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**THE BOTTOM LINE FOR LIVING AND THE
ENDTIMES SITUATION THAT IS CAUSING
OUR CHURCHES TO FALL AWAY**

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**THE BOTTOM LINE OF GOD'S MAJOR PURPOSES FOR US AND WHY
WE ARE NOT ACHIEVING THEM - BUT WE CAN ¹**

(This is a summary document. The details and Scripture development are found in the listed references that are obtainable from my web site. Understanding the Bible with its endtimes prophecy has many facets as does a diamond. One must see the many facets in order to see the diamond. Our web site shares these many facets with many in this newsletter).

(Please Read Part One First for Needed Understanding and Background)

PURPOSE AND SITUATION

REFERENCES: Read these documents under the *Biblical Worldview - God's Plan* and under *Training*. We particularly need to read: (1) *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*; (2) *God and His Greatness Must Be Central*; and (3) *The Very Most Important Concept Under God To Understand And Live Out*.

Purpose and Benefits (Repeated from Part One): Our churches are now falling away, even without their realization or desire, from God's best by the thousands into forms of apostasy even though still doing many good things. This falling away is helping to bring the endtimes Tribulation. This newsletter's purpose (Parts One and Two) is to bring added value by encouraging all Christian churches to ensure they are maturing their people, being believers in Christ's Cross, especially their children and youth, at the highest skill levels in Christ-likeness they understand and are praying for greater understanding. This is so they can know and relate to God in a walk in His fulness and greatness. This is needed for eternity. This training needs to be done with some urgency because signs signal the endtimes Tribulation can come at any time bringing calamity, persecution, and world government. Only God knows the timing. We mature our people before the Tribulation comes. A suggested curriculum for the training is presented in Part One. The newsletter purpose is to present what must have occurred first in God's Plan before the Rapture can come and before the Tribulation can come. This newsletter encourages you to read the referenced documents.²

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Even Doing Good Things, Our Churches Are Falling Away: The situation is that our churches, even though many are still doing many good things, are falling away in different amounts by the thousands from God's best and requirements. They are going much of their own way. This makes most of us very sad. This falling away is by wrongly dumbing down their training and using loud beat rock music to draw the youth in numbers at the expense of not maturing their own people. They are training with less and less of God's Word for the sale of human relationships and getting felt needs met. And what is taught is very often by design at the elementary level, often without the needed application. They very often use paraphrased Bibles instead of the most accurate such as the King James and the New American Standard. This falling away is leading to and causing the endtimes Tribulation to come. We need our people, especially our children and youth, trained to stand strong under the persecution that is coming in the Tribulation. ***In the Tribulation, our children and youth will be taken from their parents without their being able to do anything about it and educated satanically by the state for world government without Christ, the Bible, and salvation.***

Impact of Endtimes Prophecy: The situation is such that most churches, where there are exceptions in varying amounts, work for spiritual growth, but do not see the need to mature their people at the maximum skill levels, or they do not know how, even believing they are. Those churches that believe God has two groups, the Church and Israel, very often miss the command and the need to mature their churches. This would be true of Dispensational Theology that has a Pre-Tribulation Rapture and a Jewish Golden-Age Millennium. This theology does not see that all believers are the Church and one in Christ without ethnic division and are to be matured to know and relate to God. This training must be done using a version of God's Whole Counsel highly application oriented. Most churches most probably do not have a curriculum to train their people to become mature in Christ, even though they teach some good things for spiritual growth.

Thus, this newsletter presents how our churches are falling away and the interpretive errors in believing a Pre-Tribulation Rapture. This is to encourage churches to do a self evaluation and make any needed changes for maturing and to believe in a Post-Tribulation Rapture. This is so that they will train their people, especially the children and youth, to stand strong in the Tribulation without falling away. By doing so they will gain more maturity in Christ.

Satan's Method and Strategy: ***We need to recognize that Satan uses a concept called the Dialectic Process. This process uses a method to transform the Church from orthodoxy to become the Church that Satan desires. Thus, Satan is influencing the churches to use a dumbed down training, loud repetitive beat rock music, paraphrased Bibles instead of accurate Bibles, world advertising methods, community groups working for consensus and other methods to transform the Church to become the immature church with a loss of biblical intellect and with a low plateau of biblical knowledge. This is happening now to thousands of our churches in differing amounts, even though many good things are still being done. As being discussed, this is for the purpose the church will be falling away so that Satan can bring the Tribulation and believers will not know what is happening in the Tribulation. It is so there will be a major falling away under the Tribulation's persecution that allows him to bring the endtimes mark-of-the-beast period. And those not doing adequate maturing training where people are not living out the mature life are largely responsible for the Tribulation coming. We all may have some responsibility.***

(In my view, parents will greatly grieve over their children when in the Tribulation especially when they were warned to train and prepare their children and they did not do it.)

DISCUSSION

Causes and Symptoms: If we are to change and have God's best in our lives, we must see that what we do is symptomatic of causes or the reasons and motivations for what we do. If we are to change what we do and how we do it, we must first change our reasons and motivations - the cause of our symptoms - the cause of our actions.

