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We can know how the endtimes will unfold especially after we observe that Revelation's endtimes unfold in a pattern modeled after how God dealt with the Old Testament Jews. By studying what happened to the Jews with the inputs from Revelation, we can know the signs that signal the endtimes are coming and what will happen when they do.

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This chapter is written for those who have some knowledge of the issues and doctrines in prophecy. Those wanting a more beginning view can read *Watchman, How Far Gone is the Night?*

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CHAPTER SIX

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INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents a narrative summary of how the endtimes will unfold in the Pattern Sequence, interweaving material from throughout the Bible into an overall and integrated story. It places information from the Old Testament prophets and the events from the levels of divine discipline in Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28 into Revelation's story. Information is taken from throughout this book without further development or derivation.

Each summary part ends showing how God makes the strategies of the endtimes fair and just to the spiritual warfare participants; God (and Christ with the holy angels), people, and Satan (with the fallen angels). [Figures 1-1](#), [5-3](#), and [6-1](#) illustrate how the endtimes will unfold.

The endtime events are listed in greater detail with their Scriptural references in Appendix A, "Detailed Description of the Unfolding Endtimes." Appendix A lists the strategies that God and Satan are expected to use during each endtime period. People should use God's strategies.

BACKGROUND

God is ending history in a fair and just manner using a Pattern Sequence that is controlled by Christ in heaven using a seven-sealed book or scroll. The sealed scroll is the title deed of the kingdom of the world. Satan took over the kingdom when He deceived Adam and Eve to disobey God and sin in the Garden of Eden. Christ controls the endtimes as He breaks the seals one at a time. The endtime events occur as the seals of the scroll are broken. Christ began to break the seals after the endtime Pattern Sequence was established. This Pattern Sequence was established at the time the United States became the endtime covenant nation, and when the endtime Babylon the Great was formed to influence the country to sin. Babylon the Great is the Bible's name for Internationalists who plan to set up rule of the world under Satan.

Satan established Babylon the Great starting with Adam Weishaupt in Europe. His people eventually brought international influence, control, and banking to America. Babylon the Great plans international rule of the world to accomplish Satan's objectives.

God made a covenant with the United States. The knowledge of the existence of the covenant comes from the knowledge of the endtime Pattern Sequence and the match of the characteristics and history of the United States with those of Old Testament Israel.

In the covenant arrangement, several factors were involved:

1. God gave the United States (using believers) the mandate to evangelize the world with the gospel at the time of the world's greatest population. Most of the elect live now, and thus, most of the works of the elect will be accomplished now.
2. God will greatly bless the nation if her people generally obey His laws and accomplish His will. But if her people disobey God and depart from His righteous living, He will begin to bring curses and discipline as He reduces His restraint on sin. This has been America's recent history. If the disobedience continues and reaches great apostasy, immorality, sin, and false worship, the nation will lose its sovereignty and be placed under international government — Revelation's beast with the seventh head — as divine discipline.
3. The restraint of sin in a covenant nation's people will be controlled by God commensurate with the obedience of God's people. If the church obeys God by living righteously and accomplishing His work of disciplining and evangelizing the world, then God will continue to bless the nation and restrain the sin of the nation's people. This has been the general history of the country for over 200 years from her founding.
4. But if the church begins to depart from righteous living, has false worship, and neglects accomplishing His work, then God will lessen His restraint on sin, and the nation's people will begin to disobey God.

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This sin will cause God to bring curses and bad government. The sin of the nation will affect the life of the church, causing the church to fall even more away from God. This causes God to more greatly decrease His restraint on sin, and then, eventually, the nation greatly sins and becomes worthy of great judgment. This is happening now. The situation is escalating, inviting God's Pattern-Sequence judgment. Thus, both the church and the nation's people are responsible for the judgment coming, along with the sins of the people from the many other nations.

5. The people of the world's nations must respond to the gospel and live righteously, or they also will be placed under international rule, under the auspices of the Pattern-Sequence operation. Thus, the world's nations are also affected by the Pattern Sequence and will also receive divine discipline.
6. Satan is allowed to establish His entities in a fair and just manner to influence the church and nation to sin and depart from godly living and God's work. His power to do this is controlled by God's restraint on sin. If the church continues to obey, then Satan's power and influence is greatly restrained. But as the church goes into greater and greater sin, God greatly reduces His restraint on sin and allows Satan to increase His power and influence in the nation.

The details of the Pattern Sequence and its events are modeled after Israel in her Pattern Sequence. Thus, by studying what happened to Israel and the sequence of the events in Revelation, we can determine how the world will end and the conditions and events that people will experience.

God chose the Pattern Sequence to be a fair and just vehicle to end the spiritual warfare that flourishes throughout biblical history and the endtimes. Christ battles to have God's chosen elect believe the gospel and accomplish His work. If He is successful (and He will be), He will win back the kingdom of the world from Satan. This glorifies God. Satan battles to thwart this plan so that he can escape the Lake of Fire and be allowed to rule his life forever independent of God. If successful (and he will not be), he would show God that he is more able than Him to work all things together for (his) good.

God and Christ can take back the title deed of the world if all the chosen elect believe the gospel and all the chosen elect accomplish God's prescribed works. Both the elect and the works were chosen by God before the foundation of the world. From what the Bible records, the end will come if either of two situations occur:

1. If at any time, all the elect believe and accomplish God's work, and if all the non-elect have made formal decisions to reject the gospel.
2. If after three and one-half years of a despotic government controlled by Satan, the elect have not believed, the elect have not accomplished God's works, and the rest of the people have made formal decisions to reject the gospel.

Satan could have maintained rule of the world if he could have maintained control over the death of people. But he was defeated in this control when Christ went to the Cross. This was when Genesis 3:15 was fulfilled. Satan bruised Christ on the heel as the Seed of the woman, and Christ as the Seed bruised or crushed the head of the serpent. All Satan had to do to win the warfare was not to crucify Christ. Then there would not be any salvation, and Christ would not be allowed to break the seals of the seven-sealed book.

During one of the last phases of the Pattern Sequence — the mark-of-the-Beast period — God using Satan will bring a trial on the world that will cause unbelievers in the gospel to believe Satanic doctrines and worship him in order to obtain their necessities of life. Those who do accept Satan's doctrines, God will bring a deluding influence so that they can never believe the gospel in their future. Those who do not accept the doctrine will be killed. All of the elect will believe just before the devastating calamity begins that will bring this Beast period. They will go through this hour of trial of the Beast period, but because they are already saved, the trial will not affect them.

The great issue during the Beast period is then twofold:

1. Whether all remaining elect will accomplish God's chosen work. This work includes going to the

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martyrs death as a witness.

2. Have all the world's people make a formal declaration to believe the gospel (which they will not) or to reject the gospel and believe Satan's doctrines (which they will).

God wins the spiritual warfare if #1 is accomplished, and Satan wins the warfare if #2 is accomplished. If God wins the warfare (and He will), then the title deed of the kingdom of the world will be given to the Lord and His Christ. Having this title deed, God and Christ can rapture the church and bring the final judgments on the world — to end history as we know it. If Satan should win the warfare (and he cannot), he would remain ruler of the world, and he and his angels will avoid the Lake of Fire.

Both of the above two items happen by the end of the mark-of-the-Beast period of three and one-half years. After this period, the heavenly court sits and makes the judgment that God and Christ have won the warfare. The court hands down this verdict that God and Christ have won the warfare. Because it does, it awards the kingdom of the world to the Lord and His Christ. This award allows them to rapture and reward the church and bring the final judgments on all unbelievers. This sequence brings the end of world history.

