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**SUMMARY:
GOD'S PLAN FOR HISTORY WITH THE
ENDTIMES PROPHECY DOCTRINES**

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**THE MAIN REASON WE ARE ON THE EARTH
(To seek and have God's Best For Now, But Especially For Eternity)**

The main reason we are on the earth is to gain a mature high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness so that we can know and relate to our perfect God toward the maximum throughout eternity. It is needed so we can help each other to become Christians and gain the needed maturity. Apart from this, there is nothing. Thus, we should pursue this maturity as God commands because it appears the only or one main reason we are on the earth is to gain this maturity. We can expect the maturity we have at death, we can have forever. We need now to be on earth to learn of the greatest love there is that was demonstrated on the Cross by Christ - sacrificial love for the service to others. Our lives now on earth under God should be organized and lived to gain this maturity.

BEFORE HUMAN HISTORY COMES ON THE EARTH

God has always existed from eternity past to eternity future. He exists in the Trinity (triunity) of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Father is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as the most holy and infinite God. Likewise the Son is also Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as the visible image of the invisible God the Father. Everything that exists (that lives) is in the image of God, in a triunity. For example, humans are soul, body, and spirit. When we do things we have a purpose (motivation), implemented with an action, that produces a result.

There were angels on the earth with Satan (Lucifer) heading over them. Satan being enamored with

1. **REFERENCES:** This report is a summary of my website report that develops God's Plan *from the Scriptures: God's Plan Over History for Man to Become Mature in Christ Needed to Eternally Know and Relate to Our Perfect God in His Greatness. The overall situation is multifaceted with many more details that can be presented in this report. Thus, read the detailed web site report.* Afterward, read our February 2009, January 2009, and December 2008 newsletter-reports on my website for more background and understanding. Signs signal the endtimes Tribulation is very-soon coming. Also read my reports on gaining maturity in Christ, *The Pattern View of Prophecy* for how the endtimes unfold, and *The Jewish Situation*. Read especially for what is happening now and how the endtimes unfold: ***The Scenario for How Revelation's Events Unfold.***

2. **THIS REPORT:** ***This report, or one like it, should be read by every Christian.*** Being a summary report, many things could not be included. The referenced reports bring many-many more details. We attempted to bring the major aspects and understanding of the overall plan of God, and how we relate to Him according to His plan.

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Himself, wanted to be equal with the most High God to work all things together for his good. Being unable, he sinned. As a result of their sin, he and his angels were sentenced to the Lake of Fire for eternity to satisfy God's justice for sin - for law breaking. Satan protested the sentence saying he should be allowed (another) opportunity to work all things together for good for himself. ***(All sin comes from one attempting to run a person's life apart from and independent from God's leading and direction. God is the only one who can lead us to live a righteous and holy life without sin. We are unable from us as a source because we have depraved natures and do not know all the details or how to work them together for our good.)***

God had a plan for placing humans (us) on the earth. He wanted us to gain a maximum maturity in Christ-likeness in relationship living as Christ walked with the Father. This was for the purpose that we could walk close to the Father with Him directing every action and every thought we would ever have, throughout eternity. This makes Him God, all in all. This would allow us to live a perfect holy and righteous life in fellowship with Him forever. Thus, He wanted us to walk in the depth-breadth of His infinite Greatness in an imminent love relationship allowing us to know and fellowship with Him and with each other in His perfect depth. But for this to happen, we needed a maximum maturity in Christ. This required a development environment to develop the needed spiritual maturity. Thus, Satan was chosen to be used to develop this development environment that would be used to help develop this maturity. Christ was to bring us to maturity, and Satan was to prevent this from happening.

God told Satan I am going to place humans on the earth. All of their names of those that will ever live I will place in the Book of Life. If they formally choose me, their names will remain in the Book of Life. If they formally do not choose me (they deny me) their names will be erased from the Book. I will place the names of those who will choose me, they will be my elect, in this other book. The works that my elect will do, will be placed in this book. The works of all who will live as they live them out will be placed into the Book of Works. (In eternity, all will be judged for their works.) In the endtimes, after all people who are to live, have lived and have formal decisions to accept or deny the Gospel (Christ), the books will be opened. If the remaining names in the Book of Life match those in my other book, and if, the works of the elect in the Book of Works match those in my other book, then I through Christ will have won the warfare. If on the other hand, if these are not true to any extent, then you, Satan, will have won the warfare. If such should happen, then you will not go to the Lake of Fire, but will rule over all people and angels for ever. You will have shown that you can work all things together for good. If, on the other hand, the contents of the books should precisely match my chosen results, then Christ will win the warfare. Then you and your angels will be cast into the Lake of Fire forever. Thus, I am establishing a spiritual warfare between you and Christ. Christ is to bring the elect to believe and accomplish my chosen works, and you are to prevent these happenings if you can.