Having God's Best By Becoming Mature in Christ, Living as He Lives: If we are to have God's best, we must implement His purpose for why we are here. In my view, we are to train to become and live like Christ does so that we can relate to and know our perfect God in His Greatness. It is so that all of life will come from our perfect God as we obey Him in everything with excellence and great commitment. Apart from this, there is nothing. ***We must pay attention because there is the possibility that the maturity in Christ we have at death, we may have forever. Thus, not to pursue becoming mature in Christ as God commands can be a most terrible eternal mistake. Because God is perfect, we should work to implement all that He wants done with excellence and commitment and to the degree and intents He wants things done.***

Thus, when we dumb down our training and use rock music to reach the youth in numbers without also at a higher priority to mature our own people, it is symptomatic of a cause. This is not knowing how to and/or not implementing maturing our people, including our children and youth, as God commands and desires. It results in a forfeiting of having the best of what God desires for us in eternity and now. Churches (cause) do not have the discernment of this situation and/or the will to make needed changes. Most all evangelical churches are now using some form of contemporary, and/or rock music. This is a major falling away. Good music has the melody dominate, the harmony next, and the rhythm under control, but not dominate and repetitive syncopated beat. Would not God use the best music such as hymns and some Gospel songs. Even courses may be good, but they are most shallow on doctrine. So why use them? Let's go for God's best that brings a maximum worship and glorification of Him - what He wants, not what we want.

Not seeing that God's purpose is that all believers are to become mature in Christ and are the Church and single body of Christ has led wrongly to the Dispensational View of Prophecy with a Pre-Tribulation Rapture and a Jewish Golden-Age Millennium (Dispensational Theology). This view has two groups of believers, instead of one as the Bible teaches. These are Israel and the Church. The concept is that the Church is raptured before the Tribulation and the Tribulation only contains Israel believers. The Church contains all believers and Old Testament Israel had only a small percentage of believers even though most worshiped with the Jewish system. Revelation however, has a number of believers from all nations of such a large number, no one can count them. ***Thus, there is no all-Jewish Tribulation coming and a Pre-Tribulation Rapture will not happen.***

Once one sees that all believers are one in Christ and His Church with the single goal to become mature in Christ to know and relate to God, the Dispensational View of Prophecy goes away. And as will be presented, the Dispensational View of Prophecy is founded on making over 10

interpretive errors. It is not taught in Scripture. This will be shown.

GOD'S PLAN DISCUSSED

First, we are to know and appreciate God's Greatness to the degree we can understand from the Bible. We are to know and appreciate His attributes and character qualities. We are to know the (His) spiritual laws that govern our lives and walk correctly in them. Appreciating God's Greatness, we will search out all from the most accurate Bibles of what He has planned for our direction and what He plans us to become and that in excellence and with great commitment.

Repeated for Emphasis: God has designed all of biblical history so that we could gain the spiritual ability to know and relate to Him toward His fullest. It is so we can live lives without sin in His holiness and righteousness in intimate fellowship with Him and each other as He works to change us and all things together for our good. He is perfect and complete in every attribute and character quality. There is no perfection apart from Him. Christ came and His life demonstrated the life that God wants us to have and live out. We are to become complete and mature in Christ in relationship living with the Father. This life is to lived by our every thought and action coming from God the Father as a source. We are not qualified to work things together for good because we isin and do not have all the background information. We are born with and have extreme spiritual poverty. We are not to take any independent action apart from God's leading. Then when people see us, they will not see us, but only God the Father, because we, from ourselves, are doing nothing. This is how our Lord lives. This is God's Plan for us so we can live holy and righteously and know our perfect God. We are commanded to pursue this maturity. And though not directly taught, the Bible gives about eight indicators (listed in the first reference and in Part One) that the maturity we have at death, we may have forever. We cannot for sure and God has left it as a matter of faith. In light of eternity, as stated, apart from knowing and relating to God living lives by His direction in His perfection without sin, there is nothing. **God has given us this lifetime to gain this maturity. Thus, we should pursue maturity in Christ with commitment and excellence. We should want to know our infinite perfect God in His depth. Then God will bring us what we need and teach us more of the Bible.**

As presented in Part One, we become mature in Christ in the trials and testings of life as we are led by the Holy Spirit to: (1) worship, obey, please, glorify, and honor God - exalt God; (2) live godly lives in relationship living patterned after Christ's walk with the Father by sacrificial love serving Him and each other keeping God's commandments, and by faith in God to fulfill His promises as He works all things together for our good; (3) help accomplish God's work of evangelizing complete local areas, discipling converts to maturity in Christ, building godly families, planting new churches, and reaching out to and helping the needy; and (4) know and standing strong on the Christian-Faith Doctrines, including God's attributes. Each of these has a depth-breadth. **See Part One for training topics for which to train the above.**

We are to learn the commandments and memorize the promises. We need to have a training curriculum, a version of God's Whole Counsel life and application oriented, that allows us to mature our people and ourselves in Christ. We must train both with the what to's and the how to's with some form of on-the-job training. We need on-the-job training with leaders and

teachers living their lives in demonstration and testimony of the walk and training. We need to see a sermon walking in testimony.

