revealing of Jesus, the revelation of Jesus. That's the Day of the Lord.

So when the gospel is being given, Jesus is being revealed. They will not take that lying down. Revealing the truth of Jesus will cause a tribulation against the church of God. At the end of this tribulation, Matthew 24:29,

Mat 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, the stars of the heavens shall fall, the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

See what's happening there. That is already described in the sixth seal. Let me read this again in the sixth seal, verse 12.

Rev 6:12 When he opens the sixth seal (showing you this understanding that you have) there becomes great conviction. The sun is then black (they recognize they don't understand Jesus). The moon is red (they recognize it's a spiritual book).

Rev 6:13 The stars of heaven (what they thought to be true) fall to the ground, even as a fig tree casts her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

Rev 6:14 The heavens depart as a scroll...

Rev 6:15 The kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the chief captains, the mighty men, every bondman, and free man, they hide themselves in the dens and in the rocks;

Rev 6:16 And they say to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us (mountains and rocks: Mountains are doctrines, rocks are concepts). Hide us from the face of him that sits on the throne.

We know from 2 Corinthians 4:6 - we see him who sits on the throne in the face of Jesus. The wrath of the Lamb is against the iniquity. The last verse of Revelation 6,

Rev 6:17 The great day of his wrath has come...

See, this is the revealing of Christ. So when I look at this in Matthew 24, that's what you're seeing. Verse 29 again,

Mat 24:29 The sun is darkened, the moon doesn't give its light, the stars fall from heaven, the powers of the heavens are shaken.

Then you will see the church being sent to Jacob. So what are we saying? The people who are in the apostate church are going to be given their chance. For those who receive it, they will have a Revelation chapter 6 sixth seal experience. For those who will not allow their sun to be darkened, their moon red, and the stars to fall, well, their sun, moon, and stars will no longer have any light. It is the Day of the Lord.

Again, we are being given truth, preparing for the Day of the Lord to share this truth with those who have ears to hear. Anybody who has experienced the Day of the Lord and come out of it stronger, believing in the Father, the Son, and understanding the Holy Spirit- those are the people who belong in God's church. Those are the people I am ministering to on that conference. The people who cannot deal with it, the Lord is going to shake the heavens and the earth.

When he shakes the heavens, what is that? What you think God believes- the heavens are how you think God understands. He will shake the heavens, and the earth will be moved out of its place. That is what is getting ready to happen, and anybody who survives that comes out on top. Anybody who can survive that can be used of God to help other people grow in their understanding and be saved.

If I could just take a couple of minutes and address the people who have dealt with the Day of the Lord, the people who have heard the truth and received the truth. I want to show you how the Lord describes their understanding. Revelation chapter 4, verse 1.

Rev 4:1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in the heavens: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up here (or ascend up), and I'm going to show you things which must be hereafter (or after those seven churches).

So when I read this, I realize I'm talking about people that will dial in on that conference and participate, receiving the gospel, believing the gospel, acting on the gospel.

Rev 4:2 Immediately I came to be in the spirit, and there was a throne set in the heavens, and one sat on the throne.

Now, you're looking into the mindset of the people who have faced the Day of the Lord and gone through the changes that take place. The new sun, a new way of seeing the moon; the stars are no longer fallen to the earth. You have a new heaven, a new earth. Well, you see one on the throne. You see the Father and,

Rev 4:3 He that sat on that throne (of the conscience) to look upon was like a jasper and sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne...

The rainbow is the symbol God gave after the flood that there would be no more iniquity covering your earth. So if I'm looking into the mind of the people who have received this truth (and again, in my mind, these are the people calling in on the conference), they have an understanding of the gospel. The gospel is that Jesus died to redeem you from all iniquity, and that is how they see God on the throne, giving the promise that you'll be free from all iniquity.

Rev 4:4 Round about that throne (of the conscience), were the twenty-four elders (which are six times four - are four old men, the old man, fulfilled), ...

