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THE MANY DOCTRINES OF PROPHECY
SHOW CLEARLY THE RAPTURE
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The Church has over six views of end-time Bible prophecy (eschatology) with conflicting tenets. They all cannot be correct. The Church does not have a consolidated view. This report brings a candidate for this needed consolidated view. It shows that Revelation's events unfold in a Pattern Sequence that terminates history. These are the events of Revelation's seven-sealed scroll which are required for Christ to win back the Title Deed of the Earth from Satan. As this is determined by the heavenly court, it awards Christ the legal authority, according to God's Plan, to rapture the Church and bring the resurrections and the final judgments.

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Note: The details in this report were developed initially and reported in my book: *Watchman Warning* (1994). They were summarized in my other book: *Watchman, How Far Gone is the Night?* (1995). We encourage you to read these books for more detail and breadth for greater background and more complete understanding. They are available by contacting the above.

Because prophecy is complex, this report is periodically revised for clarity and adding additional doctrines that adds understanding, but does not change the overall prophetic view. The date of the revision is on the report.

This report 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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The Prophetic Doctrines of the Pattern Sequence, the Rapture of the Church, and the 1000 Years. The Many Prophetic Views, And the Impacts of Having Wrong Views, and Inadequate Obedience and Ministry

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PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

This report presents the understanding and the doctrines that show the Church's Rapture will come after the endtimes Tribulation, what we can experience and what happens when the Tribulation comes, and what we should be doing now. ***It shows what must happen and be completed according to His Plan in order for God to bring the endtimes Tribulation and the Rapture.***

The problem has been that interpreters have established different views with conflicting tenets between them. This has happened because the understanding of prophecy is quite complex with many doctrines to consider and to harmonize. The views have established all the possible sequences for Daniel's seventieth week, the Rapture, the Tribulation, and Revelation's 1000 years. These views have often effected how we live our Christian lives and whether or not we pursue Christian maturity with excellence.

We see the truth when we see that all things culminate in Christ for the sake of eternity and not in Israel. We see the truth when we see that all unbelievers are born and remain in the Dominion of Satan. And then when one believes in Christ and His Cross they are translated legally into the Kingdom of God. As such all believers become the Church.

CONCLUSIONS

This report shows that: (1) the Rapture will come after the endtimes Tribulation that occurs just before Christ's Second Coming; (2) the 1000 years come

during Christ's Second Coming; and (3) Daniel's seventieth week is history when Christ's Cross came when He offered the Jews the New Covenant.

At the end of the Tribulation, those remaining in the Dominion of Satan, having formally rejected the Cross in life or by death (names having been erased from the Book of Life) go to the Lake of Fire away from God forever. Those in the Kingdom of God (names remaining in the Book of Life) go to the new Jerusalem with God and Christ forever.

OUR APPROACH TO DETERMINE PROPHECY

What is presented is our understanding of how the endtimes come. They were determined by:

- 1. Reading tens of prophecy books of all the different views to determine what doctrines others deem implortant.**
- 2. Finding the Bible's harmonization of a very large number of doctrines, more than 40.**
- 3. Observing that Revelation's events unfold in a Pattern Sequence similarly as to what happened to the Old Testament Jews.**
- 4. Realizing that all believers from all of history are in Christ's Church, having been called out from the Dominion of Satan into the Kingdom of God. (The Kingdom of God ruled from heaven is not equateable to the Kingdom of Israel ruled from the earth.)**

5. Realizing that all things culminate in Christ, not Israel, and God has planned that we are to gain maturity in Christ so that we can know and relate to God toward His fullest especially in eternity. We are to learn and live by His Greatness

6. By beginning our study with God's Plan for history, not prophecy, and finding how prophecy fits into the end phase of His plan to terminate history.

7. By examining the objectives and strategies of the spiritual warfare between Christ and Satan.

8. By learning what must be completed or must have occurred that allows Christ to rapture the Church and bring the Tribulation according to God's Plan.

The details and development of prophecy in our interpretation from the Scriptures have been published in my book *Watchman Warning*. The teachings of *Watchman Warning* have been summarized in my other book: *Watchman, How Far Gone is the Night?*.

For those new to prophecy, see the glossary for the definition of prophetic terms.