About Us in the Church: None of us, no doubt, have it all together. But at the same time, we can do critical analysis of our personal situations, and make the future the best we can have under God, by coming to greater obedience. We, from our love, serving each other sacrificially, can help each other do better and have greater obedience. **The problem comes when our churches no longer know how and/or do not have a great desire to do so - they have other agendas. (I have seen this when churches do not want to do much to supply workers to evangelize and disciple children in after-school Bible clubs.)**

We are to know that all believers in Christ's Cross (only according to the Bible), both Jews and Gentiles from all of history, are one in Christ as the Church and single body of Christ without ethnic division. We have been called out of the Dominion of Satan into the Kingdom of God. Our purpose includes encouraging churches to pursue becoming mature in Christ, not just work for spiritual growth and to help do area-wide evangelism, not just do some evangelism. We should work hard to evangelize the children because results show that about 85% of those who come to Christ, do so before they leave Junior High School.

BACKGROUND, AND ORIENTATION

(Leading to Understanding Causes and Symptoms)

SITUATION IN OUR AMERICAN CHURCHES: There always have been some problems in our churches even though many-many good things are being done. Some of these good things were stated previously. But as the endtimes are now approaching and unfolding, there is a major falling away that has been greatly increasing. Churches are falling away in varying degrees, and generally, in our view, do not recognize their situation. All of them want to do right under God. This falling away has made many of us very sad. We want God's best in our churches and in our personal lives. So what is the situation?

In our view, this falling away and having wrong doctrines are symptomatic of several observed causes. The main one is their attempt to work all things together for good themselves. In general terms, our churches are losing their excellence and commitment before God to do all of His will and only His will. The falling away falls in the categories of sins of commission and omission. We are doing some wrong things and are not doing all that we should do. We have wrong priorities and are inviting world goals and methods into our churches. We are wrongly reaching out to new people, especially the youth, at a much higher priority over maturing our own people. We must do both, but in proper priority. We often train with the what to's without also training with the how to's. We must also train with Bible prophecy so our people will know what will be happening when the Tribulation comes and how to prepare now.

Our church people come alive when they rally to work together in the ministry. Such is the case in Vacation Bible School and other outreach evangelism.

The situation is that our churches have lost degrees of their love for God such that they search out all His ways and do only His ways, working under His headship - keeping His commandments (We must know them). They are living by inadequate faith in what God will do according to His promises

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and to work all things together for good such they gain more revelation from God. They, in our view, do not realize their circumstances. As a result they act from a lack of spiritual discernment and go much to their own way. They are choosing their own way acting as a head, instead of only as a subordinate, living as Christ lives. This has resulted in a major dumbing down using mostly first-level training and the world's loud beat rock type music. They attempt to meet (the felt) needs as seen by the people instead as seen by God. As a result, they implement key satanic strategy and doing things man's way without their realization or wanting to. We see largely the actions of people instead of the dynamics of God working in the people. There is a lack of adequate divine life and inadequate following the leading of the Holy Spirit. Of course this is a matter of degree in our churches.

Not understanding Bible prophecy and that the Church will go through the Tribulation, churches can be sleepy about maturing their people and doing area-wide evangelism. Believing in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture (that will not happen) has not brought greater obedience to the fore front. We should be obeying God to the fullest regardless for how prophecy unfolds. But are we? Some orthodox churches that believe in a Post-Tribulation Rapture are teaching mostly Bible content and knowledge without also adequately training their people to become mature in Christ and help in area-wide evangelism. Of course churches are involved in varying amounts. But what about excellence and commitment? We indeed need example churches as a testimony.

Because the Tribulation is on our door step, and we are going through it, we encourage all churches to begin urgently to mature their people, especially their children and youth, if they are not already doing it. (What are the consequences if we are wrong by believing in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture and that for sure our maturity in Christ will increase in heaven? We must hedge about being wrong and mature and brief and mature our people of and for the soon-coming endtimes.)

The following, in our view, is a summary of some of these symptoms and causes of this falling away and having wrong doctrine. ***Church leadership and Bible teachers, in our view, are primarily responsible.***

SYMPTOMS AND CAUSES

(Of our churches falling away and believing wrongly in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture)
(This section provides an overview and summary.)

1. CHURCH LIFE

REFERENCES: *Serious Symptomatic Problems In Today's Churches Based on Four Major Causes With Their Impacts and Indicated Solutions and Our Churches Are Falling Away, Being Transformed by the Dialectic Process to Bring World Government*

As being discussed, many or most of our churches have lost their appreciation for God's Greatness and excellence to do all things for direction only His way. In this, our churches have loss sight of training their people to walk with God in great maturity as Christ walked so that they can know and relate to God toward His fullness without sin. It s like teaching only the first year of college without teaching the next three years and without any or very little application and on-the-job training.

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Churches do not see the signs that signal the Tribulation can come at any time to place us under world government. They are using the world's methods and music to draw the youth.

As our biggest problem, we are not adequately trusting God to work all things together for good (by keeping His commandments and doing His work) and trusting God to fulfill His promises and accomplish the results. The latter is a lack of faith that results in not gaining needed revelation from God for guidance and for insight of doing wrong and knowing and observing the signs that signal the Tribulation can be coming soon and that we are going through it.

* Churches choose their own direction they are following (symptom) instead of recognizing God's absolute Greatness (and their extreme spiritual poverty) (cause) and searching for all of what God wants done and do it with excellence and commitment. They do not realize that the Bible gives all that churches are to do. Churches generally do not have to think up anything for direction (but they can plan for how they carry out God's direction, using His ways, depending upon God to bring the results).

