

SUMMARY: APPROACH TO DETERMINE AND UNDERSTAND ENDTIMES BIBLE PROPHECY

Bible interpreters have many views for how the endtimes will unfold with conflicting tenets. They have stood side by side for many years without resolution.

The solution is found when we approach our study from God's Plan for history perspective and place prophecy in its end phase. Warning: the endtimes can soon unfold. What will happen when they come is shared. Be prepared.

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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND CONSIDERATIONS

NEWSLETTER CONTENTS - This newsletter presents the approach and discussion of doctrines that allows us to determine, without ambiguity, the general sequence as to how the endtimes unfold. It presents this approach in summary, showing and discussing the doctrines involved. The details and Scripture development can be read in my reference documents and book, available from this website. The results of the prophecy study, showing how the endtimes unfold, are also shown. With a system engineering background I have worked to show how the Bible puts its events together to implement God's Plan for history - its beginning, its duration, and its termination.

REFERENCES AND INVITATION - I invite all readers to read the referenced documents (and book) and others on my web site. They help us understand God's Plan for history, prophecy, why we are here, and what God plans to do with us. These documents for background are: (1) *The Greatness of God Must be Central*; (2) *The Pattern View of Prophecy Shows Clearly the Rapture Will Come Post-Tribulation and the 1000 Years During Christ's Second Coming*; (3) *Scenario as to How the Endtimes Will Unfold*; (4) *The Jewish Situation*, and my book: *Watchman Warning*. These documents and book provide foundational teachings that can greatly bless your life. They show how endtimes prophecy unfolds and what we will experience as they do.

ENDTIMES PROPHECY SITUATION - In the published literature, biblical interpreters have established more than six different views of endtimes Bible prophecy with conflicting tenets. These views have stood side by side for many years without resolution and general acceptance to one view. In their views, interpreters have time sequenced every possibility for Daniel's seventieth week, the Church's Rapture, the endtimes Tribulation, not having an endtimes Tribulation, Christ's Second Coming, and Revelation's 1000 years. The majority views, held at least in the United States, are the Dispensational View with a Pre-Tribulation Rapture and a Jewish Golden-Age Millennium following Christ's Second Coming and the Amillennial View with a Post-Tribulation Rapture with the 1000 years occurring in the Church Period. There are other views that do not have an endtimes Tribulation such as the Post-Millennial and Reconstructionist Views. Another view has a Post-Tribulation Rapture followed by a Jewish Golden-Age Millennium.

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NEWSLETTER PURPOSE - This newsletter presents the approach and key doctrines that help us determine the Bible's teachings on endtimes Bible Prophecy. It presents a systematic study beginning with God's Plan and summarizes what we believe to be the correct biblical prophetic view. Prophecy is complex with many doctrines and principles to consider. It is our hope that the resulting view can bring a consolidation of the churches to one prophetic view. I believe this can happen if Bible students will read and study this newsletter and especially my reports and book, listed in the References, with the Scriptures discussed. See my website for these reports and book. The reports are free and can be downloaded.

STUDY RESULTS - Our study results show that the Bible teaches the Rapture will and can only come after Revelation's endtimes Tribulation. It can only come after the heavenly court awards Christ the legal authority after it determines that He has won the spiritual warfare over Satan. It can only come after all the people who are to live, have lived, and have made formal and binding decisions to accept or deny the Gospel.

There definitely is an endtimes Tribulation. Revelation's 1000 years come after the Rapture and during Christ's Second Coming. The 1000 years can be but a day of time. The events of Revelation unfold in a similar sequence to that which happened to Old Testament Israel.

These results come when we see that God's major plan is to mature believers in Christ for the sake in eternity to know and relate to Him toward His fullest. It is to have Christ, our Lord, have first place in all things. Israel as a covenant nation is a means to an end, but not the endpoint itself. All believers are one in Christ without ethnic divisions. They are to become mature in Christ. These observations are key to finding the Bible's teaching on endtimes prophecy.

The details for how Revelation's events unfold and the sequence of the seals, trumpets, and bowls are found in my book: *Watchman Warning*.

ONE NEWSLETTER PURPOSE - One major purpose for this newsletter is to show that the Rapture can only come Post-Tribulation. A Pre-Tribulation Rapture is not possible and will not happen. Signs now signal the Tribulation can come at any time. These signs are a wake up call to ensure we are obeying God as we should. The wake up call is to ensure we are actually training our people, especially our children and youth, to become mature in Christ and to be prepared to stand strong under the coming persecution and most difficult times. We need to have this maturity to know and relate to God toward His fullest now, but especially in eternity. If we were all being matured in Christ as God commands, it might not matter as much what we believed about prophecy. We would be more spiritually prepared to face the coming Tribulation. Thus, one major purpose for knowing God's Plan and prophecy is so we will have the motivation to ensure we train our people, especially our children and youth, to become mature in Christ with a sense of urgency before the Tribulation begins. But are we prepared? It does not look like it, with sufficient adequacy.

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(The details and development are in the referenced reports and book.)