I fully realize that Bible students have many views of Bible prophecy. But if you will examine and study the many doctrines presented in this report, I believe you will see clearly that the Rapture will come after the Tribulation at our Lord's single Second Coming. And because the signs now warn that the Tribulation can be soon coming, we must ensure our people are well taught and trained to stand strong in Christ under great adversity.

IMPORTANCE OF KNOWING PROPHECY

God gives us prophecy so we can know how the endtimes unfold with the termination of history and that one day Christ will come for us. He presents how He will terminate history and what can be happening to us during the endtimes as they unfold.

The unfolding of the endtimes will bring events that will be much worse than most probably realize with most Christians being incarcerated, martyred, and/or used in slave labor. When these endtimes come, we are to know what will happen so we will stand strong even under great persecution,

The general sequence of presentation is a discussion of the Pattern Sequence as to how Revelation's events unfold. This is followed by the many doctrines that show the Rapture will come Post-Tribulational. And lastly, the doctrines pertaining to the 1000 years are presented that show they come during Christ's Second Coming.

DISCUSSION OF PROPHETIC DOCTRINES

Should Know God's Criteria For Events

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

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

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

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

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

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sections.

When we do examine the criteria, we find that the Tribulation comes as part of the end time Pattern Sequence, the Rapture comes after the Tribulation at Christ's Second Coming, and the 1000 years come during or as part of Christ's Second Coming. We find that ALL believers in the Cross are the Church. They have been called out from the Dominion of Satan with him in eternal control into the Kingdom of God with Christ in eternal control. The doctrines that show these tenets are discussed.

Watchman Warning

This report, besides indicating when the Rapture will come with respect to the Tribulation, also brings a watchman warning that the Tribulation is impending. The Tribulation will bring judgment on the world and on the Church for their sin. God has begun the sequence by which He is terminating history.

We must bring warning or be guilty of the people's blood. If the people do not respond to the warning to turn from their sin and do a greater commanded ministry, then their blood is on them. The warning is that God's judgment for sin is soon coming. It is encouragement to do ruthless self evaluation and make needed changes to bring greater obedience to God. This is needed for the overall Church in her obedience is falling away. Most of us know what God desires and are not adequately doing it.

The Bible teaches that we are to prepare people for the work of the ministry so that we will all come to the full stature of Christ as a result of the ministry - becoming mature in high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness.

*Ephesians 4:10-13 - And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, **for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ.***

God commands that we pursue this maturity in Christ and do area-wide evangelism. Thus, such is

important to God. Then, such should also be important to us. **Not doing these in the endtimes brings God's judgment.**¹

Doctrinal Understanding; The Various views of Prophecy

Biblical interpreters have been studying end time prophecy (eschatology - doctrines of last things) many years for when the Bible teaches the Rapture will come with respect to the end time Tribulation (at its beginning, in its middle, or after its completion). They also have been studying when the 1000 years of Revelation will come with respect to the time of Christ's Second Coming and what will happen when they come. The period has been commonly called The Millennium or the Millennial Kingdom. Some believe Revelation's events are history so cyclic history continues to the time of Christ's Coming when the Rapture occurs. This latter view is called the Preterist View.

If we are to understand how Revelation unfolds, it helps greatly to understand the Pattern Sequence with the events of the seven-sealed scroll and how God uses it to terminate history. For us to understand how the endtimes will unfold and what we will experience, it helps to study "many" doctrines and see how they work together. We need to be sure all tenets of our view harmonizes with all of Scripture and that some Scripture does now show denial of our view. We need to see what is it that causes God to begin and bring the end time Tribulation and the Rapture. We need to understand that the Tribulation is divine discipline for correction and not for punishment. The Tribulation as part of the Pattern Sequence is how God is terminating history. We need to know what signs occur that

1. Because we are commanded to mature our people as a result of the ministry and all Bible events lead us to become mature in Christ-likeness, there is the possibility our maturity in Christ can be fixed forever at death. We cannot know for sure. Because becoming mature is commanded, we should pay close attention and mature our people at the highest levels we understand. We should do this for no other reason than to obey God and have the saints do more ministry - evangelizing and discipling the elect, bringing much glory to God. God has left our complete understanding as a matter of faith.

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tell us that the Tribulation is coming. Knowing that Revelation unfolds in a Pattern Sequence allows us to have this understanding.