Because of these expectations, Satan, as the endtimes progress, will bring great persecution against Christians to accomplish three objectives:

1. Persuade the world to be fearful so as not to become Christians.
2. Influence Christians not to accomplish the works of God.
3. Bring barriers so that Christians cannot accomplish God's work.

Throughout America's history, God restricts (restrains) Satan's activities if the church and people of the United States obey Him. If the church and people begin to sin through disobedience, then God removes some of His restraint, and this allows Satan more power to accomplish His will. Satan then can influence the church and country to increase her sin. As this happens, he gains more control. The cycle continues to give Satan more power until he is able to establish international government and finally despotic government in the last three and one-half years of the mark-of-the-Beast period.

As a covenant nation, the United States was established with the best government, Constitution, Bill of Rights and freedoms, and financial system the world has ever known. These conditions have allowed people to own property, and the church and business to work freely in a free enterprise environment. The nation was founded by believers, and even the coinage was imprinted with "In God We Trust."

The Internationalists act in a world conspiracy operating as Babylon the Great with much of her activity in the United States. She acts in secrecy using sensuousness and sorcery. The general public has little concept of her operation and generally does not believe that she exists even if it is told. An increasing awareness of her operation has occurred since her influence and control has become more evident in the past 20 to 30 years. In the past 10 to 15 years, many books have begun to appear about her aspects.

In order to gain more control over the United States, the objectives of Babylon the Great have been to debase the currency with debt and inflation and to create a formidable enemy. The debase of the currency allows Babylon the Great, using a central bank, to manipulate the economy of the United States as it operates in a semi-free market place.

Establishing a formidable enemy accomplishes two purposes:

1. It causes both countries to build huge militaries that destroy the national economies of both nations. This brings both nation under the financial and influential control of the Internationalists.
2. It creates an enemy that Babylon the Great can bring against the United States during the fifth-seal war and the wars of the trumpets, allowing Babylon the Great to establish international government. According to the Pattern Sequence, this enemy will be the northern army.

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In order to control and influence the finances of the United States and the world, Babylon the Great apparently was influential in the establishment of the Federal Reserve System and the world bank. To get people thinking world government and to help establish their plans, apparently the United Nations was established.

As the endtimes of the Pattern Sequence unfold, the Internationalists have a threefold plan of establishing world rule: a world government, a world financial system, and a world religion. With these three in place, they will control the world's resources, and by doing so, will control the world's people. Using this system and world government, Satan plans to rule the world.

The Internationalists have allegiance to Satan and his objective to rule the world. They do not have national allegiance. They are willing to destroy their own to accomplish their objectives. The cause is what is important, not the people. Thus, internationalism, not nationalism, is what is important to them. They will force internationalism upon America.

THE SPIRITUAL WARFARE STRATEGIES

The main strategy of the church is simply to implement God's overall objective of taking his people to spiritual maturity in Christ by living out the three activities: exalting God, living godly lives, and accomplishing His work. The three activities are lived out using the Romans 8:28 Faith-Process. In doing this, the job of the church is to carry out Christ's Great Commission to evangelize and disciple the world's people, beginning with local communities.

God gave the majority of this work to the American Church as part of the Pattern Sequence, even though other countries such as England have accomplished much missionary work. But other countries are not the covenant nation in the endtime Pattern Sequence. Because much of the church and the people are enjoying American prosperity, the church has become sidetracked, caring more about her standard of living than carrying out God's work. Satan is no doubt encouraging the church people to be satisfied with a good sermon and fellowshiping with their friends (which is good), but without the motivation and commitment to be involved in active ministry and learn the doctrines of the Bible.

His strategy includes influencing the church to win small battles so that she will believe that she is carrying out God's full will. But in doing so, the life and the ministry of the church will decline to a value much lower than God's desired norm. In this accomplishment, Satan takes local churches essentially out of the warfare. The church wins a few skirmishes, but loses the war.

At this point, the ministry is now being carried out by the few of God's faithful remnant, instead of a large percentage of the church. The church today is carrying out her life and ministry way below God's norm for His church. As the church operates this way, she believes that she is fulfilling God's will. But she has been terribly blinded by Satan.

The major sins of the endtime church appear to consist of false worship by means of the worldwide false tongues movement and of not adequately carrying out the Great Commission of discipling God's people to live godly lives and to accomplish God's work.

The church has come to believe two doctrines that have benefitted the cause of Satan. These are as follows:

1. **The Pretribulation Rapture of the Church** - Except for the more committed, this doctrine has influenced much of the church to do little or nothing and wait for the Rapture. This lack of commitment appears to be increasing since the signs have increased that indicate the end is near. Thus, this doctrine has caused many to remove themselves from the warfare. This action has allowed Satan to advance his position.
2. **The World Will Be Christianized Before Christ Returns** - This doctrine teaches that although the world will have bad times, it will eventually be Christianized before Christ returns. The church will be in charge of most of the world.

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These are supreme warfare tactics of Satan. Satan has greatly duped the church into accepting false doctrines. Neither of these doctrines bring incentive for the church to warn and prepare her people that they will go through the Tribulation as divine discipline. Thus, the church without this warning will be suddenly thrust in terrible conditions for which she is unprepared and has no doctrine to understand. This situation will cause many to fall away from active faith.

Another doctrine that has greatly influenced segments of the church to do wrongly is the doctrine of the sovereignty of God. Because the church leaders believe that everyone will be saved regardless of what they do, many churches do not have regular programs to train their people to witness the gospel. Instead they emphasize the preaching of other doctrines. Apparently they have not understood that even though God is sovereign, the will of man is equally valid and is operating. Everything will occur just as God decrees, but the outcome is equally affected by the will of man and what he believes and does. Thus, if no one preaches the gospel, no one will be saved. Churches must have programs that train their people to witness, and the church people must witness. Because much of the church has adopted this tactic of not training, Satan is winning many battles that he should not win.

The church has lost much of her militant operation and has settled for ease and contentment in local church operation having fellowship with friends, without becoming involved. Thus, the church has become lukewarm, sin tolerant, and double-minded, and is involved in false worship. She has a form of godliness without sufficient of its true power. Most of the church has been put to sleep without concern for her future and the forces that Satan will soon unleash upon her. The church has lost her militant posture and is operating at a level that allows Satan to implement his desired strategies.

The church and the world have been partly put to sleep by the deceptive peace movement of the Soviet Union, now Russia. Although Russia has many problems, she has instigated a deceptive peace movement that has put the United States to sleep, pertaining to her being an active formidable enemy. The United States is now disarming to the level of fighting two wars. If in the future, there are two major wars in the world such as against North Korea and in the Middle East, both engaging the United States, this exposes the west coast of the United States to attack by Russia without much resistance. The Russian military remains strongly in place, and she continues to build advance submarines, missiles, and aircraft. Although in financial and other trouble now, she is building for the future using American money to position herself to make war and rule the world. According to the Pattern Sequence, God will use her as the northern army to bring discipline upon the United States. Satan will use her to help establish world government.

In summary, Satan's strategy to rule the world includes influencing government, laws, finances, education, and religion, with all controlled by Babylon the Great, composed of Internationalists. He does this by his people infiltrating and influencing many organizations. These organizations most likely include government, the courts, the military, the country's financial system, the educational system, religions and churches, and the mass communications medias.