NEEDED BACKGROUND

WHERE TO BEGIN: APPROACH NEEDED TO DETERMINE ENDTIMES PROPHECY - Instead of beginning with prophecy, we begin with a systematic study of God's Plan for all of biblical history (Genesis to Revelation), the spiritual warfare, and how prophecy fits into the end phase of God's Plan. We learn His top level objectives, and see how all the events of biblical history work together to achieve His objectives. With this approach, and finding the Bible's harmonization of over 40 doctrines taken together, and with determining the pattern sequence of Revelation, everything (the main aspects) appears to go into place with

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little if any ambiguity. This study approach helps us to know why we are here, what we are to believe, how we should live, and how the endtimes will unfold. We must know why our earth environment is as it is especially regarding relationships and conditions. We need to know why the spiritual warfare over history. We need to know how God plans to terminate history. Thus, we begin with why God placed us on the earth and what He plans to do with us and why. We study over 40 doctrines that relate in some manner to endtimes prophecy, all part of God's Plan. We place all doctrines in the context of God's Plan. So what is God's Plan?

GOD'S PLAN AND PURPOSE - God planned that, we, humans would know and relate to Him toward His fullest throughout eternity. We, as someone said, will live to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. We will live in His holiness and righteousness by faith and sacrificial love according to His perfect truth and ways. We will live in intimate fellowship first with Him and then with each other. We will live perfect lives without sin. Living this way according to God's perfection is all there is.

Can you imagine living together with God in His absolute perfection and relating to Him in His depth? Desiring to know and relate to God in His depth, would we not pursue maturity in Christ-likeness with commitment and excellence. But what has happened to us? We have lost our thirst to know the Bible and its doctrines comprehensively. We have lost our thirst to evangelize our local areas, especially the children and youth. We have lost the thirst to know God in His Greatness. We are mostly concerned for what God will do for us in this world.

In order to have this relationship and life, we need a mature responsive high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness in relationship living. His purpose for us being on the earth is to gain this spiritual ability with the goal we can know and relate to Him in His perfection throughout eternity. We need to be trained to think and do only what comes from God as a source - now, what is in His Bible, and special leading in agreement with the Bible. (Apart from the Bible, we cannot tell what is of God and what is not. However if we are doing what the Bible says, even if we do not know what it says, we can know that is of God.) When He leads us in all of life and works all things together for good on our behalf, He acts as our God. When considering all of us living this way, He is God all in all. We will respond to His direction by whatever gifting and intelligence He gives us. But these will not be used to determine direction, only response.

So He established the events of our lifetime for us to develop this maturity to occur commensurate with the degree of our responsive obedience. The Lord Jesus Christ is our role model. The relationship of the Father with the Son is the overlay as to how we are to live in righteous head-subordinate relationships. We need to live by love, sacrificially serving Him and each other as we keep His commandments. Doing this, we live holy. We need to live by faith to live without sin, for God to accomplish things in our lives using His promises, and to gain revelation of Him and His ways. In this, we obey the instructions associated with each promise to activate our faith. We need to live in relationships patterned after Christ's walk with the Father for Him to guide our lives and have close fellowship with Him and each other. We need to live by the character qualities for Church leadership to complete the maturity. There is much more.

As suggested earlier (repeated for emphasis), this understanding should give us great incentive and commitment now to learn of His ways and live them out. It should give us incentive to learn and live by God's Greatness. Without beginning here, it may not be possible to appreciate and understand Bible Prophecy and become mature in Christ-likeness.

DISCUSSION OF THE DOCTRINES

(This is a summary. See my reports and book for details.)

BACKGROUND BEGINNING FOR PEOPLE - In order to develop maturity in Christ-likeness, there must be instructions from God to follow, results if they are not followed, on-the-job training for development where mistakes can and will be made, and where success can be achieved. However, mistakes in the relationship

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area are sin. This sin requires God's Justice to be satisfied.

God knew who would choose Him. He calls them His elect. He knew the works they would do in obedience to Him, keeping His commandments. The names of the elect and the works He knew they would do were placed into books that Christ and Satan and all the angels could not see. He placed the names of all people who would ever live in the Book of Life. He placed the actual works that people do in the Book of Works as they happen. If a person does not accept Him in life before death, that name would be erased from the Book of Life. At the judgment, those persons whose names are not found written in the Book of Life, having rejected God's love of the Cross for salvation, will be cast into the Lake of Fire for eternity. This is an alternate way for God to satisfy His Justice for sin. God will satisfy His Justice applying His love in the Cross or in the Lake of Fire.

God established a spiritual warfare between Christ with the holy angels and Satan with the evil angels. This warfare provides the development environment so that believers can mature in Christ-likeness. Christ is to bring the elect to believe, accomplish God's work, and bring the elect as they respond to maturity in Christ. Satan is to prevent any of the elect from believing, prevent the elect from accomplishing any of God's work, and to establish world government over which he and his man would rule. Before man was created, Satan and His angels are sentenced to be placed eternally in the Lake of Fire. If Satan and his angels can accomplish the above, showing they can work all things together for their good, God will exonerate them from this sentence. Otherwise, they will be cast into the Lake of Fire after human history. The latter will happen.