The important question is, in addition to the excitement of studying and knowing these, when do the Rapture and Tribulation come. And additionally, what is the impact on our Christian lives of being right or wrong in our biblical interpretation. **Both of these events are part of the end phase of God's Plan for history. So they deal with what will happen to us as Revelation's endtimes unfold.**

If we were obeying Scripture such that we are bringing our people to maximum mature spiritual ability in Christ-likeness and are accomplishing area-wide evangelism, it would not matter as much what we believed about how the endtimes are coming. We would be doing the right things and be led of God to be prepared, such as placing our people into small home support groups. But such on the average appears not to be the case. Many are now falling away from adequate obedience.

From their studies, Bible interpreters have over six views of how they believe endtimes prophecy will unfold. ***The Church does not have a single consolidated view.*** Those holding these views are undoubtedly highly godly and academic people. These views have sequenced every possibility for the Rapture, the 1000 years, the Tribulation, and Daniel's seventieth all-Jewish week (seven years). These views have conflicting tenets, showing that they cannot all be right. (See *Watchman Warning* for details and discussions.)

My observation is that we have these many views because, in addition to prophecy being most complex, interpreters use inadequate interpretation principles and thoroughness, particularly to ensure they check out assertions elsewhere in Scripture to verify their validity. They do not consider all or sufficient Scriptures and doctrines that bear on the subject from both the Old and New Testaments and attempt to find the Bible's harmonization of these doctrines. They do not always include doctrines that deny some of their tenets. They use only a limited set of doctrines. Interpretations are not always what they appear to be at first look. We always need to be sure to compare Scripture with Scripture. ***But most key, they do not see that God's main objective is that we become mature in Christ with Him having first***

place. They want to bring Israel back after the Day of Pentecost near the Cross of Christ. They do not see that all believers are in the Church, having been called out of Satan's Dominion into the Kingdom of God. The whole Bible is so that we can know and relate to God toward His fullest as we live in the Kingdom of God ruled from heaven.

We realize that prophecy is indeed complex with many inter-related doctrines. Thus, we need to view many simultaneously if we are to avoid inadvertent interpretive mistakes. My view is based on examining and comparing many-many doctrines simultaneously, including those that prophetic interpreters deem important. This helps to greatly reduce, but not eliminate error.

In summary, we have these many views and all do not come to the Post-Tribulational Rapture View is because interpreters (according to their publications), do not adequately consider (my perception):

1. Endtimes prophecy (eschatology; doctrines of last things) is the way God uses to terminate history as the terminal phase of the Church Period and His Plan. Prophecy is not a stand alone concept. ***All things are fulfilled (consummated) in Christ in the Church Period (Ephesians 1:10).***
2. God only has one top-level plan or objective for all people. This is to bring them to believe in Christ to become the Church that allows them to go to heaven, and then afterward, to help mature them now on earth with high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness for eternity. He does not have one destination for the Church to the new Jerusalem and another, a different one, for Israel to the land.
3. All persons are born with depraved natures in the Dominion of Satan. When one becomes a believer in Christ, he is called out from the Dominion of Satan into the Kingdom of God, and doing so, one becomes the Church. And when one becomes a new believer in the Cross, they are translated into the Kingdom of God, ruled from heaven. All believers, both Jews and Gentiles from all biblical time periods are in the Church and also are in the Kingdom of God. ***There is no other possibility when one is saved.***

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4. One must not wrongly equate the Kingdom of Israel, ruled on earth, to the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is ruled from heaven over all domains. The earthly Kingdom of Israel is under the authority of the Kingdom of God. They are two different kingdoms. The New Testament epistles teach in many places that the Kingdom of God ruled from heaven is here now. This is the kingdom that Christ offered the Jews.

5. Christ must win the spiritual warfare over Satan (and He will) before the heavenly court will give Christ **legal** authority to rapture the Church. The events of Revelation's seven-sealed scroll is the way that Christ does this, winning back the Title Deed of the Earth from Satan. This requirement causes the Rapture to occur after the endtimes Tribulation; after these seal events occur.

6. One must see that the events of Revelation unfold in a sequence that God uses to terminate history. The Tribulation is a disciplinary period as part of this sequence and is not a stand alone or a penal period. We can know when the Tribulation can begin when the precursor signs appear related to the Pattern Sequence. They inform us that we are in the Pattern Sequence and that its disciplinary period is impending - in this case, the endtimes Tribulation is impending.