* Churches are letting the world decide how they do evangelism (dumbing down training and using the world's loud repetitive beat music) (symptom) instead of using God's way to do evangelism with thus saith the Lord and using music that praises God (cause). (We are to pull the people out of the world into God's ways, not place the church into the world to operate with the world's ways.)

Churches are treating gaining numbers, emphasizing the youth (symptom), instead of working at a higher priority to mature their own people (cause). To accomplish this, they are using mainly only first level training and loud repetitive beat rock-type music (symptom) instead of training with a version of God's Whole Counsel application and life oriented with the great hymns of the faith. **As a result, more are coming into our churches, but are not necessarily becoming mature in Christ. If a father witnesses in the community, but does not mature his own family, is the will of God? I do not think so. Is this not what our churches are doing? Of course one can do both.**

The major symptom or result is that our churches are becoming immature with a loss of biblical intellect and with a low plateau of Bible knowledge including that of endtimes prophecy. Many churches do not (perhaps cannot) understand endtimes prophecy adequately. Satan could not be happier. Our public schools are also dumbing down. Then when the endtimes come, people will not be able to do critical analysis to determine what is happening. (Many believe that endtimes prophecy cannot be known because prophecy is complex. But with a systematic approach finding God's Plan for history with the spiritual warfare, one can determine the overview and sequence of prophecy. My books and reports present this approach and results. In any case, the Tribulation is coming regardless of our beliefs and we should brief and ready our people including our families.)

* Churches do not understand the strategies of the spiritual warfare and the dialectic process (cause) so that they can dumb down their training (symptom). Churches do not realize that mainly the more mature people do most of God's work. By dumbing down, fewer people will become mature and thus, less of God's true work will be accomplished (cause). (I have observed that when having special church meetings about missions and other things, mostly only the older people come. This is true also for hymn sings. Where will we be when the older people die?)

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Saying things in a different way, our churches are working with priority at the lowest common denominator (the watchers, new people, and the lost) (symptom) instead of providing maximum training at the middle of the upper half (the gung ho and the very faithful) (cause). As a result, fewer are becoming mature in Christ unless they work on their own. (This is what I am doing.)

* Churches dumb down their training and work for numbers (symptom) because they do not realize that God's main purpose is to mature believers in Christ so we can know and relate to God toward His fullest and that most likely the maturity we have at death we may have forever (cause). Thus, they are leaving their people immature. As a result they will know and relate to God less.

* Churches are working to do some evangelism (symptom) without also working to evangelize their complete areas (cause) and are working for spiritual growth (symptom) without also working to mature their people in Christ at the higher maturity levels (cause). God commands that we seek and pursue maturity in Christ, not just work only for spiritual growth. Thus, our churches are procedural (symptom) instead of outcome (cause) oriented. The problem comes when churches believe they are maturing their people when in actuality they are not.

* Many churches are working for reform as a method to turn the country around. (symptom). However, God, generally, will only heal the nation after the church has greater obedience. (cause) Thus, the churches do not work for greater obedience, but mainly to have the nation change that will not work. One can combine reform with greater obedience.

SUMMARY: Our churches are to mature their people at the highest skill levels in Christ-likeness they understand (and pray for greater understanding) and are to evangelize their complete areas. They are to avoid immorality and wrong spiritual directions. But there is a large movement to do the opposite. This is a major falling away of our churches. (We should thoroughly understand that using contemporary loud beat rock type music and speaking in so-called biblical tongues do not bring us to maturity in Christ. They keep us from it. Is doing these following the work of the Holy Spirit)?. (Many of our churches, there are exceptions, are going their own way as described earlier, attempting to work all things together for good by not appreciating God's Greatness and God's command to pursue maturity, not understanding that our maturity we have at death we may have forever.)

2. ENDTIMES PROPHECY (As used, the term symptom as used is a wrong belief, Cause, as used, is the correct belief - my understanding.) (The Tribulation includes the time of the seals and the first six trumpets. The seventh trumpet and the time of the bowls occur after the Tribulation. Revelation events unfold by the seven trumpets coming out of the seventh seal and the seven bowls coming out of the seventh trumpet. The bowl events come during the time of the 1000 years and during the time of Christ's Second Coming, but after the Tribulation.)

REFERENCES: My book: *Watchman Warning* and my reports: (1) *The Pattern View of Prophecy*; (2) *Summary: Issues and Doctrines That Determine Endtimes Bible Prophecy* and (3) *Interpretation and Critical Understanding of Endtimes Prophecy*, and other documents found in *Prophecy* on the web Site such as (1) *The Jewish Situation*; (2) *Endtimes Scenario for How the Endtimes Unfold*; and (3) *Insights Show that Revelation's 1000 Years Come during Christ's Second Coming*

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This section shows the Post-Tribulation Rapture view is correct and why the Pre-Tribulation Rapture View is incorrect. The Bible teaches clearly that there is an endtimes Tribulation and that the Church's Rapture occurs at Christ's Second Coming after the Tribulation.