Because you have come to the place of the cross, "Into your hands I commit my spirit," and you die. This is a fullness of that.

Rev 4:4 ... Sitting, clothed in white raiment, and they had on their heads crowns of gold.
Rev 4:5 Out of the throne proceeded light (light is flashing; from that flashing light comes) thunderings (or rebuke, the rebukes of life, the instruction of life), and there are voices (of the bride and the bridegroom). There are seven lamps of fire burning before the throne. These are the seven Spirits of God.

Remember now, if this is in your understanding, you possess this. And if you look at chapter 5, verse 6,

Rev 5:6 In the midst of the throne and the four living creatures, in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain. (You have an understanding of Christ.) He has the seven horns and seven eyes. These are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the world.

So if you possess Christ on that level, you come back to chapter 4, verse 5,

Rev 4:5 ... There are seven lamps of fire burning before the throne. These are the seven Spirits of God.

And that's what I hope that we can understand. Seven spirits; the lamps are seven spirits. It's a fullness of the Spirit. I think of that scripture in Ephesians 1, verse 3,

Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of Jesus, who has blessed us with all or every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies with Christ.

In possessing that truth of the Savior, and you possess... you know, there's one on the throne, the Father, the Son, and a fullness of that Spirit. You have been given every spiritual blessing. You see this in Zechariah 3:8.

Zec 3:8 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you, and your fellows that sit before you: They are men of symbol... (LITV)

King James put "men wondered at." Again, to me, these are the people who have received the truth. They call in on this conference with a full understanding, believing the Father brought forth his Son and through him gave us the Holy Spirit by means of the cross. These are men of symbol. If you are not a man of symbol, you are not going to understand Revelation 4 and 5. You're not going to understand the cross. If this is who you are, this is who we're ministering to. You're men of symbol.

Zec 3:8 ... Behold, I will bring forth my servant, the BRANCH. (Remember, the branch and the priest, or the lamb and the ram.) I'll bring forth my servant, the BRANCH. (But notice what he says.)

Zec 3:9 For behold, the stone (or the concept) that I have laid before the high priest, Joshua; upon one stone (is a fullness of understanding), seven eyes. I will engrave the graving of it, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

One day is the sixth day. You're calling in on the conference because you agree with what we're teaching? His promise is that he will remove the iniquity in one day. We have entered into the sixth day of creation.

Zec 4:10 Who has despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and see the stone of tin (a tool used to keep the wall straight) in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven. They are the eyes of Jehovah, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

The understanding of God coming through Zerubbabel, holding the stone of tin, keeping the wall straight, ministering to people who are men of symbol, who possess in their conscience one on the throne, having seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which is a fullness of the Spirit, understanding the Lamb that was slain who is now standing, having the seven horns and seven eyes...

See, these symbols received into your heart show you who you are and what you're capable of and how the Lord is looking at you, wanting to complete us and make us in the image of his only begotten Son. He will remove the iniquity in one day. That is the day we are in.

I am going to do some podcasts - I don't know how many, but I want to cover the seals of Revelation chapter 6 in light of the apostate church. Again, we have been there and experienced this. But the Lord is giving me insight into what these things mean: the horses and the living creatures and the colors of the horses, just all of this.

Why? Because I'm seeing it so plainly. As I listen to these people teach, I don't mean any disrespect, but honestly, I am stunned at what I see. And you know what? I see myself. I used to be in that camp of believing these things. I always thought if you could use your Bible and show me, I would change. But you better be able to do that, or I'm not going to change.

I pray that all of us have enough information to help even the most hardcore Pharisee recognize the folly of where he is. That is my prayer. I want to see the church grow in Bible knowledge and experience the faith of Christ and the cross, and be able to help these people and to be able to do it in gentleness with longsuffering.

That is my prayer for myself and for this church: to recognize that the day of the Lord is just upon the world, and we're the ones who are going to bring it as God uses us to save those who have ears to hear.

Father, please help us to glorify you. In Jesus' name, Amen.