7. One must see that the prophecies written in the natural or physical in the Old Testament are fulfilled in the New Testament in the spiritual or in relationships. For example, they had physical temples and animal sacrifices in the Old Testament. These have been replaced by the Church now being the sanctuary of God and is to be living sacrifices. God will not bring back animal sacrifices and physical temples after Christ's Crucifixion. **This would be an affront to Christ, a denial of the efficaciousness of the Cross, and a denial of the Christian faith.** Failing to see this, interpreters wrongly want to bring temples and animal sacrifices back in the Tribulation and/or in a Jewish golden-age Millennium. However, even though God will not bring them back, Satan might in his plan.

8. The context of Daniel's seventy weeks is how the Jews are restored to fellowship with God from the Babylonian captivity. This happens first by being returned to Israel's land and later with the Christ via the New Covenant in Christ's blood. **The key purpose of the seventy weeks was to tell the**

Jews when the Messiah would come and when He came, He would offer them the New Covenant. The seventy weeks have nothing to do with the anti-christ or the endtimes Tribulation period.

9. One must see that, in the Olivet Discourse, the abomination in Matthew 24 and the destruction of the temple occurred in AD 70 and not in the future Tribulation. We know that this occurs because of the disciple's question as to when will the stones of the then existing temple will be cast down. This happened when the Roman armies surrounded Jerusalem as depicted for the same account in Luke 21.

10. The Bible appears to teach that Christ can return at any time (being imminent). However there are many recorded events that must occur before the Rapture can come. This includes the Gospel going to all nations, the prophesied deaths of Peter and Paul, and the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70. It also includes the completion of the Canon of Scripture such as Revelation in AD 96. It includes the binding of the tares and all of Christ's enemies become formally enemies. The latter two occur in the Tribulation. Because Christ has not returned for 2000 years, there is no reason or basis to assume that His imminent return has to occur before the Tribulation begins, It can be imminent at the Tribulation's end. This is what happens.

However, one thing is for sure. We, as believers in Christ and His Cross, will all stand arm in arm believing that Christ will come for us at some time and rapture His Church (us) or He will bring us with Him if we have previously died. As believers, we will be part of this Rapture and Second Coming.

But as far as the timing or sequence of the Rapture with the Tribulation is concerned, interpreters have taken different positions, and have stood apart from those who differ from each other. This has brought disunity to the Church and has impeded the effectiveness of Christ's discipleship and evangelistic ministries. This standing apart has been wrong, even sin. The problem in having different prophetic views is that they have effected other parts of our ministries also.

Much of the American biblical Church has adopted the Dispensational View of Prophecy. It holds to a

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Pre-Tribulation Rapture and to a Jewish Golden-Age Millennium following the Tribulation. On the other hand, the reformed Churches have adopted the Amillennial View. This view holds to a Post-Tribulation Rapture and the 1000 years occurring in the Church Period before Christ's Second Coming. There are at least four other views, many of which have a Jewish Golden-Age Millennium, while others do not. See *Watchman Warning* for discussions of these various views.

There are more people holding to a Post-Tribulation Rapture View than do to a Pre-Tribulation Rapture View. The same is true regarding the Millennium. There are more people believing that a Jewish golden-age Millennium is not coming than do believe one is coming. However, numbers do not determine doctrine.

Another group holds to a Post Millennial View (and Reconstructions View) that believes that Revelation's Tribulation is history occurring in AD 70 (preterist view), the 1000 years are in the Church Period, and that the world will be Christianized before Christ's Second Coming. Some in the preterist view believe that normal cyclic history will continue to the time of Christ's Coming with the Rapture at that time.

So we have believers holding to many prophetic views that have conflicting tenets. **We need to determine the correct view if we can and how these views influence our Christian worship, stand, walk, and ministry. In other words, how important is it that we believe the correct biblical view. How does it influence our lives?**

Significance of Having The Correct Prophetic View

One major significance of knowing endtimes prophecy accurately is to give us more incentive to mature our people, using a series of systematic theologies, in a high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness and to do "area-wide" local as well as foreign evangelism. Even though it should not happen because these are commanded in Scripture, our views of prophecy have a tendency to bring thinking that impedes these from happening to the degree and intent of the Great Commission. Many churches today are using mainly first-level training that does not sufficiently mature their people.

These systematic theologies that we recommend include Christian-Faith Doctrines, Christian-Life Relationship Principles, God's Plan for History, the Spiritual Warfare, Bible Prophecy, the Harmony of the Gospels, Ministry and Leadership Training, and the Voice of the Martyrs' materials. There are others.