ANGELS WERE ON THE EARTH BEFORE HUMANS

Angels were on the earth before humans. They sinned and were destroyed (killed - drowned) by water over all the earth. We are told but little about this. Then God established a revised earth (with the earth no longer covered with water) and heavens for humans. The contents of Genesis 1-2 was for a re-established earth, not for the creation of a new one, as happened in Genesis 1:1. There is a hiatus between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2. The hiatus is when the angels were on the earth. As a

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result of the angels' sin, the earth was covered with water to drown them

THE BEGINNINGS WITH ADAM AND EVE

Before Adam and Eve were created, Christ had control of (possessed) the Kingdom of God and the Title Deed of the Earth. When Adam and Eve were created, before they sinned, they, now with spiritual immaturity, were in the Kingdom of God and could have eternal life with God. God was working all things together for good in their lives.

But Satan came into the Garden of Eden. He encouraged and deceived Adam and Eve to sin by eating of the forbidden Tree of Life: the Knowledge of Good and Evil so they could run their own lives independent of God. When this happened, they sinned. They received sin (depraved) natures and were transferred into the Dominion of Satan under Satan's eternal control from the Kingdom of God. Now all people are born with sinful natures in the Dominion of Satan under his eternal control. Satan also took possession of the Title Deed of the Earth and became the god of this world. Now for people to be with God in eternity, they must somehow be transferred into the Kingdom of God under Christ's eternal control and have their sins forgiven. Christ must somehow gain back the Title Deed of the Earth.

The spiritual warfare has now begun between Christ and Satan. Christ is to have the elect believe and to accomplish God's chosen works and thus, transfer them into the Kingdom of God. If this will happen, He will gain back the Title Deed of the Earth. Satan is to prevent these if he can. Now human history begins. As will be presented, it lasts 6000 years. 2000 years from Adam to Abraham, 2000 years from Abraham to Christ, and 2000 years from Christ to the end of human history on the earth. The number of man is 6 and multiples thereof.

GOD WORKS TO MAINTAIN THE SPIRITUAL WARFARE FAIR; THE FIRST 2000 YEARS WITH ONLY GENTILES

There were three major parts of the first 2000 years where God acted to maintain the spiritual warfare fair so the elect might or could believe:

(1) At the tower of Babel, Satan works for international government control so that all would have to believe the same without Christ and the Bible. This effort in time would take over all humanity. But God acted to make the situation fair by causing all the people in groups to speak in different languages that caused them to separate and live together according to their new language. This prevented the designed takeover.

(2) Satan led most of the people to have same sex marriages in Sodom and Gomorrah. This is major sin. God made the warfare fair by leading his people (Lot and family) out from Sodom and Gomorrah and afterwards destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah with fire and brimstone. Having same sex marriages, the elect might not be born and/or might not accomplish God's chosen work. This in principle gives Satan more power to reign. But God acted to keep the warfare fair.

(3) Before Noah's flood, angels were having sex relationships with human females to produce a

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hybrid race - half angel and half man. For the elect to believe and for the Savior to come, they had to be complete humans. So God brought a flood to destroy the hybrid people (as he did with the complete angels previously) and had Noah and his family build an Ark for delivery and safety. This prevented the hybrid race to continue that could prevent the elect (and the Messiah) from being born and accomplishing God's work. God kept the warfare fair.

GOD DEVELOPS ISRAEL WITH LEADINGS TO THE COMING MESSIAH; THE SECOND 2000 YEARS WITH BOTH JEWS AND GENTILES

Using Abraham, Joseph, Noah, Joshua, and many others, God brought people into His land using Egypt, the Red Sea, and the wilderness experiences. In the land of Israel, God developed the nation under the Law and ten commandments (and other commandments). He developed the worship system using physical temples and animal sacrifices as background for the coming Messiah. The Jewish genealogy brought the Messiah.