The major issue is who is qualified to work all things together for good. For God to be God, He must be the one. And He is the only one qualified to do so. Satan in attempting to prevent some of the elect from believing and accomplishing some of God's work, is himself attempting to work all things together for his good. ***In attempting to work all things together for good ourselves, we act like the Most High God. This is major sin.*** This is what Satan did and attempts to do now.

If one believes that only God is qualified (which is the truth), then one will take direction only from God, and never act independent from Him. One will appreciate God's Greatness. This is how our Lord lives. On the other hand, if one believes he or she is qualified to do so, they will attempt to work all things together for good. But since created beings (both angels and humans) are unable, they will transgress God's perfect spiritual laws, sinning. Satan attempting to do this, can be original sin.

Thus, Christ will lead mankind to obey God allowing Him to work all things together for good. On the other hand, Satan will lead and deceive us in an attempt for us, including the Church, to work all things together for good ourselves, thus sinning. We have no inherent ability. We do not know our entire circumstances. Thus, the overlay situation is either the Greatness of God (the Bible) or some great ability in man (from the mind of man) will be depended upon to work all things together for good. The tests we face are always who will work all things together for good, obeying God so He will do it, or doing it ourselves believing we can (being enamored with self, by default, being untrained, or from ignorance. When we do it, we act from some degree of pride.) If we appreciated God's Greatness we would obey God so that He alone works all things together for good. God does this for us when we trust Him by faith to do so and we activate our faith from love keeping His commandments and from purpose help accomplish His work. When we accomplish His work, we glorify Him. Our Lord said that He glorified the Father, because He accomplished all the work His Father gave Him to do. Thus, our lives should be centered in the worship of God, living godly from love, and being involved in the accomplishment of His work. ***Are we training our people to do these things? It is the main way we bring people to maturity in Christ.***

WHAT MUST BE UNDERSTOOD - If we are to understand prophecy, we must see how all of biblical history's events bring us to become mature in Christ with Him alone having first place, and how the events and results of the spiritual warfare lead to how God chooses to terminate history. We must see that the

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Covenant Nation of Israel is only a means to an end and is not an end itself. We must see that all believers are in the Church. We must see that many prophecies that are written in story form in the Old Testament are actually fulfilled in relationships in the New Testament. The Old and New Testaments were written this way because of the spiritual warfare. God keeps the warfare fair to Him, to Christ, to Satan, and to mankind. One must see the mysteries in the New Testament that help us explain things in the Old Testament. The mystery information was withheld so to require the Jews to live by faith. If the Jews and Satan knew the mystery information they would not have Crucified Christ, the Lord of Glory. ***By Satan having Christ Crucified, he caused his own defeat. This is because believers are now transferred from his Dominion under his eternal control into the Kingdom of God under Christ's eternal control. This is God's wisdom. We cause our own defeat by not obeying - by our attempting to work all things together for good.***

The Jewish leaders did not live by faith that was required to learn the Scriptures that would allow them to recognize their Messiah when He came. They were looking for the Messiah to bring a return of a free nation and kingdom of Israel (Like many prophecy students today wrongly are). Because our Lord only offered the Kingdom of God, they thought He was in the way or was not needed for a restoral of Israel's Kingdom. So they requested the Romans crucify Him. On the other hand, Satan had our Lord crucified because He might bring an earthly kingdom. Satan wanted his man, not Christ, to rule the world. Also Satan, as an unbeliever, did not understand in advance that God would bring a substitutionary satisfaction of His own Justice so man would not have to go the Lake of Fire. We do not know if any satisfied Justice was offered to Satan. But proud people, who will not bow their knees to God and Christ, generally are not savable. They want to remain in charge. They reject God's love and do not have an appreciation for God's extreme Greatness.

THE INITIAL TESTS AND THEIR RESULTS IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN - God created and placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. They were perfect, without sin, and immature. They did not understand much about God. Christ walked in the Garden with them. He possessed control of the Kingdom of God and the Title Deed of the Earth. Adam and Eve were in the Kingdom of God under Christ's eternal control.

Satan, as allowed by God, comes into the Garden to spiritually deceive Adam and Eve. The deception was that if they had the knowledge of good and evil, they would be wise. This would allow them to work all things together for their good themselves. Satan told them that they would not die. So they ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil to gain this capability. Christ had told them previously to eat of the garden's fruit except from this tree. He told them if they did, they would die. They did not believe Him and were deceived by Satan. (We are deceived when we knowingly disobey God's Word - when we go our own way, instead of the way of God.).