God's endtimes plan is to bring a sequence that includes a period we call the Tribulation that He will use to terminate history. The Tribulation is coming to bring disciplinary or corrective refinement (not penal or punishment - this comes later in the Lake of Fire) judgment as part of this sequence on both the Church and the rest of the people for their sin. God will use the Tribulation to formally polarize the world's people for accepting or denying the Gospel. After this happens, then God brings the Rapture and the final judgments. All the remaining unbelievers are killed.

God knew that the endtimes Church would fall away to less than necessary and desired obedience. Even though there are many good things happening in our churches with many good results, the big picture shows that the Church, particularly in America, is now tragically falling away from doing area-wide evangelism and maturing their people at the higher skill levels of spiritual ability. They are teaching insufficient of God's Word. ***People caught up in this spiritual down turn will send less spiritual wealth on ahead and will miss receiving as many rewards in eternity that they could otherwise have and that God wants to give. They will be less mature in Christ and not know Him in the depth that they otherwise could if they had a higher skill spiritual ability.***

This is happening with few people, except mainly the older ones, now knowing much about God's Word today. The doctrines of prophecy are now seldom being taught in any breadth and depth. The Church going to mainly elementary Milk-of-the-Word training and doing little evangelism is partly responsible for the Tribulation coming. Thus, she should expect to go through it for disciplinary or refinement reasons. WE ARE FUELING AND HEADING TOWARD A VERY IMMATURE AND UNINFORMED CHURCH. These actions are symptoms of not working for the eternal (having high maturity in Christ) and not realizing they are implementing key satanic strategy.

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Not adequately maturing our people and doing area-wide evangelism, we have sins of omission. Perhaps the Church to some extent has always been in this situation. But now that a Pattern Sequence is in effect and sin is increasing, it brings divine discipline.

The Church today has but little if any influence on the direction America is going today. America is operating as if the Church did not exist.

The Bible implies indirectly that the spiritual ability we have at death we can have for all eternity. We do not know that this is true for sure, but it is implied by God's command to pursue this spiritual ability and by all the Bible events leading to this intended result. God has left it as a matter of faith. If God could have created us with the same and needed spiritual ability for eternity, He might have done so, and this life time would not be needed. But He did not do this. **Thus, going through the Tribulation for spiritual growth and to be used of God can be a divine privilege with divine purpose.**

Thus, prophecy warns us that if we are not sufficiently obedient to God, we can expect some form of judgment as the endtimes come. This is particularly true for leadership who does not work to mature their people in Christ and use their people to do local and foreign area-wide evangelism. **We cannot escape the endtimes Tribulation if somehow we are responsible for its coming.**

All of us may carry some responsibility and may receive some judgment. Does not God bring the Tribulation as judgment on His own people? Does not disciplinary judgment, as a principle, begin with the household of God (1 Peter 4:17). He disciplines all that are His (Hebrews 12:5-8). Just because we are Christians is no reason to believe we will escape disciplinary judgment - even that of the Tribulation.

Is God a God of partiality? Of course not. Why would He allow some believers to miss the Tribulation and cause many others of a very large number, so large a number that man cannot count them, to be in the Tribulation? What did they do that was so bad as to be in the Tribulation as a selected people and why would God allow others in the Church to escape the Tribulation?

Acts 10:34 - . "I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality,

Romans 2:11 - For there is no partiality with God.

Galatians 2:6 - .God shows no partiality .

Ephesians 6:9 - . and there is no partiality with Him.

1 Peter 4:17 - For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

Hebrews 12:5-8 - and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, Nor faint when you are reprov'd by Him; For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, And He scourges every son whom He receives. " It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

Understanding Bible prophecy is also important because it gives us as believers assurance that we will be personally with Christ in eternity and the knowledge of how God plans to terminate history. It warns us that if we remain unbelievers we will not be with God in eternity. Thus, it gives us the incentive to assure ourselves that we are in Christ, and not just in some satanic religious system, being deceived. All of biblical history is for this purpose of becoming mature in Christ so that we can know God, beginning with believing in Christ's substitutionary death on the Cross for salvation.