Our churches and godly men have over six different views as to how the endtimes unfold. Why? Does the Holy Spirit lead us differently? These views, in our view, result from different and inadequate interpretation techniques. In our view, interpreters make over ten interpretive mistakes in believing wrongly that the Rapture comes before the Tribulation (or that there is no endtimes Tribulation). These errors with the correct doctrines, as seen in our view, are presented below. These errors result from not considering sufficient Scripture and not checking their results with the rest of Scripture for agreement. They do not consider that God's main reason for placing on the earth is to bring us to maturity in Christ with Christ having first place in our lives so that we can know and relate to God. All of prophecy leads to this result. Another major mistake is that interpreters do not understand what the Cross accomplished in addition to Justification, that lead to maturity in Christ, and that all believers are one in Christ without division and are the Church. The Jewish worship system that was a shadow to the Cross was set aside forever. These will be explained.

We encourage you that it is most important under God that you mature your people in Christ-likeness and be prepared for the Tribulation regardless of your Rapture view. One must not be wrong. Thus, we encourage you, even as a hedge about being wrong about Rapture timing, to mature, brief, and people your people with a sense of urgency before the Tribulation comes. This is so they will know what is happening when it does come and will stand strong without falling away under the coming persecution. We do not know the time, but the signs signal the Tribulation can come at any time. Only God knows the timing. But it is better to be prepared even 10 years early, than one second too late or believe wrong, and not prepare. Look at it as insurance to be prepared for whenever it comes and for what ever else comes. We do not want any of us to be caught blind -sided, unprepared, and without maturity in Christ. We want all of us to be matured and prepared for eternity and the Tribulation.

Israel had vital importance leading to the Cross and as a precursor to the Church period. As a covenant nation, Israel has no importance or role in God's Plan after the Cross and Day of Pentecost. National Israel does have a role in Satan's endtimes plan. Only being one in Christ with spiritual maturity has importance to God, so one can know and relate to God. It does not matter where we live on the earth. Christ taught we would worship the Father over all the earth in spirit and in truth, no longer only in Jerusalem. Christ is now marrying the Church and has divorced Israel as a covenant nation as of the Cross. And we know this because by His own laws, He cannot have two wives at the same time. ***One must see that becoming a Christian, one is in the relationship Kingdom of God ruled from heaven, not from the earth. God will not establish a future physical earthy located kingdom of His on the earth, such as a future Kingdom of Israel. His kingdom is one of head subordinate relationships, not a political one on earth with mainly laws to obey.*** The relationship Kingdom of God is a chain of command with God and Christ as heads. Believers all over the earth are in the relationship Kingdom of God ruled from heaven. One must see that the Kingdom of God ruled from heaven is not equal to the Kingdom of Israel ruled from the earth. To place Israel as a separate entity with the Church after the Cross is major error. All believers are the Church and the single body of Christ. Israel at any time only contained a small percentage of believers even though they kept the Jewish worship system. Only believers, both

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Jews and Gentiles, compose the Church. The Church is not a building or an organization, but the believers themselves in Christ.

The Church is married to Christ in the oriental marriage concept. In this concept, the bride becomes betrothed to the groom without living with him. This is a legal arrangement. This is now the situation with the Church. Then at some future time the bride goes to live with the groom. This is the marriage. This marriage for the Church to Christ occurs when the Church goes to live with Him (the Rapture). It occurs at Christ's Second Coming after the Tribulation. This is the marriage of the Lamb.

* The churches believe that God has two groups of Christians and two bodies of Christ (Church and Israel) (symptoms) instead of only one (Church) (cause) so that the Church can be raptured before the Tribulation and have others (Israel) to be saved in the Tribulation. God, thus, is a God of partiality that He would prevent some believers from being in the Tribulation, and thus, would allow many other believers (of such a large number from all nations (Gentiles and Jews) that man cannot count them) to live in and die in the Great Tribulation.) The Bible teaches the reverse that God is not a God of partiality (cause). All believers are the Church and in the Kingdom of God and are the single body of Christ. This characteristic of the all-nations Tribulation preclude a Pre-Tribulation Rapture. Believers (the Church) alive at the time will go through the Tribulation.

In this concept (symptom - wrong doctrine), one must believe that ,after the Rapture, God saves this very large number of believers in the Tribulation in less than seven years when no believer is left to preach the Gospel, no one is seeking after God, the government is making war with the Church, the Bible by law is not allowed to be taught, and most people do not have and/or do not read the Bible. The concept is not viable. A Pre-Tribulation Rapture simply will not happen. It simply is not taught in Scripture.

The word "saint" is used both in the Church period referring to believers in the Church before the Tribulation and in the Tribulation for believers. This shows the Church (saints) is in the Tribulation.

* The Bible implies that the Rapture, our gathering to Christ, can be imminent. In order to be imminent (symptom - wrong doctrine), interpreters have stated that the Rapture must occur before the Tribulation begins. However, because the Rapture has not yet happened for over 2000 years, the Rapture could be imminent at the end of the endtimes Tribulation (cause - correct doctrine). Imminency does not force a Pre-Tribulation Rapture and very definitely allows for a Post-Tribulation Rapture.

Christ said when I return will I find faith on the earth. The meaning of the Greek is very little. This means when Christ comes, there will be very few Christians alive. This coming is after the Tribulation. (The concept is that when God's people are delivered, there are few believers on the earth. This was true at the time of Sodom and Gomorrah and at Noah's world-wide flood.)