When they ate of the tree, several things happened. Adam and Eve received depraved natures that do not seek after God, sin, and have no ability to become mature in Christ. Further they came under God's condemnation requiring a Justice to be satisfied for sin. They were transferred into the Dominion of Satan from the Kingdom of God, now under Satan's eternal control. Satan usurped from Christ the Kingdom of God that became the Kingdom of the World and the Title Deed of the Earth. Satan is now the god of all people. All people are now born in the Dominion of Satan with depraved natures that cannot become mature in Christ and do not seek after God. Their sin places them under God's condemnation. If nothing happens in their lifetime, they will be cast into the Lake of Fire after their death and resurrection for a way for God to satisfy His Justice for sin.

MAN'S PROBLEMS AND THEIR SOLUTIONS - Man now has four problems: (1) He needs a divine nature in order to pursue maturity in Christ; (2) He needs for God to work in him for him to seek after God so he can be saved; (3) He needs for God in some way to satisfy His Own Justice for sin in order to avoid him going to the Lake of Fire - man is without ability; and (4) He must be transferred into the Kingdom of God to be under Christ's eternal control in order to be with God and Christ in the new Jerusalem for all eternity.

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God brought the solutions. Christ died on the Cross satisfying God's Justice for sin. After the Cross, at His Ascension into heaven, Christ received all power in heaven and in earth. This power allowed Him now to transfer believers from the Dominion of Satan under his eternal control into the Kingdom of God under Christ's eternal control. Thus, when a person believes in Christ's Cross with His death, burial, and resurrection, as God works in him, God's condemnation is removed. He receives a new divine nature that allows him to pursue maturity in Christ-likeness. He is transferred into the Kingdom of God. As such, he now becomes the Church of Christ. The Church is defined as having believed in Christ's Cross, one has been transferred from the Dominion of Satan into the Kingdom of God. One cannot be a believer in the Cross without being part of the Church.

In His earthy ministry, Christ taught one to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness so one could be saved and have an intimate relationship with God, living by His righteousness. The Kingdom of God is over all things. Those saved have personal relationships with God in this Kingdom. Christ and the New Testament never taught a return of Israel as a covenant nation. A return of Israel was not needed for salvation or in the maturing process. The New Testament speaks much of the Kingdom of God being here now and never a return of Israel as a covenant nation. It speaks that the Jews of promise would become believers in Christ. (Be sure to note that the Kingdom of Israel is not equatable to the Kingdom of God. They are entirely different kingdoms.) But being in the land is not mentioned in the Bible after the Cross. After the Cross, being in Israel's land has no spiritual importance or purpose in God's Plan. The nation of Israel had a vital role before the Cross to bring the law as a tutor to lead people to Christ, bring Bible books, and be the genealogy of our Lord. In the Old Testament times, there were many less people living then in comparison to the billions living today. Bringing people back into the land of Israel has no purpose after the Cross.

The Old Testament believers were justified before God, but until the Cross came, they were held in custody and captive under the Law of Sin and Death. They were saved, but still remained in the Dominion of Satan. After His Ascension and receiving all power in heaven and in earth, Christ took those believers captive who were being held captive under the Law to heaven with Him. They then were translated into the Kingdom of God and became part of the Church.

In the Old Testament times and before the Cross, our main purpose for being on the earth was to pursue and gain a mature high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness in relationship living. The Bible appears to teach little about it in the Old Testament because of the spiritual warfare. But if the people would obey God, they could have this maturity without being taught much about it as a topic.

The Church Period is for the purpose for all the rest of people to live. Believers are to pursue becoming mature in Christ. They do this by worshiping God, living godly, and helping to accomplish God's work.

We need this in eternity to know and to relate to God toward His fullness. The Bible implies that whatever spiritual ability we have at death we can have forever. This teaching is implied by God commanding us to pursue this maturity, all of the biblical events over history lead to this result, our current development environment of the world, flesh, and the devil with sin is not allowed in heaven, and God created us with immaturity.

Not to pursue mature high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness in relationship living is to miss God's major plan for us. It is spiritual folly. We are not here just to gain eternal life salvation in Christ, even though it is most vital. BEING GREATLY MATURE, WE WILL BE MORE INVOLVED IN GOD'S WORK AND, AS A RESULT, WE WILL GLORIFY GOD MUCH MORE. WE SHOULD WANT TO DO THIS.

WHAT ELSE THE CROSS ACCOMPLISHED - The Cross broke down the barrier of the dividing wall between the Jew and Gentile. In Christ, as believers in the Cross, there are now no ethnic divisions. There

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is no longer Jew or Gentile, male or female, bond or free. All are one in Christ. Only Christ now can have preeminence and first place in all things. The Cross also set aside the Jewish worship system of animal sacrifices and temples forever. They will never return in God's Plan even though they might in Satan's. The Church is now to be living sacrifices and is the sanctuary of God. ***To bring back the Covenant Nation of Israel with her worship system with temples and animal sacrifices is now contrary to God's Plan for people. It denies the Cross and its efficaciousness. Bringing back Israel with her worship system has no purpose. It would be an affront to God and to Christ. The Bible teaches that anyone worshipping in the Jewish system and then having enlightenment in the Cross, and then returns to the Jewish system, cannot be saved. They cannot come to repentance. Thus, after the Cross, God will not bring back the Jewish system of worship.***