With Israel, as a most favored nation to Him, God used a designed procedure in relationship to Him. It was a model for and provided understanding for how the endtimes will unfold in the book of Revelation with another favored nation at that time - the United States. When the Jews were obedient, they had very great blessings from God. When they became disobedient, God removed many of His blessings and brought warnings through His watchman of coming judgment. Then with disobedience increasing God would bring the military of the existing world government against them and placed Israel under the rule of the world government for a period of divine discipline. This happened to Israel many times using the world governments of Egypt, Assyria, Medo-Persia, Greece, Babylon, and Rome. Then when the bondage period was over, God would deliver His people to His land with their repentance and destroy the world government.

The Bible teaches that God (Christ) was married to the covenant nation of Israel. Israel was split between the Northern Kingdom of Israel and the Southern Kingdom of Judah. When under bondage under Assyria, the Northern Kingdom would not repent after their discipline period. This caused God to divorce the northern Kingdom (directly stated in the Bible). When Christ came as the Messiah under Rome, the Jews of the Southern Kingdom would not accept Him as their Messiah. This caused God to divorce the Southern Kingdom at or just after the Cross. Thus, God in Christ is no longer married to Israel as a covenant nation. Israel is gone forever as a covenant nation to God. Christ is now marrying the Church. He cannot have two wives at the same time. This is verification that Christ has divorced Israel.

Christ lived a perfect life, fulfilling the Law, without any sin. This qualified Him to go to the Cross to die for the sins of all mankind (satisfying God's justice for sin- for law breaking) that were committed before one becomes a Christian. Christ's blood purged out and covered over all sin. After the Cross, after one becomes a Christian, one continues to confess his sins and the blood of Christ keeps on cleansing us from all sin. When one becomes a Christian, they spiritually (not physically) died on the Cross with Christ, are buried with Him, and are resurrected with Him from the dead. The death causes the sin nature, even though he continues to have it, to no longer "legally" represent him. In this spiritual resurrection from the dead, the new believer receives a new divine nature (newness of life) that cannot and does not sin. This results in his receiving eternal life. He is now guaranteed to go to heaven and be eternally with Christ. He does not and can not lose his salvation because

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legally he no longer can sin with his divine nature that now legally represents him. Of course, he still sins using his depraved or sin nature when improperly responding to God, making mistakes. He must ask God for forgiveness. God uses the divine nature to mature us in Christ as He directs us, such as walking by faith and sacrificial love. This death, burial, and resurrection with Christ is called the baptism of the Holy Spirit. It is symbolized, "after" one is saved, through water baptism. Water baptism symbolizes that we went through a death, burial, and resurrection with Christ. One obtains maturity in Christ using the divine nature following (responding to) the direction of God.

In these 2000 years, God brought the prophecy of Daniel's seventy weeks. They were given to the "southern" kingdom of Judah to tell them when the Messiah would come and what He would do when He came. The weeks are history as of the time of Christ and have nothing whatever to do with the endtimes Tribulation of the Church period - times of the book of Revelation. The seventy weeks are exclusively Jewish and the endtimes Tribulation is all nations in characteristic. The seventieth week does not qualify and cannot apply to the endtimes Tribulation. Thus, it does not limit the Tribulation's duration to only seven years. It does not and can not force a Pre-Tribulation Rapture. The entire endtimes Tribulation is not exclusively Jewish as would be required in the seventieth week applied to the Tribulation.

There are some other Old Testament prophecies that seem to indicate their fulfillment after the Church period. But with thorough investigation, they were all fulfilled prior to or at the Cross, and even in the Church period, but not in the 1000 years. For example, when the lion laid down with the lamb occurred when Christ was on the earth. He caused much of the natural earth to be at peace.

GOD BUILDS HIS CHURCH AND TERMINATES HISTORY IN THE THIRD AND LAST 2000 YEARS WITH BOTH JEWISH AND GENTILE BELIEVERS

THE BEGINNINGS

After His resurrection, Christ ascended into heaven where He received all power in heaven and in earth. He now rules over the Kingdom of God on David's throne. Having this power, he translated all pre-Cross believers from the Dominion of Satan into the Kingdom of God. They became His Church and under His eternal control. (One becomes a Christian by believing the Gospel according to only the Bible and activating their faith by praying to God that they believe. Then God applies the satisfied justice to the believer. Again this is a triunity.)

Having divorced Israel, Christ is now married to the Church in the oriental marriage concept. As presented, He cannot have two wives at the same time. Having a new marriage, He can never legally marry Israel ever again. (Israel is now spiritually dead.) All believers are now legally the bride of Christ, but now do not yet live with Him. At Christ's Second Coming, all believers go to live with Christ at the marriage of the Lamb after the Tribulation. This happens at the resurrection and rapture of the Church.