This infiltration acts like an invisible or secret government. We can know it is happening because the practices of these organizations have departed from righteous living and biblical doctrines, and the Bible teaches that Babylon the Great will exist in the endtimes.

Satan's strategies include destroying the lights of God in people's hearts and bringing in false belief systems that appear to be correct. Many are based on distortions of the Scriptures. The lights of God include (1) the Bible in its entirety is the true and only Word of God; (2) Christ is God, and He died for sin; (3) God will judge sin; (4) God and Christ are alive; and (5) He created people, heaven, and earth. Instead Satan, through his subjects, is teaching that (1) God has many books; (2) Christ is only a human teacher and only one of many ways to God; (3) the Christ is not the Savior, only an office that many have filled; (4) God is dead or there is no God; (5) evolution; (6) there is no judgment for sin; and (7) God is composed of all people. Satan also leads people to believe what is false: that one must work or do good deeds and be water baptized for their salvation, and they must also continue in good works to maintain their salvation. He has gotten much of the church to believe that tongues attest to spiritual power. He teaches the false doctrine that there is no eternal security in Christ. Satan leads people into immorality, having them believe that God does not judge sin. In all of these and more, Satan has greatly deceived most of the world. He has most of the world under his control. It will seem to most that he will win the

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warfare against Christ. At least the **visible** evidence appears that way.

Satan creates many different and opposing groups that confuse people, deterring them from finding the truth of the gospel and the Bible and deterring them from being a strong enemy that will move against him. Thus, he creates many religious systems with many sets of differing doctrines. He encourages the church to divide into separate, non-cooperating groups, based on differing systems of doctrines including eschatology and tongues. Thus, the church, being divided, is weak instead of being strong and united together as a common invincible force that God uses to accomplish His objectives and work. Satan's strategy has been successful. And the church has allowed it, and falsely accepts it as the norm.

In order to rule the world most effectively, the population of the world may need to be greatly reduced. We can expect measures to be taken that will greatly reduce the population as God allows. The expectations are that abortion, contrived disease, intentionally not finding cures for disease (such as for cancer), and euthanasia will greatly increase. The people will not be allowed to use the true methods or cures for disease. Thus, we can expect that a large percentage of the world's people will be sick and diseased. The weather may be manipulated to cause drought, famine, and floods. Much of the food that is grown will be depleted of vitamins and minerals due to not putting the minerals back into the soil and growing food organically, and much food may be manipulated to have wrong mineral and vitamin balance. The coming war of the trumpets is expected to kill a very large percentage of the world's population.

In order to take over the world, Satan creates crises situations, and proposes solutions that benefit him, giving him more control. Thus, as the end comes, he will create terrible conditions and a great war — the war of the fourth seal — deceiving people to believe that the only solution for continued peace is international government.

Before the war, the conditions in America are expected to be terrible and in great chaos. This chaos comes because of the sin of the people and is used as an instrument of divine discipline. It is also used by Satan to bring the calamity-war. Due to the long-term manipulation of the American and world finances, the conditions in America could easily be as follows — real or manipulated (all of these events may not happen):

1. There will be food and water shortages from many causes. People will be going hungry and thirsty.
2. Situations will be created to cause or simulate oil shortages, and there will be gas lines all over the United States with no end in sight.
3. There will be a financial crisis in the United States. The stock market will crash, and money will be rationed from the banks. Loans will be impossible to obtain.
4. Thousands will be out of work all over the country.
5. The poorly educated will be unable to find jobs, and they will form rioting all over the country. Terrorists will be going door to door looking for food to eat and valuables to sell.
6. There will be a great war in the Middle East with no end in sight. Russia will invade the Middle East to control the world's oil. One fourth of the world's nations will be involved in the war because they need oil to maintain their sovereignty.
7. There will be war also against North Korea or another similar strength nation. With the United States fighting two wars, Russia may invade the west coast of the United States.
8. The President of the United States will declare an emergency and bring martial law to the country. The Constitution and its form of government will be placed aside, and the President will now rule as a dictator. The organizations that have been in training for some time will now be put into operation to help administer the martial law. The United States as the country we now know will be gone forever.

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Babylon the Great will propose world government under Revelation's Beast with the seventh head as the only solution to world war and the world's existing conditions. The situation will be so terrible, that without knowing biblical doctrine, the world will accept it. Thus, Revelation's first Beast empire is established, and she reigns during the period of the fifth seal. This may be what people today are calling "the New World Order."

This government will come because God has reduced His restraint on sin commensurate with the departure of the church from active faith. The church will go through the endtime judgments as divine discipline. There will **not** be a pretribulation Rapture.

Satan's strategy falls in line with the allowable periods of the Pattern Sequence. He will influence the people of the United States and world nations to gradually increase their sinfulness. They will not realize the sinful state they have reached. They will accept it as the norm. Then as the sin reaches sufficient height, bring the fourth-seal war that will bring the first phase of international government. This will get the people used to international government. Satan will have this first period last a long time (e.g. 15 to 30 years or more) with programs to create great sinfulness and false worship in people so that he can bring a devastating calamity to establish his despotic government.

He will attempt to get rid of religious people during this period, so that they will have little influence on the other people, and in addition, have the people so fearful that they will not accept Christianity or other religions of dogmatic beliefs. Thus, Satan through international government and Babylon the Great can be expected to bring extreme persecution against Christians and Moslems. Satan wants to establish a religious system that will accept the religions of other people. Thus the religious systems must have this doctrine also in their belief systems.

Satan's strategies to rule the world involve (1) getting people to accept international government, (2) taking away the freedoms of people to do what they want, and (3) disallowing people to have time to fight the government and its unjust laws. Satan's strategies are expected to include:

1. Satan wants all people in a religious system that will worship him and that will support international government. Satan must destroy the religious power of Islam (particularly among the Arab countries in the Middle East), political Zionism in Israel, American patriotism, and Christianity. The fourth-seal war may be fought to destroy Islam and political Zionism. These religions are concentrated in nations. Thus, Satan will cause a war (the fourth-seal war) to get these nations to destroy each other.

Satan will make war against Christians and patriots throughout all the nations using law and police tactics during the takeover periods of the fifth-seal and mark-of-the-Beast periods.

Only those people who will go along with the concept of world government and world religion will escape persecution.

2. Satan must get the people to go along with his plans of international government. To accomplish this goal, he must get people to accept his false religions and have the people indoctrinated in childhood with internationalism and anti-family values. He must get the people involved in widespread immorality so that they can no longer be saved, and so that God can not use them to accomplish His will. Sex education will start with the lower grades and sex is to be a natural recreation starting with high school students instead of a marriage value. God can not save people or effectively use His people who are involved in immorality. Satan is expected to change the school system so that the people will be poorly educated, they will not be able to figure out what is happening in overview, so that they will go along with internationalism and its unjust policies and laws. We can expect educational polices implemented in the schools to bring about these objectives.

Thus, we can expect Satan to gain control of education and bring international and sexual immorality (accepted as the norm) indoctrination into the schools. The schools will use inadequate means by design in training children to read and to be good thinkers. Biblical Christianity will not be allowed by law and will be warred against. The education and rearing of children will be taken over by the state. Private education will no longer be allowed. Parents will no longer be given the choice of how their children will be educated. For parents who will not go along with the state's education and fight the

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situation, their children may be taken away and given to foster parents.