Christ was married to the Covenant Nation of Israel in her history. He divorced the Northern Kingdom in Old Testament history (taught in a direct teaching). He divorced the Southern Kingdom at the Cross when the Jewish leaders said let His blood be on us and on our children. They were making a blood covenant with God to never receive Christ forever as their Messiah. In both cases, the people of both kingdoms had in effect abandoned the marriage and would not return. Unbeliever permanent desertion from the marriage is a righteous reason for divorce. We know that the divorce took place because Christ is now marrying the Church. By His own laws, He cannot have two wives at the same time. Israel at any time consisted mostly of unbelievers even though they went through the Jewish rituals. ***However, God has not forsaken the Jews in any way. They, as believers in the Cross, can have all that God offers anyone: salvation in Christ to go to the new Jerusalem and maturity in Christ so they can know and relate to the living God toward His fullest. In overlay, there is nothing else. What else is there?***

THE ENDTIMES PATTERN SEQUENCE - God established a sequence by how he disciplined and ended the future of the Jewish Covenant Nation. It is described in Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28. Israel was a favored nation. God gave her great blessing in her obedience. But placed her under the rule of a world government in her disobedience for divine discipline. Then after the discipline period was over, He brought Israel back into the land of Israel and then destroyed the world government.

In these endtimes, God has established another sequence with the United States as a favored nation as a means to help terminate history. The United States has been greatly blessed by God more than any other nation in history by orders of magnitude. Her characteristics match those of Israel. (No other nation including England meets these requirements and characteristics.)

These matching characteristics include: (1) begins in obedience, ends in disobedience; (2) Is more sinful than the surrounding nations; (3) no one believes that an enemy will take her over; (4) God makes her a beautiful and most successful nation; (5) she is the center of nations; (6) trusts in her beauty and plays the role of a harlot in reverse - pays her lovers; (7) offers food to those who accept her harlotry; (8) she sacrifices her children (sex, abortion, drugs, false ideologies, poor education, etc.); (9) has biblical signs of apostasy in her end time period; and (10) in her beginning, has a mandate to take the Gospel to the nations which she does. Her history follows the pattern for Israel to a large degree: Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28.

But now the American people are turning away from God. So God will place the United States and other nations under world government for divine discipline. This will be the period of the endtimes Tribulation period. After the Tribulation, God will deliver His people in Rapture to Himself and destroy the remaining people because they can no longer be saved. Because the sequence repeats, I call it a Pattern Sequence. Thus, I call my prophecy view *The Pattern View of Prophecy*. This sequence is developed in detail in my book: *Watchman Warning*.

SUMMARY: PURPOSES FOR THE TRIBULATION - The purpose of the endtimes Tribulation is threefold. One is to formally and bindingly polarize the beliefs of all who would live to accept or deny the Gospel.

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Another is how Christ gains back the Title Deed of the earth from Satan. Revelation's events unfold according to a scroll. God uses scrolls for how one wins back their property. The third is for God to bring divine discipline on the Church and nations as they fall away from Him in the endtimes special sequence. He establishes an endtimes sequence and the United States as a favored nation for this to occur. This is God's method for how He terminates history.

THE BASIS FOR GOD BRINGING THE TRIBULATION AND FOR TERMINATING HISTORY - Bring the Tribulation - In order for God to bring the endtimes Tribulation, the endtimes sequence must be in process and the most favored nation must have major sin. When this sin in the nation as a whole and in the Church, God brings divine discipline implemented by the endtimes Tribulation. Only God knows when the sin has matured to this state by which He brings the discipline. But the favored nation (the United States) is in place and now the signs all around us signal it can come at any time.

Terminate History and Bring the Rapture - In order for God to terminate history, according to His Plan, all people who are to live, must have lived, and must have made formal binding decisions to accept or deny the Gospel in life (or by death). In other words, the entire world must be formally polarized in their beliefs. The Bible teaches that the wheat (believers) cannot be separated from the tares (unbelievers) until after the tares are bundled for the fire. This bundling occurs during the Mark-of-the-Beast system in the endtimes Great Tribulation that occurs just before Christ's Second Coming. One must take the Mark of the Beast in order to buy and sell. If one does not take the mark, they are killed. By taking the mark, one formally denies the Cross and has Satan worship. One can no longer be saved. Thus, the Mark-of-the-Beast period causes all who are not believers to make a formal choice. The Bible also teaches that Christ sits in heaven at the right hand of God until all His enemies become His footstool or under His authority. People officially become His permanent enemies as they formally deny the Gospel in the endtimes Great Tribulation. These teachings signal that the Rapture of the Church (deliverance of God's people) cannot take place until after the Great Tribulation.