Thus, one should very importantly see and believe that gaining maturity in Christ must be the center-line tenet in one's prophetic view in order to have the accurate biblical view. One should see God's Greatness and Perfection in all of His attributes. We should see the objectives for life - first God's - and then ours:

1. God's Objective for Man - God's objective for man is that in eternity we can know and relate to God in His depth and breadth, praise Him with great richness, live holy and righteous lives according to perfect truth, and serve Him and each other in great

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sacrificial love. Apart from this perfect life with God, there is nothing. **God's method** to have this a reality in His depth, he wants for us now to develop a high-skill mature spiritual ability in Christ-likeness.

2. Our Objective to Fulfill God's Method so His Objective Can Be Realized - In order to gain this maturity, believers must learn and be trained in depth, using God's Whole Counsel, to: (1) worship, honor, obey, and glorify God in Spirit and in Truth; (2) live godly lives in love head-subordinate relationships by faith as patterned after Christ's walk with the Father; and (3) accomplish God's work, including doing area-wide evangelism and discipleship, as they are tested and proven in the trials and testings of life. We are also to plant churches, build godly families, and reach out to the needy. We are to train also to stand strong in God knowing the doctrines of the Christian faith. One area of trials and testings is found in the endtimes Tribulation. It requires in-depth (Meat-of-the-Word) training, not just elementary (Milk-of-the-Word) training. **Some have said that the chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever - ever so correct.** (But are we working for this end or just jogging through life?)

Knowing prophecy and God's Plan, then, we will do all we can to mature our people in Christ and do area-wide evangelism. We will do all we can to especially evangelize and train our children and youth. We will do these because they are commanded by God in all periods and urgently now to prepare our people for going through the endtimes.

Prophetic Views seem to concentrate on where we will go instead of what we need to become and do. We need to look at both aspects.

THE SEQUENCE BY WHICH THE EVENTS OF REVELATION UNFOLD

Interpreters have different understandings of how the sequence of Revelation's events unfold. **However, seeing that the events unfold in a sequence as to what happened to the Jews, in our view, leads to the proper and needed understanding. Much about this sequence, we call a Pattern Sequence, is presented in this report.** As stated earlier, it is developed in detail from the Scriptures in my book

*Watchman Warning*² and summarized in my book *Watchman, How Far Gone is the Night?*

The events of Revelation unfold in a manner that allows our Lord to win back the Title Deed of the Earth from Satan. The seven-sealed book or scroll gives the method by which He gains it back. These events fall under the events of the seven seals. This was the type of method that property was gained back in the Old Testament (Jeremiah 32:11). In the Old Testament, a sealed scroll explained how this was to be done.³

Jeremiah 32:11 - "Then I took the deeds of purchase, both the sealed copy containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy;

God begins the termination of history, as the endtimes begin, when Christ breaks the seals of the seven-sealed scroll one at a time in order to win back the Title Deed of the Earth. This action begins (has now begun) when or after the endtimes favored nation (the United States) is (was) formed according to the Pattern Sequence. The termination of history has begun.

Revelation unfolds with seals, trumpets, and bowls or vials. The period of the seven trumpets are in the period of the seventh seal (e.g. Revelation 8:1-2). The period of the seven bowls are in the period of the seventh trumpet. They follow the principle that after a period or sequence of six, seven come out of the seventh. It was like the battle of Jericho. The Israelites went around the city once a day for six days and seven times on the seventh day.

The events of the first six seals are what happens in the first part of the Tribulation. The events of the first three seals (false religion, war, and famine) may have already happened as the endtimes Pattern Sequence was initiated with the founding of the United States. Signs now signal loudly that the

2. *Watchman Warning* devotes 32 pages for the development of Revelation's endtimes Pattern Sequence, 21 pages for what happens as the endtimes unfold, and a 28 page appendix for what happens in each period of the seals as the endtimes come.

3. The events of the seven-sealed scroll are also fully developed from the Scriptures in detail in my book *Watchman Warning*.

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events of the fourth seal can come soon. These events bring the calamity (fourth seal) of foreign troop invasion, plague, and famine. This calamity begins the final Tribulation and brings the coming of the international government (fifth seal) represented by the seventh head of Revelation's (chapter 17) Beast. The events of the sixth seal bring an announcement that a Day of the Lord is coming that will bring a second and most devastating calamity. The events of the first six trumpets bring this devastating calamity (a day of the Lord) which leads to the Great Tribulation and Mark-of-the-Beast period (the eighth head of the Beast (also the seventh becomes an eighth head) that comes out of the sea of nations).