When, after the Cross and Day of Pentecost, a person believes in Christ as Savior (whether Jew or Gentile) they are translated from the Dominion of Satan into the Kingdom of God. They become the Church of Christ. They now have eternal life and, as stated, are under Christ's eternal control. There

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is no such division of believers such as partly the Church and partly Israel. All believers without exception are the Church. The Cross broke down the barrier of the dividing wall between Jew and the Gentile such that all believers are one in Christ without ethnic division with only Christ having preeminence. The Cross set aside physical temples and animal sacrifices forever. To bring back animal sacrifices and physical temples would deny the efficaciousness of the Cross. It would be the most major and most terrible sin. The Church is now the temple of God and is to be a living sacrifice. As this now happens and with the divorce of Israel, there are no future Jewish periods coming. God only takes Israel into the land with repentance. The current Israel is now back in the land in apostasy, with no interest in their Messiah. So Satan brought Israel back into the land for his endtimes purposes. In my view, God did not. The Church (that includes Jewish believers), not the nation of Israel, is now in the center of God's plans after the Day of Pentecost and the Cross. What is important is that we are in Christ, not where we live on the earth, such as in Israel.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHURCH

The prime purpose of the Church on earth is to become maximumly mature in high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness in relationship living as He lived with His Father, ***To gain this maturity is the only job of the Church.*** In summary, it is gained by living out "all" of the following with excellence as a minimum under the leading of the Holy Spirit: (1) to glorify, please, honor, and to obey God; Learning and appreciating God's attributes and Greatness (2) use only the Bible (an accurate translation) for direction; (3) live a holy life patterned after Christ's walk with the Father in head-subordinate relationships using faith, trusting God to fulfill His promises and sacrificial love, keeping God's commandments; Taking on the personal characteristics of elder requirements; (4) be involved in all parts of God's work including evangelism of complete local areas, discipleship to maturity; planting new churches, building godly families, and helping the needy; (5) know, believe, and stand strong on the basic doctrines of the Christian faith (see a good doctrinal statement); and (6) having daily personal devotions with God including prayer and reading the Bible. Maturity in Christ is developed by living godly, obeying the above in the trials, temptations, and persecutions in life.

We must understand that not becoming a Christian, not being involved in God's work as a Christian to send people on ahead and with helping them to become mature in Christ, and not personally actively pursuing and obtaining maturity in Christ with excellence is "to live a wasted life," from the viewpoint of being with God in eternity. God is in charge.

We, with excellence, need to be both outcome and procedurally oriented. We should search the entire Bible for all the characteristics that constitutes a mature Christian and for all the procedures for how and allows us to get there. Otherwise, we can fall short. (Observation signals that few are doing this.)

We are to learn and obey the Bible. But we are distracted from this by the leading and deception of Satan, wanting many things and ways in the world apart from God, and by sinning using our flesh - the environment of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Satan works for us to disobey and be out of any effective ministry (having but limited ministry) so that all the elect may not believe and may

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not accomplish all of God's chosen works. We must evangelize the children with excellence because world-wide statistics show that 85% of the people who come to the Savior do so between the ages of 4-14. 99% come before leaving college. Christ works for these to actually happen. The Church is to obey God in the environment of the world, the flesh, and the devil. God will give us the way to obey and to avoid disobedience.

Over the years, our churches have been in various conditions. Satan has established wrong and deceptive religions (that look right) to draw people away from Christ and true salvation. He has established activities that keep people from the work of God. Churches teach some of God's Word without attempting to go for excellence and God's best by training with God's Whole Counsel and doing complete local area evangelism, especially of the children. Many or most of our churches today do not endure sound doctrine such that they recognize and observe the existing endtimes' signs and are actually working to mature their people to the maximum levels and are actually evangelizing their entire local communities. They are acting wrongly now as if the current times will continue long term. They are not warning their people of the soon-coming endtimes. They do not seem to know much endtimes prophecy. This action will result in the Church people being caught blind sided when the endtimes calamity comes suddenly without warning - apart from the watchman's warning and the signs. This report brings a watchman warning.

In my view, most of today's churches are man and present times oriented, instead of being God and eternity oriented. Most churches today are choosing the world's music and songs that talk about the benefits to man. This is being man and today oriented. Some churches, the best way to go, are God and eternity oriented. They sing hymns that describe the greatness of God and train to mature their people to become mature in Christ to know and relate the most to God in eternity. When I come to church, I want to sing the hymns from my heart to give great praise to God for who and what He is, not so much for what He has done for me. I do not want to hear the world's music or sing songs that benefit me. Because churches are using methods to benefit man, they use music and dumb down training to draw the youth at the expense of not maturing their own people - especially the gung ho and most faithful. This action in time produces the immature Church with a loss of biblical intellect and having a low plateau of Bible knowledge.