2. In order to control people, the government must force people to work in their companies or corporations without having discretionary funds and extra time to do what they want. Their time must be so occupied that they will have little time to fight the government and its unjust laws. Thus, the people must be forced to work long hours; perhaps longer than 40 hours.

We can expect that inheritance and investments may not be allowed for most people who will not go along with the international government system. The government may disallow such situations for all people, except for the chosen few. In addition, property is expected to be confiscated, and people will be forced to rent. Where these acts may not be universal, their ploy is to remove any last bastions of freedom and feelings of individual sovereignty that allows people to do what they want.

They will plan to eventually gain control of farming and food processing, water supplies, housing, transportation, the communications media, gasoline, money, and the banking system. When they control the necessities of life and the ways to communicate, they can control the people. We should expect more government control of these resources.

After 10 to 30 years of such indoctrination and lifestyle, the people of the United States and world nations will be in extreme apostasy, immorality, sin, and false worship. They will be under the government control of Babylon the Great. God then will bring devastating calamity and severe discipline under the Beast system. Then Satan can bring his world government and have the people of the world worship him if they want to exist. This will be the operation under the mark of the Beast. The concept is worship Satan or die.

According to the endtime Pattern Sequence, God will allow Satan's activities and goals to be accomplished in a three step control commensurate with the sin of the church and the rest of the people:

1. The period of the first three seals will lead from freedom and prosperity to apostasy and control.

Babylon the Great will do all that she can get away with to bring the above conditions leading to international government. Returning to being obedient to God, the church and American people will have the most impact on controlling the advance of Satanic policies and situations. They have the most freedoms to bring this about during this period of the first three seals.

2. The fourth-seal war will bring the international government of the fifth seal.

The fifth-seal period is expected to last about 15 to 30 or more years. International government will be formed that will allow Satan significantly increased control over the world. Most of the activities of the church will be curtailed, and Christians will be warred against. Satan will not have complete control during this period. But his control will increase as the period progresses because the people will increase their apostasy, immorality, sin, and false worship.

3. The sixth and seventh seals will bring the devastating calamity of the first six trumpets that will usher in the mark-of-the-Beast period.

Most of any remaining Christians during this Beast period will be martyred. During this period, Satan will have despotic control over the world. He will be able to accomplish anything he wants. By the end of this period, the people of the world, except for a "small" remnant of believers will be in extreme apostasy, the greatest the world has ever witnessed.

Any person who desires to hold back the darkness from pervading the world has only one procedure. No others work, although they may slow its progress. This procedure is not to fight the government and what is happening in the world, but instead to:

1. Believe the gospel and become a Christian.
2. Live a godly life by trusting God to work all things together for good. Embody this faith by obeying His

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commandments from love and hope in authoritative head-subordinate relationships. Live a holy life unto God and as a witness to the world.

3. Become ardently involved in God's work of evangelism, discipleship, building godly families, training faithful people, planting churches, and reaching out to the needy with God's truth and spiritual and physical support.

Unless the people of the world and the church obey the above three items, no force on earth can prevent the darkness of the Satanic endtime events from occurring. Because the Bible teaches that they will happen, the church and the rest of the people will continue to fall away from active faith. The great apostasy will come and the Man of Lawlessness will be revealed just as 2 Thessalonians 2 teaches.

Thus, as the endtimes progress, we can expect the government under the direction of Babylon the Great to work toward the following;

1. Take over all sources and control of necessities — control finances, investments, property, and inheritance.
2. Establish international government.
3. Establish a worldwide financial system.
4. Establish a one world religion (New Age Movement?).
5. Take over education and the rearing of children and decimate the family unit.

With the above as a background, the endtimes as they are expected to happen will now be presented.

REVELATION'S FIRST THREE SEALS HAVE BEEN BROKEN

God begins the endtime Pattern Sequence with the forming of the United States and Babylon the Great. Christ breaks the seals near the time these entities are formed, placing the Pattern Sequence into operation. Christ breaks the first three seals to control the conditions during prosperity and the beginnings of apostasy and of God's curses. Based on the concept of the endtime Pattern Sequence, these seals probably cover the period, from 1776 to the 1990's, when the church and nation are in general obedience to God, but ending in apostasy. It is the period when Satan is building his endtime forces.

These first three seals bring false religion, war, and famines. They are similar conditions that existed before Jerusalem and the temple were destroyed in A.D. 70. This period lasted about 40 years from the time of Christ's crucifixion. Thus, it is not unexpected that the period in the United States and world could last 200 years.

During the period of the first three seals, the country experienced great prosperity. Her fame went worldwide. Before World War II, many people lived on farms, grew much of their own food, and worshipped God in their churches. A handshake was equivalent to a written contract. Since the war, prosperity with God's blessing has turned to apostasy, bringing God's curses and judgment.

The growing and numerous signs show that the country is in apostasy. America's sin has also influenced the church. Americans have come to worship the work of their hands and the gods of recreation and mammon (having abundance). The present day existence of many simultaneous signs and the endtime entities show that the calamity of the fourth seal is impending. This situation confirms that the first three seals have already been broken and their events are running their course.

The many signs include (1) unusual weather; (2) insect infestations; (3) religious cults; (4) many wars; (5) famines; (6) many earthquakes; (7) water shortages and rationing; (8) great increase in disease; (9) the deceptive peace movement; (10) several generations of immoral children; (11) the flaunting of immorality; (12) sin like that of Sodom and Gomorrah; (13) churches falling

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away from obedient faith; (14) a decrease in the knowledge of God; (15) the nations building up their militaries, especially in the Middle East; (16) children being indoctrinated with falsehood; (17) a move toward forming world government; (18) the world being in great debt and financial difficulty; (19) the confiscation of property; (20) unjust laws; and (21) the planned coalition of the ten nations of Europe.

The endtime entities are (1) the United States, as the covenant nation, and a major forerunner nation to the Beast Empire; (2) the Internationalists, as Babylon the Great; (3) the European nations, as the coming coalition of 10 kings; and (4) Russia, as a nation of great military power that God will use as the northern-army nation to bring divine discipline in some manner upon the United States.

America has accepted a deceptive peace movement, believing Russia is no longer an active current military threat. This false peace movement is lulling people to sleep so that they do not expect war. This false peace belief has been introduced into the spiritual realm when people proclaim that the church will miss the coming disciplinary judgment (the Tribulation) by the Rapture or that the world will be Christianized before Christ returns.

The Internationalists, as Babylon the Great, have continued to increase their influence on American finances, government, and mass media. The government's debt, welfare programs, and false religious systems have greatly increased. Television and movies have degenerated from decent programs to those that greatly flaunt immorality and false doctrines. Sex, drugs, rock music, and "fun" have become prevalent — particularly in the schools. The rock music helps stir up the physical, leading to sexual immorality. Young people are now growing to adulthood without experiencing and having known America's greatness under God.

Thus, the apostasy, having begun soon after the nation was formed, has greatly increased since World War II and now has reached a level where America is in rampant sin. The apostasy will continue to increase commensurate with the church's falling away from God.

Because of the apostasy, God is now warning by means of natural acts, such as by severe weather and earthquakes, and is bringing the curses of loss of freedoms and loss of blessings. His curses bring bad leadership to the country and to the churches. Signs show that America's condition is similar to Israel's, just before Babylon invaded. In her apostasy, America is developing beast-like characteristics through liberalism, unjust laws and litigations, confiscation of property, false religions, allowing immorality in the military and movie and television industries that will bring God's disciplinary judgment, beginning with the fourth-seal war. As the apostasy heightens, God appoints Watchmen to warn the church and nation of coming judgment.