Another requirement is to determine whether or not all the elect did actually believe and whether or not they actually accomplished God's chosen works. The Bible teaches that the heavenly court after the Tribulation at the time of the seventh trumpet opens the books. It determines that Christ has won the spiritual warfare over Satan. The court determines that all the elect did actually believe, and they did actually accomplish all of God's work. As a result of this determination, the court awards Christ the Kingdom of the World that becomes the Kingdom of God and also the Title Deed of the Earth. These awards give our Lord the legal authority, according the spiritual warfare, to rapture the Church and bring the final resurrections and Judgments.

After this time, during the time of the bowls in the 1000 years (a day of time), the Church after her Rapture reigns with Christ. They determine whether or not any people left can be saved. None do. None repent. Thus, Christ with the holy angels, using the rod of iron and wine press operations, kill all the raving people. They can no longer be saved. This is when Armageddon occurs. Satan and his angels are cast into the Lake of Fire. Then we have the eternal states with the Church going to the New Jerusalem and all the unbelievers going to the Lake of Fire. The Church is rewarded and the unbelievers are judged according to their deeds.

Should Know God's Criteria For Events

If we are to know prophecy, we need to know God's criteria that He has planned that must be fulfilled in order to know when He will bring the Rapture, the tribulation, and the 1000 years by His established Plan.

There is an engineering idiom that helps us to stay on course by doing more work and being more thorough than we might otherwise be.

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"Do not think what you want to think until you know what you should know."

The Rapture can only come after Christ is awarded full and legal authority by the heavenly court after it has determined that He has won the spiritual warfare over Satan. This determination is made after all people have lived and have made formal decisions in life or by death to accept or deny the Gospel. This award is based on the fact, that at that time, all the elect did actually believe and the elect did actually accomplish all of God's work. The court decision is made at Revelation's seventh trumpet that occurs after the Great Tribulation.

The Tribulation can only begin after the endtimes Pattern Sequence has been started or initiated by God and the sin of the Church and the rest of the people has increased to the point that it crosses God's allowable threshold. Signs and conditions in the world, according the Pattern sequence, signal and warn us when this might occur, even though only God knows the timing. These signs are now all around us. Only God knows how mature the signs must become before He brings the Tribulation. This criteria is presented in more detail in the following sections.

DISCUSSION OF A FEW DOCTRINES THAT SHOW THE RAPTURE IS POST-TRIBULATIONAL

(See my prophecy reports for detailed discussion of these and many other doctrines.
There are many to consider.)

We must see that all of Daniel's seventy weeks in Daniel 9 were for the purpose to inform the Jews with chronology when their Messiah would come and bring the New Covenant. The seventieth week has nothing whatever to do with the endtimes Tribulation or the anti-christ. They are not in the context of the passage. The Tribulation can last much longer than seven years. (*Watchman Warning* has a detailed appendix on this doctrine.)

The endtimes Tribulation is all nations in characteristic. A very large number of Gentile believers from all nations die in the Great Tribulation. It is not exclusively Jewish that would be required for a Pre-Tribulation Rapture and be qualified to be the exclusive Jewish seventieth week of Daniel 9:27. We know there is an endtimes Tribulation because Christ casts the persons of the Beast and the False Prophet into the Lake of Fire at His Coming. The Bible calls the endtimes Tribulation in the Greek: the Tribulation, the Great One. The Greek article is used twice.

God is not a God of partiality. He would not keep some of the elect from the Tribulation via a Pre-Tribulation Rapture, and then place a very large number of believers (part of the elect) from all nations in the Tribulation.

The Bible uses the term saint for the Church throughout the epistles. It uses the same word saint for believers in the Tribulation. Thus, the Church is found in the Tribulation.

The wrath the Church will miss is in the Lake of Fire, not the disciplinary action in the Tribulation.

The Bible teaches that Christ's return could be imminent. But it has not happened for over 2000 years. There is no way to force this imminency to occur as the Tribulation begins. It can be imminent just before Christ's Second Coming.

Both Mark 13:27 and 1 Thessalonians 4:17 teach that Christ comes **with** and **for** His saints at the same time at His Second Coming. These Scriptures directly teach a Post-Tribulation Rapture.

Mark 13:27 - "And then He will send forth the angels, and will gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth, to the farthest end of heaven."

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1 Thesalonians 4:17 - Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord.

There is no Bible teaching that states or implies a Pre-Tribulation Rapture or that there will be Jewish Golden-Age Millennium or 1000 year period after Christ's Second Coming. The Bible teaches that there cannot be one. ***The Bible does not teach Dispensational Theology with a Pre-Tribulation Rapture and a Jewish Golden-Age Millennium. It does not teach the tenet of the Amillennial View with the 1000 years in the Church Period unless one defines the duration of the Coming of Christ to be in the Church Period. In any case, they occur after the endtimes Tribulation, after the Mark-of-the-Beast Period.***

After God delivers His people, He destroys the rest because as unbelievers they cannot be saved. There are no believers left to preach the Gospel. Faith is developed by hearing. Thus, there will not be and cannot be a Pre-Tribulation Rapture and there will not be and cannot be a Jewish Golden-Age Millennium.