* Churches who believe in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture must also believe in two resurrections of the Just. One occurs before the Tribulation at the Rapture and one occurs at Christ's Coming after the Tribulation. (Symptom - wrong doctrine). The Bible teaches there is only one Rapture and one resurrection of the Just that occurs after the Tribulation at Christ's Second Coming just before the 1000 years begin. (Cause - correct doctrine)

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* The Bible teaches that the Church is not appointed to God's wrath. People have believed that the Tribulation contains God's wrath, and thus, the Rapture must occur before the Tribulation begins (symptom - wrong doctrine). The wrath the Church is to miss occurs in the bowl period that comes after the Tribulation and after the Rapture at the time of Christ's Coming (cause - correct doctrine).

* Some wrongly believe that Revelation 3:10 teaches the Church will be removed before the hour of testing or trial comes, and they make the hour of testing equal to the Tribulation (symptom - wrong doctrine). The Greek allows that the Church to be (is) preserved through the hour of testing, not requiring her removal (cause - correct doctrine). There is no teaching that clearly teaches the hour of testing is equal to the Tribulation. (God apparently uses the Tribulation to mature His people and thus, it could be called a time of testing or trial.)

* God will rapture the Church before all who are to be saved are saved. Thus, the Rapture can occur before the Tribulation and others will be saved in the Tribulation. (Without making any declaration, they must also wrongly believe that another rapture occurs at Christ's Second Coming for the Tribulation saints at the marriage of the Lamb.) At Christ's Second Coming after the Tribulation then, Christ would bring with Him those who have been raptured and those who have died while He collects the rest of the believers from the earth. Such is not taught in the Bible. Thus, the wheat can be separated from the tares before all the tares are bundled for the fire in the Tribulation by taking the mark of the beast (This is the opposite of what the Bible teaches.). (Both symptoms and wrong doctrine.) The Bible clearly teaches that the wheat will not be separated from the tares until after all the tares are bundled for the fire (in the Great Tribulation). The Church is defined as having believed in Christ as Savior, one is transferred from the Dominion of Satan into the Kingdom of God. Christ has only one body. There are no ethnic divisions in Christ (e.g. no Jew or Gentile). All believers, both Jews and Gentiles, are the Church and are one in Christ with only Christ having first place. (Correct Doctrine; cause) Thus, an exclusive Jewish Tribulation is not in God's Plan and is not taught in the Bible.

When Christ comes, the Bible states then He will separate the sheep (believers) from the goats (unbelievers). The sheep go to heaven, and the goats to the Lake of fire.

Christ sits at the right hand of God the Father until all His enemies become His footstool and under His authority. This happens as the Mark-of-the-Beast Period polarizes all people to accept or deny the Gospel and after the heavenly court after the Tribulation gives Christ the authority over them. This doctrine precludes a Pre-Tribulation Rapture and teaches the Rapture comes after the Tribulation.

* Some believe that the Rapture must occur as the Holy Spirit is taken out of the world before the Tribulation man of lawlessness is revealed. (Symptom - wrong doctrine). But we know that many are saved and many believers are led by their Holy Spirit to obey God in the Tribulation. So the Holy Spirit is in no way removed. (Cause - correct doctrine.)

* Some believe that the abomination of desolation and the great Tribulation recorded in the Olivet Discourse, especially in Matthew 24:15-22, come as the endtimes Tribulation (Symptom - wrong doctrine). Then, because the passage is only addressed to the Jews, the Tribulation is Jewish. Thus, we have a Pre-Tribulation Rapture of the all-nations Church composed of both Jews and Gentiles. But when comparing the other Gospels on the discourse with Ezekiel 5:8-9 as a pattern

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for such events, we see that the abomination and Tribulation recorded in the passage occurred when the Romans came in AD 70 to destroy Jerusalem and the temple (symptom - correct doctrine). God gave the Jews 40 years probation from AD 30 when Christ was crucified before He destroyed the temple and land. Thus, a Pre-Tribulation Rapture will not happen.

Later in the Olivet Discourse, the Bible teaches that Christ, after the endtimes Tribulation, using the angels, gather, all believers from all parts of heaven and all parts of the earth to be with Him. First Thessalonians 4:13-18 teaches the same thing. Thus, Christ comes, but once, with and for His saints at the same time, but at the Tribulation's end. He has only one second coming and then after the Tribulation.

* God's people, the saved in Christ, are divided between the Church and Israel (all believers are not the Church) so that we can have a Pre-Tribulation Rapture (all nations Church) and have an exclusive Jewish Tribulation period (exclusive Jewish Church) after the Rapture. (Symptom and wrong doctrine). Revelation teaches that it contains saved people from all nations of such a large number that no one can count them. Both Jews and Gentiles are in the Tribulation. The Tribulation definitely is not exclusively Jewish. (cause and correct doctrine.) All saved people are the Church. - no exceptions. **Both Jews and Gentiles are one in Christ without division.** They have been called out of the Dominion of Satan into the Kingdom of God. This understanding precludes a Pre-Tribulation Rapture.