The prosperity sequence, as part of the spiritual warfare under the first three seals, is fair and just to:

1. **God and people.** It allows God the maximum opportunity to evangelize and disciple people. It allows God's elect to believe, accomplish His work, and develop spiritual maturity.
2. **Satan.** God allows him to establish Babylon the Great, lead people into apostasy, and develop his forces for the coming fourth-seal war and fifth-seal apostasy.
3. **People.** They are given a choice of whether or not to believe the gospel and whether or not to obey God or Satan. People are never tested beyond their knowledge base and ability to respond (1 Corinthians 10:13).

The apostasy that develops from sin in prosperity is also fair and just to the participants in the spiritual warfare. If people disobey God, they go into apostasy, immorality, sin, false beliefs, complacency, and false worship. These actions transgress God's spiritual laws and cause God to decrease His activity on their behalf and remove His restraint on Satan's activities. These actions result in curses, some of which are warnings of the people's spiritual condition. If the people obey, God brings the blessings of good government, freedom, and financial success.

This situation is fair and just to:

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1. **God.** He always maintains a remnant as His witnesses. This Satan cannot prevent. The obedient remnant does God's work so that the elect believe and accomplish His work.
2. **God and man.** God chooses Watchmen and Prophets to warn the people of coming calamity. This warning cannot be stopped by Satan because of the fair and just rules. Satan cannot stop God's people from accomplishing His work that He chose before the world's foundation. Satan **can** discourage and establish road blocks, but the work **cannot** be stopped as long as God's people act in faith-obedience.
3. **The church and people.** They were instructed and warned about this period and why it comes. They are given further opportunity to respond to God, return to righteous living, and to accomplish God's work, through Watchman Warnings.
4. **Satan.** It allows him to increase his activity. He influences people to respond to him in an increasing manner, giving him more latitude to develop his forces for the calamity and discipline periods. Satan has been developing the northern-army nation, Babylon the Great, and leading the people of the covenant nation into sin. As the apostasy increases, God begins to remove the teaching of His Word, thrusting the world into greater spiritual darkness.

As the apostasy reaches the level for God to break the fourth seal and bring calamity with war, Satan, by means of his influence, has been marshalling His forces to take tighter control of America and much of the world through world government. He apparently greatly influences or controls the American government through infiltration, has established emergency laws through executive orders, and has established a formidable northern-army nation, the Russian military. The American government no longer thinks and believes the same way about God, freedom of the individual, and free enterprise that her founding fathers did. It is bringing in much regulation of industry and of the people that should be left to the free enterprise system. The people are no longer governed by common law. Satan has also established financial chaos in the world, particularly in the United States, that he could use eventually to take the world into war.

THE FOURTH-SEAL CALAMITY

When America's and the world's apostasy crosses God's threshold for tolerable sin, at a time when America is in great chaos, Christ will break the fourth seal of Revelation's seven-sealed book. Its breaking brings war over one-fourth of the earth, at a time when people are expecting peace to continue. The purposes of the war are to bring discipline on the world's people for their apostasy, immorality, sin, and false worship from God's perspective, and force the nations to accept international government from Satan's perspective. In this war, people will die by the sword, famine, disease, pestilence, and attacks by wild beasts. During periods of sin and God's judgment, wild beasts will become more vicious toward people. Russia, as the northern-army nation, will make war against the Middle Eastern nations and the United States, as God's covenant nation. Many other nations will be involved in the war.

Babylon the Great, as the Internationalists, orchestrates the nations for this tactical warfare. They exclude a strategic nuclear war with a long-range missile exchange at this time because it does not carry out their objectives and because God will not allow it. The existing apostasy does not warrant it, although there may be shorter-range nuclear, chemical, and biological tactical weapons used in the war. The United States is now training her forces so fight such a war. The goal of the Internationalists is world rule with a one world financial system and a one world religion. They want world trade, making them and their merchants wealthy, probably through controlled monopolies. By means of war, the Internationalists gain greater financial control of the nations and achieve greater worldwide rule. These wartime conditions are the first calamity judgment on the United States and the surrounding nations. The chaotic conditions in America that are expected before the war begins could be part of this coming discipline.

The calamity is fair and just to the participants in the spiritual warfare. God must bring calamity for people's disobedience in order to satisfy His justice. God develops the northern army in order to bring it against His own people as His servants in calamity judgment. Many of those in apostasy die. God tests His obedient remnant to remain faithful during these very difficult endtimes in order to bring them to greater spiritual maturity. Remaining faithful, they will continue steadfast in the faith — even when going

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to prison or to the martyr's death.
The situation is fair and just to:

1. **God.** It satisfies His justice and allows His remnant to gain more maturity.
2. **People.** They were warned of the circumstances. If they respond to God, they will develop greater spiritual maturity. The church needs to repent of her sins of omission and commission and to increase greatly her godly living, leading to effective evangelism and discipleship.
3. **Satan.** It results in a decrease in God's forces who preach the gospel. It is fair and just to Satan because God gives Satan more temporary power over the earth in the disciplinary period. This allows Satan to put more pressure on God's remnant and others to do his bidding. However, as Satan carries out his efforts, he also carries out God's will by bringing His discipline on the church and the world.

These same just and fair situations also apply to the later devastating calamity.

THE FIFTH-SEAL PERIOD

The fourth-seal war will end with the United States under semi-dictatorship and as a vassal government controlled by Babylon the Great and the Beast Empire. A coalition government will be formed as an empire, with the United States, Europe, Israel, Russia, Middle Eastern nations, and possibly with other nations such as the Pacific Rim nations, including Japan. America will be a major constituent. This government will become the Beast Empire with the seventh head described in Revelation. Having beast-like characteristics, she will oppose God and His laws. Babylon the Great, as a harlot, will ride and control the Beast with the seventh head and will reign over the cities of the earth from a great city. The fifth-seal period should reveal its identity. The Beast is an empire, and the head of the Beast is a person.

The United States, Russia, and many other nations will maintain large militaries. The United States will experience great prosperity, and Babylon the Great will make the world's merchants wealthy through world trade. There will probably be a financial boom. Conditions will prevail that promote economic development among the merchants in the major countries, probably including Russia and the Eastern Bloc nations. The European nations will allow freer trade. This will be the initial formation of the 10 horns of the Beast, representing 10 European nations or entities. Economic conditions will prevail that permit people to buy goods and make the merchants rich. These conditions will allow Babylon the Great to rule the Beast through economic control. The people of Babylon the Great will infiltrate governments, increasing her political and economic influence over the nations. During this period, there will be great debt in the world.

Laws will be changed, and the United States Constitution will be replaced or radically altered. A reinterpretation of the Constitution is occurring in the courts today. Life's necessities will become scarce in many places. God will cause the rains to stop, and there will be famine in various places. Disease and sickness will greatly increase.

This fifth-seal period will probably last about 15 to 30 or more years. Children will be indoctrinated and trained with Satanic falsehoods without their parents (including Christian parents) being able to do anything about it. Over the 15 to 30 or more years, the children will grow up and completely change society because of their sinful sexual practices, apostasy and false worship, ethics, anti-family attitudes, drug abuse, and international-allegiance training. The result will be a society that is pervasively immoral and worthy of judgment. There will be greater sin than there was in Sodom. The people will become stiffnecked and stubborn. They will refuse to listen to and accept instructions from God through His Watchmen. People will refuse to turn from their evil ways.