BOTTOM LINE - Our main purpose for being on earth is to gain maturity in Christ-likeness so we can know and relate to God in His depth throughout eternity. Apart from this there is nothing. And there is the strong and most likely possibility that the maturity we have at death, we will have forever. We can gain more maturity in the Tribulation. Thus, we should now train our people, especially our children and youth, with a sense of urgency because the signs signal the Tribulation can come at any time, and many can die in the first part of the Tribulation.

The sad situation now is that society has changed so that we may no longer be able to mature many. Thus, having first-level training, and sharing the Gospel to the youth, may all that can be done now. It is better that they become Christians and be somewhat immature than to remain as unbelievers that will go to the Lake of Fire. But where we can, we should find those who will respond and train them comprehensively, highly applications oriented, even if it is only a few people. These few people should especially include those in our personal families.

The Rapture can only come after Christ is awarded full and legal authority by the heavenly court after it has determined that He has won the spiritual warfare over Satan. This determination is made after all people have lived and have made formal decisions in life or by death to accept or deny the Gospel. This award is based on the fact, that at that time, all the elect did actually believe and the elect did actually accomplish all of God's work. The court decision is made at Revelation's seventh trumpet that occurs after the Great Tribulation.

The Tribulation can only begin after the endtimes Pattern Sequence has been started or initiated by God and the sin of the Church and the rest of the people has increased to the point that it crosses God's allowable threshold. Signs and conditions in the world, according to the Pattern sequence, signal and warn us when this might occur, even though only God knows the timing. These signs are now all around us. Only God knows how mature the signs must become before He brings the Tribulation. This criteria is presented in more detail in the following sections.

THE ENDTIMES ARE UNFOLDING; WHAT IS HAPPENING; WHAT WILL HAPPEN

IMPACT, CHURCH SITUATION - The impact of many of these prophetic views is that their people believe wrongly that they will miss the Tribulation by the Rapture or that there will not be a Tribulation. Without concern about being in the Tribulation, churches today appear mainly concerned about managing what they have. The Church is now falling away by no longer adequately training with God's Whole Counsel needed to mature her people.

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They do not appear to be adequately concerned about maturing their own people and doing the local area evangelism in the community that God commands. They are not doing critical analysis to determine how well their people are actually being matured and how much local evangelism they are actually doing. They are not observing the signs that signal the Tribulation can soon come and what devastation it will bring on their people, especially their children and youth. They are teaching subjects for spiritual growth. But are they also using a developed curriculum to bring their people to maturity in Christ? For example, the endtimes Church now in the Church Growth Movement is mostly teaching the Milk of the Word in a community setting without also teaching the Meat of the Word. The Emerging Church movement has some strange teachings and beliefs. The churches are growing as they reach out to the youth and young people. They appear more concerned gaining numbers than they are maturing their own people.

What is happening to our churches, particularly in America, is that they have lost their hunger and thirst for God's Word, including for its great doctrines. They have lost their thirst to learn of God's Greatness by a more comprehensive Bible study. People want their needs met, particularly as they see them, not necessarily for how God sees them. We want to use the methods of the world, instead of the methods of God.

In China, the Christians have a great hunger for God's Word and His doctrines. They sit for long time periods taking in His Word. There are now many Christians in China - in the tens of millions. America probably will not change until this hunger returns. It might take great persecution under world government for this to happen. The churches in America need great revival. But it may not happen before the Tribulation comes.

(This may not be entirely true, but it looks as if when God's people generally obey, the country has great prosperity and vice versa. The United States has had great prosperity, because the country has generally honored God. But not the country and Church are walking away from God, the prosperity is in trouble. In China now, God's people are obedient, and the country is gaining much new prosperity. The same could be true for India.)

Without teaching and training comprehensively, we are becoming an immature Church with a loss of biblical intellect. Our Bible knowledge is plateauing. Our young people are growing up now with but little knowledge of the Bible. We are heading into the endtimes with but few knowing how to adequately live the Christian life and do ministry. When the persecution comes, because of the weak foundation, much of the Church can fall away from the faith. We are heading into the darkest spiritual period of history with but few knowing and can teach the Bible. The churches are fueling this situation now.

Our churches may not realize they are falling away from God's requirements. They are doing good things, We all see this. But many if not most are omitting maturing their people and doing area-wide local evangelism. They have much immorality (including now with our high school students) and wrong divorce. They are using the world's rock type music bringing the world into the Church, are speaking in false tongues, and do not see the signs that signal the Tribulation can come at any time. We are moving away from God's best.

They, in their disobedience may not see that they are the primary cause of the Tribulation coming. The Bible teaches that the disciplinary action is coming because His people did not consider their future that discipline would come because of their disobedience. This appears true of many churches today.

From God's perspective, in times of discipline, He brings a famine of His Word and takes away our songs. This is happening now in precursor events by using mainly elementary teaching and rock music taking away the great hymns of the faith.