When one trains, one teaches what to do, how to do it, examples for how to do it, and testimony for how the teacher lived them out, and ways one can do on-the-job training. We are to live as Christ lives with all direction and action for life coming from God the Father. We are to live out what the Father through Christ is working in us - all from the Bible as principles. This is key to the Christian life. Then when people see us, they see the Father because we are doing nothing from ourselves as a source. This is how our Lord Jesus lives in relationship to the Father. When people see Christ, they see the Father. Thus, all of God's direction is found in the Bible or based on principles in the Bible (otherwise we cannot tell whether or not if the leading is from God).

Human marriage is a physical picture of the spiritual picture of the Father in Christ, and Christ in us. In the spiritual domain, the greater (the Father in Christ and Christ in us) goes into the weaker and produces spiritual results, In physical marriage, the greater of the husband (physically and spiritually) goes into the weaker of the wife and produces human results including babies. This is why wives from love are to be submissive to their husbands and husbands are to serve their wives

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sacrificially from love. Both, from love, are to sacrificially serve each other and their children and others. These together help bring maturity in Christ. In the process, husband and wife (Church and congregation) are to work to have unity with God and then with each other. People cannot walk close together unless they agree. Marriage is one of the best relationships to gain maturity in Christ.

SIGNS SIGNAL THE TRIBULATION CAN COME AT ANY TIME

Signs, according to the endtimes (pattern) sequence, now signal the endtimes can come at any time. The actual time with its allowance is only known by God. We call it a pattern sequence because it follows the rules and sequence that God used with Israel. We must understand that calamity in the endtimes pattern sequence can only come with the falling away of the Church and to the degree the Church falls away followed by the sin of the people. Our churches are now falling away all over America. As presented, they are doing less teaching and less local area evangelism, particularly that of the children. Our country is going into great immorality. God will soon place her under the divine discipline of the coming endtimes Tribulation. The Church will go through the endtimes Tribulation for divine discipline because her disobedience and falling away, along with the sin of the public people, now in the endtimes pattern sequence are responsible for its coming. The major signs signaling the soon-coming calamity bringing the Tribulation with world government include, mostly in the most favored nation: (1) most severe financial calamity (crisis); (2) a wrong push on same sex marriages and the allowance of abortion; (3) most severe weather, flooding, and fire storms in the United States and world; and (4) a wrong dumbing down of our churches in what they teach - no longer enduring sound doctrine. There are many more signs. These signs are all around us now. We, working for revival, must now urgently warn, brief, mature, and prepare our churches for a soon-coming Tribulation living under a despot evil world government. Otherwise, they will be caught blind sided with the calamity comes bringing the Tribulation.

THE ENDTIMES OF REVELATION

The Rapture of the Church (our being gathered together to meet Christ in the air) at Christ's Second Coming can only come; (1) after all people who are to live, have lived, and have made formal and binding decisions to accept or deny the Gospel ; (2) after all the tares are bundled for the fire; (3) Christ sits at the right hand of God, without bringing the Rapture, until all of His enemies (unbelievers) become His footstool; and (4) the man of lawlessness is revealed. These happen in result only in the mark-of-the-beast period (in the Tribulation). ***No one is born or saved after the Rapture.*** The Rapture can only occur after the time when the times of the Gentiles and Jews are fulfilled. All of these mean the Rapture can only occur at the Second Coming of Christ after the endtimes Tribulation after all have made binding decisions to accept or reject the Gospel. ***A Pre-Tribulation Rapture is not possible, will not, and can not happen.***

After the endtimes Tribulation at Revelation's seventh trumpet, the court sits in heaven. It opens the books and determines that Christ has won the spiritual warfare over Satan. All the elect did indeed actually believe and they did indeed actually accomplish all of God's chosen works. Having made this declaration, the heavenly court awards Christ the total authority in the Kingdom of God to bring the Rapture and the final judgments on all people and all angels. Christ places all people in their eternal homes - the Church in the new Jerusalem and all unbelievers in the Lake of Fire - all are judged according to their works - believers gain rewards and unbelievers punishment. The

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Rapture occurs at the last trumpet sounding which occurs after the seventh trumpet of Revelation and after the Tribulation. The sounding announces Christ's win and the Rapture coming. Thus, there cannot be a Rapture until after the Tribulation at the last trumpet's sounding.