During this period, Satan must prevent the remainder of God's elect who have not yet become believers from believing the gospel before it ends. Thus, a state-sponsored system of false religion will be installed to lead people away from Christ and into apostasy, immorality, sin, and false worship — just as the religions of the sins of Manasseh and Jeroboam did in Israel's history. Believers will be greatly persecuted and martyred in order to discourage unbelievers from believing the gospel and believers from accomplishing God's work. Because of persecution, many believers will fall away from active Christian

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faith. This will cause God to lessen His restraint on sin, and the people's sin will escalate without any apparent limit. The country's people will practice rampant immorality and false worship. This combination will bring great apostasy that will require God to bring devastating calamities. Watchmen will warn the church and people that the northern army will return and bring devastating calamity, unless the people turn to righteous living.

During this period, there will be many false prophets in America. Many will bring the false doctrine that peace will continue. But God says that war will come because they are in great sin. Church leaders will leave their flocks and many will drive their people away. Religious leaders will not be able to tell the difference from what is holy and what is profane. Spiritual perception of God's truth will greatly diminish. The lack of the knowledge of God will bring great sin. They will forget and forsake the true God and rebel against Him. The people will do evil from their youth, even though they have been taught the truth from their youth. The rich will not plead the case of the needy, and people will break God's laws. People will be oppressed and robbed. They will sow many seeds and plants for food, but they will not reap the harvest. Women will be violated, will be seductive, and will sin. The people will make false spiritual alliances and execute ungodly plans. They will do more evil than their forefathers did.

During this period, believers under the altar in heaven, who have died, because of God's Word, will ask, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, wilt Thou refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell upon the earth?" The Lord answers, "They should rest for a little while longer, until the number of their fellow-servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, should be completed also."

Thus, great persecution and martyrdom are expected during the fifth-seal period.

The country's apostate spiritual condition will so greatly increase during this fifth-seal period that God will be required to bring devastating calamity, war, and more severe discipline. God will take the world into a devastating disciplinary war because of its apostasy, immorality, sin, and false worship.

As part of the spiritual warfare and Pattern Sequence, the fifth-seal period is fair and just to:

1. **God.** It continues to allow Him to satisfy His justice for apostasy and sin and to bring His obedient remnant to greater maturity.
2. **People.** They are warned of what will happen. It is fair and just to Christ's obedient remnant because they are given more maturity for eternity by means of the tests they receive. This is a fair exchange.
3. **Satan.** It allows him much greater freedom to act against God's people, deterring them from accomplishing God's work, and against people, in general, persuading them not to believe the gospel.

THE SIXTH SEAL ANNOUNCES THE COMING OF DEVASTATING CALAMITY

Christ breaks the sixth seal and announces that a Day-of-the-Lord judgment is coming with devastating calamity that cannot be stopped. It will come upon God's people and the world for their extreme apostasy, immorality, sin, and false worship. Since the United States has received more biblical light from God than any nation in history, her judgment will be the most severe. God's judgment will also come upon the world's nations and particularly, on the Beast's coalition of nations. Just before the judgment comes, the heavenlies will be darkened. There will be great earthquakes, with mountains moved out of their places. The sky will split apart like a scroll. The nations will be terrified by the signs, as they fear great judgment. Peoples' hearts will melt, and their knees will become like water because they know that the judgment cannot be stopped. People will begin to hide in the rocks and the caves and say to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of the Lamb and His wrath."

THE SEVENTH SEAL AND DEVASTATING CALAMITY

Christ will break the seventh seal and will begin the sequence of the first six trumpet events that will bring

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God's devastating calamity judgments. This will be a Day-of-the-Lord Calamity-Judgment upon God's people and the rest of the people for their sin. All of the elect will now have believed and have been sealed by the Holy Spirit before any of the trumpets sound. The coming Great Tribulation will include the period of the first six trumpets and the following mark-of-the-Beast period. A large percentage of the world's population will be killed during the trumpet events — a percentage much greater than 50 percent, maybe even 90 percent.

There will be 144,000 Jewish believers, as a remnant, just as there were 7000 in Elijah's day. The 144,000 will probably be killed during this period and stand with Christ in heaven. The Great Tribulation brings the period when many believers from all nations die — a number greater than any person can count.

Food and water will be scarce. Fallen, fallen is Babylon the Great who made the nations drink of the wine of the passion of her immorality. The Beast and 10 kings will burn the city of Babylon the Great. One-third of the earth, trees, and grass will be burned up, and God will poison the water with wormwood. One-third of the world's waters will become blood. One-third of the creatures in the sea die, and one-third of the ships will be destroyed. One-third of the sun will become black (its light does not shine on the earth) as it did in its entirety at the announcement of the Day of the Lord. One-third of the moon and the stars will become black. Demons will come out of the bottomless pit. Armies like locusts will cross the land. Armies of two hundred million will go into battle. People will not repent of their deeds.

When the armies come, the people must choose between surrender and death. America's people who surrender will admit their guilt of sin. Those who fight will not repent. The latter will be most of the people. God will not answer the prayers of the disobedient people. He will turn His back on His disobedient people. God will bring the armies of America's harlot lovers against her. These nations will be those that the United States will have manipulated into doing her will by making payments without getting them paid back.

A strategic war with a nuclear exchange probably occurs between Russia, as the northern-army, and the United States. Other nations are also involved in the nuclear exchange. The attacking armies will come suddenly and without delay. The wrath of God will be poured out on His people and the rest of the world's people. The United States and the coalition government, as the seventh head of the Beast, will appear to die by the sword. America's land will quake under the attack of invading armies. The world will become a shambles, and the joy of living will be gone. America will become a land of briars and thorns and like dross in a furnace. God will bring the false worship of this time to an end. Many will die once again by the sword, famine, pestilence, and disease. Pregnant women and children will die in horrible ways. Riches will not deliver people from the coming calamities. The wealth of the people will be taken away. They will not be able to preserve it. America's wealth will be given to her enemies. The pride of America's and the world's people will be destroyed. Most of the false teachers will die during this period. The Word of God will be removed from the nations' lands. Others will be taken into exile and bondage. Most of the world will not believe that America could be attacked and beaten in battle. But America's homeland, being that of the covenant nation, will be devastated. Russia's may be also. When the calamity comes, no one will be there to help the people. They will be killed or go into bondage or exile. **Just as it was in the days of Israel, where once the population numbered as the sands of the seashore, now only a remnant will remain in the United States.** Other nations will also be seriously effected.

THE LAST DISCIPLINE AND MARK-OF-THE-BEAST PERIOD

The Beast, as a person and empire, will come back to life from death by the sword and become the Beast with the eighth head; the Little Horn of Daniel. The Bible describes the Beast: "he was and is not and will come" (Revelation 17:8). He was the seventh head; he died by the sword and is not; he will come as the eighth head. This is a similar pattern to the one Christ experienced (Revelation 1:18; 2:8). [Figure 6-1](#) illustrates this teaching.

If she survives the war, the United States joins with the European nations (and probably with Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Greece, the African nations, Turkey, and Israel) to become the Beast Empire with the eighth head. The 10 kings will reign with the head of the Beast, making them separate entities from the

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Beast as a person. The Beast subdues three of these 10 kings, causing all of them to reign with him. This period brings the greatest apostasy and spiritual darkness the world has ever known. The people will worship Satan as the dragon who will give his power to the Beast.