* The exclusive Jewish seventieth week in Daniel 9 is equal to the endtimes Tribulation, and thus, it requires the Rapture of the all-nations Church to occur before the exclusive Jewish Tribulation begins. (Cause and wrong doctrine) The purposes (such as the atonement for iniquity and the bringing in of everlasting righteousness) for the seventy weeks are fulfilled in the Cross, and thus, the Cross must be in the period of the seventy weeks. The Daniel 9 prophecy states the Messiah was cut off (crucified) **after** the 69th week (not at the end of). Placing the seventieth week as the endtimes Tribulation places the Cross and the purposes for the weeks outside of the seventy weeks period. This is flawed interpretation and is incorrect. The seventieth week is history and contains the Cross of Christ. As stated, the Tribulation is all nations in characteristic and is not exclusively Jewish that would be required by the seventieth week. The Tribulation does not qualify to be the seventieth week. Thus, the Rapture cannot occur before the all-nations Tribulation. (symptom and correct doctrine.) There are many other reasons that the seventieth week is history. See the large appendix in *Watchman Warning*.

* Some believe that there are two comings of Christ - one before the Tribulation to Rapture the Church and one after the Tribulation to bring the termination of history (Symptom - wrong doctrine). The Bible uses the Greek article with its references to Christ's Coming, Revelation, and Appearing. They generally refer to the time after the Tribulation and at the time of the destruction of the man of sin. Using the Greek article shows there is only one future Coming, Revelation, and Appearing (cause- correct doctrine). This teaching precludes a Pre-Tribulation Rapture.

* Some believe that there is no endtimes Tribulation or that the Tribulation occurs throughout the Church Period, much of it now being history, even before AD 70. (Symptom or wrong doctrine). The Bible teaches that when Christ comes, He casts the persons of the Beast and False Prophet into the Lake of Fire. This teaching shows there is an endtimes Tribulation (cause or correct doctrine).

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* Our churches do not see that God terminates history with a sequence similar to the ones that He used to terminate Israel (cause and correct doctrine). Thus, they do not see or recognize the signs that are associated with the sequence that signal the discipline period is coming - the endtimes Tribulation. Thus, they wrongly operate as if the present conditions will continue long term. (Symptom and wrong doctrine.) Knowing this sequence allows us to know more about the events that will occur in the Tribulation. This sequence is developed in detail from the Scriptures in *Watchman Warning*.

* Many churches believe that God will restore Israel after the Cross based on His many promises in the Old Testament. Thus, they declare that God has future periods for Israel in the Tribulation and in the 1000 years. (symptom - wrong doctrine) The Bible does teach these promises, but not that there are future periods after the Cross in these two periods. These are man's declarations. The Bible does not teach either one. But the Bible teaches that Israel in her disobedience broke the everlasting covenant of the land so that God is no longer obligated to return Israel to her land to fulfill His promises. (The current return is by Satan because God only returns Israel in her repentance to obedience. The current Israel is in complete apostasy.) (cause and correct doctrine) And further, any such return has no purpose after all believers, both Jews and Gentiles, are now one in Christ and the Jewish worship system has been set aside forever. Such a return of physical temples and animal sacrifices would deny the efficaciousness of the Cross and Christianity. It would be an affront to Christ. What matters in God's Plan is that one is mature in Christ so one can know and relate to God. As stated, it does not matter where one lives on the earth. Only the Church, composed of both Jews and Gentiles, after the Day of Pentecost is God's people. The current return of Israel is being used by Satan to strengthen the Pre-Tribulation Rapture view so that people will do less to mature their people and prepare them for the Tribulation. ***The Bible does not declarative teach we should prepare for the Tribulation, but we must if we are not now maturing our people, have a few supplies, and are helping to do area-wide local evangelism.***

When Christ was crucified, God rent the temple's veil from the top down signally the Jewish worship system was over forever. Tongues (only foreign languages) spoken on the Day of Pentecost signaled that the Joel prophecy was now being fulfilled where the Gospel and God's Word are going now also to the Gentiles, no longer only to the Jews. Thus, any special all-exclusive Jewish Period was gone forever. God is now dealing with all people from all over the earth to bring them to salvation and to maturity in Christ. There are no future Jewish periods in God's Plan.

The Bible promises that a descendant of David would sit and rule on his throne over Israel referring to the Christ. The Bible in Acts teaches that Christ is ruling on David's throne now, but from heaven, not from the earth, as He rules over all believers in the Kingdom of God.

* Many believe that when the fulness of the Gentiles is complete, there will be a large number of Jews saved at the same time that will enter the Millennium. (symptom - wrong doctrine). This will not happen. The Greek in this passage allows for the teaching as the Gentiles are being saved one at a time, so are the Jews being saved one at a time. Thus, when the fulness of the Gentiles occurs, so is the fulness of the Jews. And also when the Gentiles are raptured so are the Jews. There is no one to enter a Millennium as saved people. And no one is saved after the Rapture. (cause - correct doctrine.)

SUMMARY: The Rapture occurs at Christ's Second Coming after the endtimes Tribulation. The

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Church goes through the Tribulation for discipline (not the wrath of God) for her falling away. The wrath of God comes in the bowls after the Rapture and after the Tribulation. Signs now signal the Tribulation can come at any time. The Tribulation purposes is to have all people who are to live polarized by making formal and binding decisions to accept or deny the Gospel in life or by death. This is so Christ can bring the Rapture and final judgements. ***Thee is no one born or saved after the Rapture.***

There is a spiritual warfare between Christ and Satan, Christ works to bring, and Satan works to prevent, God's elect to believe and to accomplish God's chosen work. The Rapture cannot occur until after the heavenly court determines that Christ has won the warfare - the elect did actually believe and did actually accomplish God's chosen work. This determination is made at the seventh trumpet by the heavenly court after the Tribulation (but before the bowls). Only then does Christ have the authority to rapture the Church and have eternal control over unbelievers that to this time were in the Dominion of Satan and under his authority.