At the end of the Mark-of-the-Beast period (the end of the Tribulation period), the seventh trumpet sounds. It sounds after all people that are to live, have lived, and have made formal decisions in life or by death to accept or deny the Gospel. The heavenly court then awards Christ the Kingdom of God and the Title Deed of the Earth as an everlasting reign. With these awards, Christ now raptures and resurrects the Church - the marriage of the Lamb. At this time, after the Rapture, the first six bowl periods begin with the binding of Satan. He is bound so during the 1000 years he cannot effect anyone. The Beast and False Prophet are cast into the Lake of Fire. The Church reigns with Christ to determine whether or not any person left on earth will repent and believe the Gospel. This is the period of the 1000 years as a day. Because non do, Satan is released as the seventh bowl begins and brings the world's armies to fight against Christ and His armies at the end of the 1000 years. This is the final great Day of the Lord and the wrath of God at the seventh seal. The armies are destroyed (all are killed) in the wine press and rod of iron processes in the final battles of Armageddon. **Because the Rapture occurs before the day of God's wrath, the Rapture View could be called the Pre-Wrath Rapture View. (The final battles depicted as Armageddon are also at the end of the 1000 years, indicating both periods are the same. There are no people to enter any such Jewish millennium or Millennial Kingdom.)** At this time, Satan and his angels are cast into the Lake of Fire. At this time all the unbelievers are resurrected, judged, and cast into the Lake of Fire. The Church now goes to the New Jerusalem. All of these events come during the seventh bowl. **Eternity as we know it, now begins.**

THE PATTERN SEQUENCE

HOW WE CAN KNOW WHAT CAN HAPPEN

God designed Revelation's endtimes, the events of the seven-sealed book, to unfold in a sequence (we call a Pattern Sequence) like those that happened to Old Testament Israel many times. We discovered the Pattern Sequence by comparing Revelation with the Old Testament prophets and Israel's history. We did this by comparing the vocabulary, phrases, entities, events, nomenclature, happenings, sequences, etc. used. Doing this, we discovered that Revelation unfolds in a similar manner and sequence as happened to Old Testament Israel. Because it repeated many time in Israel, we call a Pattern, Sequence.⁴

Thus, by studying what happened to Israel in her pattern sequences, we can determine what most likely will happen in the endtimes. For example by studying the signs that were in Israel just before Babylon invaded, when these signs and conditions exist today, we can know that the Tribulation is soon coming and that we are in a Pattern Sequence. They are now beginning to occur. For an overview of the events in the Pattern Sequences, see Leviticus 26, Deuteronomy 28, and the Old Testament prophets.

In the Pattern Sequence there is: (1) the favored nation; (2) the international government with its northern army that takes the favored nation and the other nations under its rule for God's discipline; and (3) internationalists called Babylon the Great who rule the international government secretly from behind the scenes with secrecy, sorcery, and sensuousness. The Internationalists rule by controlling religion, world trade and finances, the courts, and politics. They are Satan's people that God uses in His plan. Babylon the Great as internationalists ruled over all the six empires (the first six heads of the Beast) that ruled over Old Testament Israel. These empires were Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome in sequence. These entities are in place or soon coming into place signal that the Pattern Sequence is in operation.

4. *Watchman Warning* has a detailed development from the Scriptures for Revelation's endtimes sequence and presents the above comparisons with Scripture references. Its development of over 25 pages is beyond the scope of this paper. Read *Watchman Warning*.

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Israel as the Old Testament favored nation consisted of both believers and unbelievers. These believers at Pentecost become part of the Church. The United States as the favored nation in the New Testament time period consists of both believers and unbelievers. The believers, both Jews and Gentiles, are the Church. The believers have the intimate covenant relationship with God via the New Covenant. They are called a holy nation. In the sequence, the Church is not the favored nation in the endtimes Pattern Sequence per se because the endtimes sequence did not exist throughout Church history as did the Church. And additionally, the characteristics of the United States match those of Israel, both containing believers and unbelievers.

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

In the sequences, God's *repenting* people were delivered after their disciplinary period ran its course. The deliverance in the Old Testament was to fellowship with God by being returned to the land of Israel from exile free from the reign of international government. In the New Testament it is to Christ at the Rapture. The Tribulation is the endtimes disciplinary period. The Rapture, the deliverance of God's people, occurs after this time. In the sequence, after God's people were delivered, the remaining world empire was destroyed. After the Rapture, God destroys all the remaining unbelievers using the Rod of Iron and the Winepress operations. Although things are not exactly one for one in both Old and New Testament sequences, they generally in principle are the same.