The whole earth will be amazed at the Beast's restoration and will follow after him. People will say, "who is able to make war with him"? Using Satan's power and delegated authority, the Beast will speak arrogant words, blaspheme God, and perform false signs and wonders, and deceptions of wickedness, in order to mislead the elect and to get the world to worship him. These will be the signs and wonders that Christ, through His discourse on the Mount of Olives, warned would precede His coming. They will not be the signs of His Coming — they will be false signs used to deceive.

He will change the laws to be very unjust in order to suit his purposes. God allows the Beast to make war against the saints and overcome them. The Beast will persecute and wear down the saints for 42 months. A large number will be martyred, including by beheading. Satan's objectives, using the Beast, will be to discourage believers from accomplishing God's work and to cause unbelievers to be fearful, so that they will not believe the gospel.

The 10 European kings will reign with the Beast for three and one-half years as they now have crowns. Their rule will be centered in Europe and Jerusalem. The period of their reign will continue in the Great Tribulation that began with the trumpet judgments. The Beast (the world leader), now with its eighth head, will rule from Jerusalem and become a new Babylon the Great, an eighth, that will control the world economy.

God will have two witnesses who most likely will preach His endtime Watchman Message. Satan will establish the mark-of-the-Beast system that will test the whole unbelieving world. The Beast will use an associate whom the Bible calls the False Prophet. He will have the power of the Beast and will speak like a dragon to deceive people. Satan's False Prophet will coerce people to worship the Beast and his image and Satan.

The Beast will make war against people using the mark of the Beast. He will perform great signs, even making fire come down from heaven. Those who will take the mark, worship the Beast and his image. A person must take the mark of the Beast in order to buy and sell in the marketplace and to have his basic needs met. This mark will be placed on a person's right hand or forehead. God told His people, Israel, to place His commandments on their right hands and frontals. These commandments, or value system, are what govern a person's life. The Bible says that those who have committed gross sin have taken the harlot's forehead.

Although a physical mark may be involved, the true mark of the Beast will be the personal commitment, having rejected the Cross and the true gospel, to believing doctrines of falsehoods that govern their lives (from their forehead and right hand), and worshipping falsely. Satan may use the physical mark to show that people have taken the spiritual mark. He may use it as a sign of initiation into his system of false religious beliefs. Since believers will not take the mark of the Beast, most will not have their basic needs of life met from the normal marketplace. A large number will be martyred for this reason.

Conditions will be so bad during this period, that people will not desire to live; the joy of living will be gone. Unjust laws will prevail. People will experience intense suffering.

God does not allow those who take the mark of the Beast to be saved. He erases their names from the Book of Life.

Revelation 14:9-11 - ... "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or upon his hand, he also will drink of the wrath of God ... and will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night ..."

God will give these rejecters of His gospel "a deluding influence" so that they will no longer believe. He will do this because "they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved," and "so that they might

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believe what is false."

God spiritually blinds rejecters in all biblical periods when people reject the gospel, including throughout the Church Age when God hardens both Jews and Gentiles. They have eyes that cannot see and ears that cannot hear. If a person desires to learn from God, he must fear God and take faith action steps toward His truth, which includes some obedience. This allows God to respond to him.

At the end of this Beast period, there will be no neutral people. All will either have believed and be committed to Christ's gospel, or they will have formally committed themselves to Satan's false doctrines. The latter group of unbelievers will be tares. God will use this situation to bundle the tares for the retribution and final judgments. As the tares commit to Satan's false doctrines, they will become bundled and will no longer be able to be saved. The tares (unbelievers) will need to be bundled before the wheat (believers) can be harvested at the Rapture of the church. This polarization of the world's people will allow God to rapture His church and bring unbelievers judgment. This polarization will be logically possible because the world's population will now be a small percentage of what it was before the trumpet events.

During this Great Tribulation and mark-of-the-Beast period, people will once again say, "Peace and safety." People will once again believe that peace will continue without war. But since those in extreme apostasy will kill believers, the sword will destroy the unbelievers after the church is raptured: "if any one kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed." This is the same principle found in Abraham's covenant: "and the one who curses you I will curse."

This last discipline period will be fair to God and to Satan. It will give Satan and his Man of Lawlessness three and one-half years to carry out his plans. In this last discipline period, God will use Satan to strongly persuade people to choose between Him and Satan, so that by the end of that period, everyone will have made an unambiguous formal decision. This choice will result either in Deliverance in the Rapture, or in receiving Retribution-Judgment and eternal damnation.

As the Great Tribulation ends just before Christ returns, people will be in extreme apostasy, just as they were in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah and in the days of Noah before the flood. The Lamb's Book of Life will now contain only the names of believers. All of God's chosen elect will have believed. The names of unbelievers will have been erased. The church will have performed the exact works that God planned from the foundation of the world.

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Christ and the angels (24 elders) will sit on thrones as the court will convene in heaven. All people who have ever lived will have made a formal decision to either accept or reject the gospel. The Books of Life and of Works will be opened. The names remaining in the Book of Life will match those recorded by God as His chosen elect before the world's foundation. The works that the saints accomplished will match those that God said they would accomplish. These are the criteria that determine the winner of the spiritual warfare. Satan will have been officially defeated, and God can now act to terminate the spiritual warfare and human history.

The court rules in favor of God and Christ. As a result, the seventh trumpet now sounds. The court awards God and Christ the absolute rule over the earth — "the kingdom of the world becomes the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever."

Immediately after the Tribulation and after the court sits for judgment, there will be signs in the heavens of a coming Great Day of the Lord. Once again the powers of the heavens will be shaken, the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall.

The Son of Man will now be seen by people on the earth coming on the clouds. This situation will begin the period of the "Coming," "Appearance," and "Revelation" of Christ. Every eye shall see Him. The period of His Coming will run from the seventh trumpet to the seventh bowl and Armageddon, and to the Great White Throne Judgment. It will cover the day represented by the 1000 years of Revelation 20.

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Because it covers this period, the Jews will again look upon Him whom they had pierced at the Cross just as they did at His crucifixion (Zechariah 12:10; John 19:17; Revelation 1:7). Every eye shall see Him coming on the clouds, and they will look upon Him whom they had pierced because they will be resurrected at the time of the Great White Throne Judgment. The time will be the Last Day and the end of the age. Christ will now have authority to resurrect and rapture His church and to bring unbelievers judgment.

Christ will resurrect His church in the twinkling of an eye, as He will suddenly catch her up in the Rapture, to meet Him in the air. This is the First Resurrection. The Resurrection with the Rapture will be the time when the wheat will be taken into the barn. The church will be judged and rewarded for her works. This will be the Day of Christ and the beginning of the Last Day, or the 1000 years. Christ will come like lightning, flashing from the east to the west. The Son of Man (Christ) will come in clouds, as the Deliverer, and will gather His elect from all ends of the heavens and the earth, in Resurrection and Rapture. The remaining saints living on the earth at the end of the Tribulation will be delivered in Resurrection and Rapture just after those saints who are the dead in Christ. Most of the believers will have died in the wars or at the hand of the Beast before the Rapture time. **Satan must leave a remnant alive throughout the Great Tribulation to keep God from destroying all unbelievers before its end. God will not destroy the world as long as even one believer remains in it.**

Those believers that remain will be the ones "who are alive and remain" and are caught up to meet Christ in the air, with the saints who have died. All the saints will receive rewards and new resurrection and imperishable bodies. The Bible's teachings that "Death is swallowed up in victory" and "death where is thy sting" will become reality. It will be the time when God "wipes away all the tears" and will take His church to the new Jerusalem.