With proper response, standing strong in Christ without falling away, we can gain more maturity in the Tribulation. ***Apart from knowing and relating to God, there is nothing.***

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WARNING SIGNS - Some of these warning signs and conditions, especially in the favored nation of the United States, that signal the Tribulation can be soon coming are (but not limited to): (1) the acts of God in areas of severe weather, fire storms, mud slides, hurricanes, flooding rains (Katrina for example), tornados (middle west), earthquakes, tidal waves, *especially droughts that effect the food supply and amount of drinking water*, etc; (2) the coming of the endtimes International government (seventh head of Revelation's endtimes Beast); (3) the existence of the favored nation (the characteristics of the United States match those of Israel) and the action of Internationalists as Babylon the Great that rule over International government, secretly from behind the scenes, needed for the Pattern Sequence; (4) great increase in immorality, *particularly sodomy - same sex marriages like in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah*; (5) people calling evil good and cannot discern the difference between the holy and the profane (churches using false tongues and the world's loud rock-type repetitive beat music) and churches and people doing what is right according to their own eyes and teaching mostly pabulum to reach the youth, instead of teaching comprehensibly in depth; (6) the falling away of our churches from carrying out the scope and intent of the Great Commission and the increased sin of the people especially in the favored nation; (7) the famine of God's Word in our churches; churches are now teaching but little of God's Word; They no longer know adequate sound doctrine; (8) the build up of "the northern army" for the invasion of the favored nation (limited numbers of foreign troops are now deployed throughout the United States, Mexico, and Canada, acting under the United Nations for training - watch for sudden larger build up of military forces; (9) unholy reforms are being planned and implemented in our public schools transforming our children to be ready for world government. They are also teaching sodomy in the grammar schools; (10) the peace-peace policy without war in the Russian Glasnost, Pre-Tribulation Rapture Theory; and a general peace condition without war; (11) great debt in the favored nation and in the world; (12) many gods in the land of the favored nation; people hold the favored nation more important than God; (13) people are worshiping the work of their hands, such as products from the chip industry; (14) there are many terrorists groups now (the foreign military that have been here training for over 20 years under the UN) in the United States that could bring the plague and incurable disease; and (15) people have forgotten the true God and no longer fear God, so they increase their disobedience. (The gods of America include the gods of freedom, prosperity, wealth, and free enterprise.) (See *Watchman Warning*, pages 30-34, for more details and the many Scripture references.)

TRIBULATION EVENTS - *The following are most devastating things that most likely will occur when under world government in the coming Tribulation* (They were determined from the events in the Pattern Sequence, Bible prophecies, general Bible teachings, and observing the trends): (1) Our children and youth will be taken from their parents and educated satanically by the state for world government without ever seeing a Bible or hearing the Gospel again; (2) Our missionaries around the world will suddenly be cut off from funding support because of financial crises; (3) Our real estate and savings will be confiscated. People will have to work to gain their living - including retired people; (4) Very few people will know or be able to teach the Bible comprehensively. This situation will worsen as the Tribulation continues; (5) The government will make war with the Church. Christians will be incarcerated and martyred. Church (pastors and teachers) and patriot leaders will be arrested and executed. The Church and country will lose its spiritual and patriotic leadership; (6) Our Church buildings will be taken from us. We need to be in home groups to survive and continue; (7) A one world religion will be forced on all people. It will be against the law to preach the true Gospel and details for Christian Growth. It will be against the law to speak against another's religion as being wrong or that ours is the only correct one. It will be against the law to teach the Bible, particularly Justification for sin: and (8) We will be in the darkest period spiritually speaking of any time in history with few knowing true spiritual things. This situation will worsen as the Tribulation continues. Our churches are fueling this situation now by their reduced teaching of the Bible that results in sin - inadequate obedience of their people. For example, not maturing one's people and not doing local area-wide evangelism as God commands are sins of omission, because God commands that we accomplish them.

WATCHMAN WARNING - *The calamity of the endtimes Tribulation comes suddenly in a whirlwind with no time to prepare. As stated, its coming time is without advanced verified data. We are warned by the signs and by God's Watchman such as by this newsletter. The calamity generally comes when the churches do not expect its coming. That time is now. The churches are working as if the present times will continue long term. They will not. These churches will be caught blind sided and unprepared. This appears to the situation now. How will your Church and people be caught? The fact that you believe in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture or that there will be no future Tribulation and see no need to prepare, will not change the outcome. If you do not prepare, you will be caught blind-sided. As a result many will die without provisions. Children not adequately spiritually prepared, can fall away or be taken away by the satanic training that is coming. Make this situation a matter of great prayer. PREPARE BOTH SPIRITUALLY AND PROVISIONARY WITH URGENCY. DO SO IF FOR NO OTHER REASONS THAN GOD COMMANDS WE MATURE OUR PEOPLE AND AS INSURANCE FOR DISASTER. DO SO IN CASE YOU ARE WRONG ABOUT YOUR PROPHECY VIEW. NOT TO PREPARE WITH BRING GREAT HARM TO YOUR PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY YOUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH. NOT TO PREPARE WITH AS SENSE OF URGENCY, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, IS SPIRITUAL FOLLY.*

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