The maturity in Christ the believer has at death, he has forever. As the believer enters heaven, his depraved nature is removed from him and he receives a new resurrection body. He no longer can sin - no longer makes sin mistakes in a growth process. He must and will be led of God for thought and action in the divine nature. (In heaven we will no longer remember anything in this present world that involved sin and the sin nature.)

So why the Tribulation? To terminate history, God establishes another sequence patterned after the ones He used with Israel. In this sequence, the United States is the most favored nation. In her general obedience, God has blessed the United States greatly beyond measure. But now she is getting signs and warnings of disobedience that will bring judgment (divine discipline for sin) - the endtimes Tribulation. Thus, in time, a calamity will come that will place a world government in rule over the United States and world. This rule could last for 20 or more years. When this happens we will be in the Tribulation. The government will make war with the Church, train the children satanically for world government and religion without Christ and the Bible, and martyr a very large number of Christians. Then we will have the immature transformed Church with a loss of biblical intellect and with a very low plateau of Bible knowledge. (Almost no one will know much of the Bible apart from the older Bible people who are still alive. Very few Christians will be alive and will know but little of the Bible when after the Tribulation Christ comes to rapture the Church.) This is all planned so that, without Church workers, the elect might not believe and might not accomplish God's chosen works. It allows Satan and his man to rule the world. Then after the divine discipline in the Tribulation is over, Christ delivers His people to Himself from the pattern sequence divine discipline period via the Rapture and resurrection, and destroys the world government and kills all unbelievers. At the same time when Christ comes, He casts the persons of the Beast and False Prophet into the Lake of Fire teaching there definitely is an endtimes Tribulation.

The Tribulation comes for at least the following reasons: (1) for Christ to win back the Title Deed of the Earth from Satan (the purpose for the seven-sealed book or scroll); (2) as a means for God to end history; (3) as a means to formally polarize the beliefs of all people who will ever live so the judgment can come; (4) give Satan one more desperate chance to prevent the elect from believing and accomplishing God's work and allow him temporary rule; and (5) to bring divine discipline on especially the American Church (and the sinful people) in the Pattern Sequence for her sin and falling away.

Revelation's 1000 years come during Christ's Second Coming when the Church reigns with Christ. The Church is resurrected (the first resurrection with the rapture) after the mark-of-the-beast period and before the 1000 years. The 1000 years, however long they last, is the time of the bowls. The time of the bowls is the time of the wrath of God that the Church will miss. The Church, reigning with Christ, determines whether anyone left on earth after the Rapture will believe. None do. Thus, afterwards, with this determination, Christ brings the battles of Armageddon and places all people into their eternal states. Satan is bound during the 1000 years so he cannot effect anyone's decision. He is released after the 1000 years for the battles of Armageddon. The unbelievers are resurrected after the 1000 years (the second resurrection) and these with, Satan and his angels, will be cast into the Lake of Fire forever. There is no Jewish Millennium coming.

FINAL THOUGHTS

God commands the church to pursue maturity in Christ. Because, as presented earlier: (1) there is no sin in heaven (making mistakes); and (2) the development environment of the world, the flesh, and the devil (and the devil himself) will not be in heaven; there is the most likely result that the maturity in Christ we have at death, we will have forever. From what we know now, there appears no way to increase our maturity in heaven, unless God does it in a different way than we can know now. Thus, we should now pursue maturity as God commands with excellence, seeking God's best, and be in ministry. God commands us to pursue maturity and stop going over and over the a,b,c's of the Christian faith. In reality, the main reason we are on the earth is to gain this maturity so we can know and relate to God toward the maximum. ***Apart from this relationship with our perfect and infinite God, there is nothing. We must be careful to grasp this principle.***

So we should pursue maturity in Christ with excellence, as God commands, or as stated, we can be wasting our lives now to a large extent from the eternal perspective. Wasting our lives, we will not know as much about God or be used by Him as we otherwise could or might throughout eternity. Remember we are talking about forever. We should pursue maturity, helping each other, as God commands with excellence and with thoroughness. We should want to know as much about our infinite God as we can and be used of Him in great ways.

Now please read the previously referenced documents on my web site for much-much more background and understanding. (I am willing to help with notice by giving 3 part seminars and/or talks on God's Plan for History, Christian-Life Relationship Principles (gaining maturity in Christ), and endtimes Bible prophecy (Post Tribulational Rapture view) including how the endtimes will unfold. Our people need to know all three.)