Christ was crucified at Passover, and the church began on the Day of Pentecost. Maintaining this Jewish pattern of events, Christ will return in the fall of the year (October) at the harvest on the Feast of Ingathering, Booths, or Trumpets (Leviticus 23; Numbers 29; Deuteronomy 31). He will come to rapture His church, to gather in His harvest. This feast is more generally known as the Feast of Tabernacles, or Booths. This timing implies that the mark-of-the-Beast period begins in the spring — three and one-half years earlier. The Beast's period begins during or after the period of the first six trumpets.

This terminal situation will be fair and just to:

1. **God.** It will allow Him to rapture His church.
2. **People.** Because they have been given ample opportunity to believe the gospel.
3. **Satan.** He will have been given a fair period in which to exert his maximum ability against people, to persuade them to do his will, and, thus, to accomplish his purposes.

THE RETRIBUTION-JUDGMENT ON THE NATIONS

From thrones in heaven, the church will reign and rule with Christ during the period of the first five bowls. She will also rule later on the earth, when Christ will come to destroy the unbelievers with a rod of iron at the seventh bowl. This rule will begin the Last Day, or short period, that will be the fulfillment of the 1000 years. Satan will be bound with a chain and will be thrown into the abyss as a prison, taking away his Dominion. He will be prevented from deceiving the nations spiritually or leading the fallen angels. This will be the period of which the Lord spoke, when He said, "night is coming, when no man can work." No one will work the works of God because there will be no believers left on the earth. The church will reign with Christ after the Rapture to determine whether anyone left on the earth will believe the gospel. The reign also will determine the degree the nations brought the sword and persecution against God's people. Those who curse God's people, He will curse.

The Pattern Sequence requires people to repent of their sins and agree to obey God if they are to be delivered from the discipline. However, no one will repent and agree to obey God. Their actions will show that God was right in rapturing the church when He did because no one left on the earth will believe the

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gospel. The judgment will show that the people brought curses and the sword against God's people. Now God will allow Himself to bring the final temporal, Retribution-Judgment on the unbelievers at Armageddon and will take them to the Great White Throne Judgment.

In this short period of the bowls, the holy angels will pour out God's wrath on the earth in Retribution-Judgment for sin and for the persecution of His church. The first five bowls will be poured out as acts of God that will warn people to believe in Christ or face the eternal judgment. The bowl events will consist of malignant sores, the seas becoming like blood, scorching heat from the sun, and darkness over the world.

People will not repent, but instead will blaspheme God. They will prove by their actions that they remain unbelievers. These bowl events will represent God's last period of grace before He will bring the final judgments. The sin of these unbelievers will have matured so that they will no longer be able to be saved. The final Retribution-Judgment will be given out. The fallen angels will also be judged by the church during this period. Both unbelievers and the fallen angels will go to the Great White Throne judgment to determine whether or not they should be cast into the Lake of Fire.

When the Last Day (as 1000 years) will be over, Satan will be released from prison and be allowed to deceive the nations once again. He will bring the nations to the final battles at Armageddon, against Christ, the holy angels, and the church. The nations will include the kings of the east (compass direction from Israel). Satan apparently will reserve China and the other Far-Eastern nations to fight against Christ and His armies when they will come. The final Day of the Lord will now begin. This will be the retribution and final temporal judgment on unbelievers. The church and the elect angels will become Christ's armies. They will incarcerate Satan's angels as Christ rides the white horse to make war and descends to the Mount of Olives. Satan will surround the camp of the saints with his human armies. The armies will number as the sands of the seashore because all the remaining world's nations gather for the battles. A great earthquake will split Jerusalem into three parts and cause the cities of the nations to fall. "And Babylon the Great was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath." (This will be the eighth Babylon the Great.) Huge hailstones will come down from heaven upon people, and they will blaspheme God because the plague is extremely severe. Satan's armies will be destroyed by fire from heaven. The church and Christ will rule with a rod of iron over the nations as they are destroyed. All the people will be killed. The blood flowing throughout Israel will rise to the height of horses' bridles. The dead bodies will be food for the birds and vultures of the sky and the animals of the earth; no one will frighten them away.

This situation will be fair and just to:

1. **People and God.** It will bring judgment on Satan's forces that attacked mankind and will satisfy God's justice.
2. **Satan.** He will have been warned that his forces would be destroyed if he comes against God's people. He will have been warned by means of the Abrahamic Covenant, and he will have been told that all who kill by the sword would die by the sword (Revelation 13:10). At the end of the Church Age, Satan's forces will not recover. This will be fair and just to Satan because he was warned that he and his forces would be taken to the Lake of Fire at the end of the Church Age for eternity.

THE ETERNAL STATES

The Great White Throne Judgment and the Lake of Fire

At the end of the Last Day, and after the 1000 years, God will resurrect unbelievers and take them, with Satan and the fallen angels, to Christ's Great White Throne for the final and eternal judgment. The books will be opened. God will cast unbelievers — those whose names are no longer found in the Book of Life — and the fallen angels into the Lake of Fire for eternity. The works of unbelievers will be compared against God's laws. Their punishment and suffering will be commensurate with the way they lived their lives, as measured by their works or deeds. All degrees of spiritual and physical light will be removed from the unbeliever, and he will experience excruciating pain and suffering. He will be alone forever and

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will never again see another person, as shown by Christ when He was in absolute darkness and alone on the cross. **The unbeliever will have chosen a terrible future.** He will have no rest, and he will be in torment, day and night, throughout eternity.

The New Jerusalem

The church and the holy angels will go to the new Jerusalem, in the new heavens and the new earth, for eternity. The Lamb will be their light forever. The level of spiritual maturity believers will have at death will be the same level of maturity that they will have for eternity, without chance of improvement. God will remove physical and spiritual darkness and memory of the previous sinful life from the church. Believers will serve the Lord and each other in righteousness forever. Believers' responsibilities in eternity will be determined by their maturity and how they lived their lives in response to God.

Eternity will now begin for all people because all are in their eternal states. The Christians will receive increasing revelation of God. They will learn more and more about God. Those with greater maturity will have the greater faith-capacity and privilege of knowing and learning more about God at a faster rate and will be used by God in greater responsibilities to serve Him and other believers. All will live righteously and perfectly forever, in the presence of God and Christ. **What a blessed future the believer will have chosen.** God set up this plan before the world's foundation.

Summary

As eternity begins, the future will be fair and just to:

1. **People and angels.** They were given a free and fair choice. All people and angels knew of God, for knowledge of Him was put into their consciences. They will be without excuse when the eternal judgment comes. The church knew she had to grow to spiritual maturity through trials and testings.
2. **Satan.** He was given fair and just ground rules by which to use his abilities and strategies in his attempt to thwart the purposes of God.

All persons will have chosen the place where God places them. None will have any excuse or recourse as they enter eternity. This also will be God's decree.

WHERE WILL YOU BE IN ETERNITY? WHY AND ON WHAT SCRIPTURAL BASIS? WHAT SPIRITUAL MATURITY WILL YOU HAVE?