The Rapture comes Post-Tribulational. And the Tribulation can last 20 years or more (Daniel's seventieth week is history and does not refer to or define the duration of the endtimes Tribulation. There are no future Jewish Periods in God's Plan. They have no purpose. The 1000 years occurs during Christ's Second Coming, not before or afterward. There is no Scripture that teaches a Pre-Tribulation Rapture or that there is no endtimes Tribulation. There is no Scripture that teaches a Jewish Golden-Age in the 1000 years. We are to train to become mature in Christ so that we can know and relate to our perfect God toward His fullness and live amidst His great Glory forever.

SUMMARY CONSIDERATIONS

IMPACT: Believing wrongly in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture, or that the Tribulation is throughout the Church period with much before AD 70, believers very often do not see that God's main purpose is to mature His people and that our maturity can be fixed forever at death. This is being shown now by their major falling away. They most likely are not working to become mature. They are not training them for how the Tribulation unfolds and what they can experience when it comes. They are leaving themselves and their children and youth to be caught blind sided when the Tribulation comes. And they can enter heaven with less maturity than they otherwise could have if they would only have studied and trained as God leads. With greater maturity, they can know and relate to God much greater toward His fullness. Of course, they, standing strong and not falling away, could gain more maturity in the Tribulation.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE IMPACT: As the current churches are falling away by the thousands, this, in our view, gives Satan the power to bring the calamity that establishes the endtimes Tribulation. When Satan brings great persecution in the Tribulation, the immature church will fall away. The Bible teaches a great falling away will occur. This gives Satan the power to bring the Mark-of-the-Beast period where he forces people to deny the Cross if they want to buy or sell.

(In my view, as stated, Church leadership is largely responsible for churches falling away. This is done to a large extent in the Tribulation by not in advance maturing and briefing their people, thus, allowing an immature Church with a loss of biblical intellect and with a low plateau of Bible knowledge. They are allowing their people to enter heaven with less maturity

than they otherwise could have if they had trained and briefed them. Those who were trained can stand stronger under the persecution and gain more maturity in Christ)

WATCHMAN WARNING: According to Revelation's special sequence, signs now signal the calamity that brings the endtimes Tribulation with world government can come at any time. Only God knows the timing. With a sense of urgency, mature your church people, especially including the children and youth, to the degree you can. Put food, water, radio communications, gasoline, personal items, etc. in place to get through the calamity and the first few weeks of the Tribulation. Keep your job. (See my reports such as *Endtimes Scenario for How the Endtimes Unfold* for what will or can happen in the Tribulation.)

Our churches do not appear to see and/or recognize the current signs and trends. They are dumbing down, not maturing, their people. Thus, when the Tribulation comes in a whirlwind without warning, our immature and uninformed church people will be caught blind sided and will not know what is happening. Few will have been taught prophecy to know what will happen as the endtimes unfold. As a result there will be a major falling away in the Tribulation.

Our churches need to recognize that only God in His extreme Greatness, not them, can work all things together for good. Thus, they should seek out all that God wants done for direction and do it with excellence and commitment. They should activate their faith in Him to so by from their love keeping His commandments and from His purpose, help accomplish His work. This requires them to mature their people, regardless of God's purposes, as He commands ,and to train them to help do area-wide local evangelism. We glorify God by doing all of what He asks us to do - not what we determine is to be done.

Our churches need to come to red alert, general quarters, and battle stations and urgently brief, mature, and prepare their people. Our training time in freedom will be soon and suddenly truncated. Not doing so, is a most major mistake particularly for the children and the youth. They will be educated satanically by the state. You must do so even as a hedge about being wrong if you believe differently. It is better to be prepared 10 years early, than one second too late. Signs signal the Tribulation can come at any time with God alone knowing the timing. It could be this year or in the next few years. The events in the Tribulation as Satan gains more power will be much-much worse than most think. Not to brief, train, and prepare your people, especially your children and youth, in light of what can be soon coming and what is needed for eternity, is unthinkable and irresponsible. We must not leave them untrained as far as it depends upon us.

Please read and study my doctrinal papers on prophecy (regardless of your view and previous study) and study for yourselves to see that the Rapture can only come Post-Tribulation and that there definitely is a future Tribulation. Pray about the timing.

What will your church and yourself do? What are you doing to mature, brief, and warn your people? Do you have a curriculum by which to mature your people? Do you want to be responsible for your church and family being caught blind sided when the Tribulation comes? Understand, it can come at any time. Please make this situation a matter of prayer.

Look how does it hurt, regardless of your prophetic view, to urgently mature your people, evangelize the children in after-school Bible clubs, help evangelize your complete local areas, and put in some supplies to get through the calamity and the early part of the Tribulation and be able to stand stronger under the persecution in the Tribulation? God commands to do these things, and we can be prepared for any emergency that comes. It is wise not to do so?

Work now in greater obedience to have the best future with God one can have, regardless of the past.

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.