

Words of Wisdom by **John T Polk II** For <u>WECO FM 101.3</u> and <u>The Fellowship Room</u>

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

2-20-2017 The Woe of "Roe"

69-year-old Norma McCorvey died of heart failure at an assisted living center in Katy, Texas on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017. She was the "Jane Roe" of the "Roe v. Wade" case in which the United States Supreme Court, on January 22, 1973, ruled in Section IX B,

We need not resolve the difficult question of when life begins. When those trained in the respective disciplines of medicine, philosophy, and theology are unable to arrive at any consensus, the judiciary, at this point in the development of man's knowledge, is not in a position to speculate as to the answer.

The entire ruling depended upon the Judges' confusion over, and ignorance of, when exactly life begins in pregnancy!

Jesus noted that a birth mother forgets birth pains,

"... For joy that a human being has been born into the world" (John 16:21).

McCorvey died an anti-abortionist.

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2-21-2017 The War In Heaven

In Revelation 12, after the war in heaven,

The great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, 'Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down' (**Revelation 12:7-11**).

Heading to the cross, Jesus said,

"Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out" (John 12:31).

His cross cast the Devil down. John wrote,

For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil (**1 John 3:8**).

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2-22-2017 Victory Without Armageddon

Jesus proved God's power is greater than the Devil's, because

[He] cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him (Mark 1:34).

Jesus proved the Devil could not stop God's plan to save through Jesus.

And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin (**1 John 3:5**).

Jesus prophesied that nothing the Devil could do would wipe out the church of Christ. After Peter confessed Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16), Jesus replied,

"And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18).

There will be no battle of "Armageddon" to prove Jesus has won.

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2-23-2017 Book of Revelation Not Future

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants- things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John (**Revelation 1:1**).

So the Apostle John opened the Book of Revelation. Whatever it says in signs and word pictures, were "things which must shortly take place." That word, "shortly" is used by the inspired writer to close the Book:

And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place (**Revelation 22:6**).

At the beginning and end of the Book, God said the things in it were soon to happen. Peter warned that,

Untaught and unstable people twist [scriptures] to their own destruction (**2 Peter 3:16**).

The Book of Revelation does not predict the future! Let the Bible speak!

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2-24-2017 Book of Revelation Obeyed

[John] bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw. Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near (**Revelation 1:2-3**).

- 1) Readers should "read," "hear," and "keep" what is written in a book "revealing Jesus." That would be impossible if it describes events preceding the end of the world, or so open-ended that it is confusing and not clear!
- 2) The Book says "the time is near," or "at hand," meaning, close to the 1st Century readers, and closes with:

Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand (**Revelation 22:10**).

From beginning to end, the Book of Revelation dealt with 1st Century events, not future history!

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