Understanding this Pattern Sequence one can know how Revelation's events unfold and know that they are future and occur just before Christ returns. The major events of Revelation are definitely not history

occurring at AD 70.

The events of Pattern Sequence are ordered by Revelation's seven-sealed scroll by which Christ wins back the property of the world (the Title Deed of the Earth) from Satan. God uses the Pattern Sequence as a method to discipline a favored nation and afterward return her, those who repent, to His fellowship. It is God's method for terminating history.

The favored nation is greatly blessed in her obedience to God. This has been the experience of the United States for about 200 years as the endtimes favored nation. (The United States as a favored nation has been blessed by God much more than any other nation in history, including Israel and England by orders of magnitude. Her characteristics match those of Old Testament Israel.) But when the nation goes into disobedience, such as occurring now, God brings warning and curses. This is happening now. We only need to know and observe the signs and conditions. Then as the disobedience continues, God brings the military of a world empire (that of the United Nations or its equivalent organization at the time) which brings calamity (foreign military invasion, the plague, and shortages of food and water) and places the favored nation and the other nations under its rule. In this manner, God brings discipline on the favored nation under international government for her sin.

Signs and conditions now In the United States are similar to those that were in Old Testament Israel just before Babylon invaded and took away her sovereignty. These signs signal the Church is falling away, and that the Tribulation can come any time.

Because the sin in the favored nation is greatly increasing and the churches are beginning to fall away, we know that the Tribulation is soon coming. These signs now signal and warn, according to the Pattern Sequence, that Revelation's calamity (military invasion, plague, and famine) and international government are coming soon to bring divine discipline (God's endtimes judgment) on the Church, the favored nation, and world and to terminate history. Things are now beginning to happen line for line for what happened to Israel in her Pattern Sequences.

These happenings, along with needed existing entities of the favored nation, the presence of internationalists, the world empire, and the

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military of the world empire signal they are coming. They are how we can know that the endtimes are soon coming, and the fact that a Pattern Sequence is now in effect.

The significance is that these signs and conditions are happening at the same time in composite. Any one might occur at any time in history. Thus, if we are not already doing it, we should now act with a sense of urgency disciple our people comprehensively with God's Whole Counsel to become more mature in Christ. Our Lord only promised us signs. They are now all around us. Apart from these signs and warnings from God's Watchmen, the Tribulation will come in a whirlwind without warning. Those not prepared will be tragically caught blind sided.

As history is terminating, all people who will ever live will have lived and all will have made formal decisions in life or by death to accept or deny the Christ's Gospel. When all have made these decisions, the final phase of history's termination will begin, beginning with Christ's Coming. The elect or believers (wheat) will go to the new Jerusalem and the unbelievers (tares) will go to the Lake of Fire.

Some of these warning signs and conditions, especially in the favored nation of the United States, are (but not limited to): (1) the acts of God in areas of severe weather, flooding rains, fire storms, mud slides, hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, tidal waves, *especially droughts that effect the food supply and amount of drinking water*, etc; (2) the coming of the endtimes International government (seventh head of Revelation's endtimes Beast); (3) the existence of the favored nation (the characteristics of the United States match those of Israel) and the action of Internationalists as Babylon the Great that rule over International government needed for the Pattern Sequence; (4) great increase in immorality, *particularly sodomy - same sex marriages like in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah*; (5) people calling evil good and cannot discern the difference between the holy from the profane (churches using false tongues and the world's loud rock-type repetitive beat music?) and churches and people doing what is right according to their own eyes and teaching mostly pablum to reach the youth, instead of teaching in breadth with depth; (6) the falling away of our churches from carrying out the scope and intent of the Great Commission and the increased sin of the people especially in the favored nation; (7) the

famine of God's Word in our churches; churches are now teaching but little of God's Word; They no longer know sound doctrine;⁵ (8) the build up of "the northern army" for the invasion of the favored nation (limited numbers of foreign troops are now deployed throughout the United States, Mexico, and Canada, acting under the United Nations for training - watch for sudden larger build up of military forces; (9) unholy reforms are being planned and implemented in our public schools transforming our children to be ready for world government. They are also teaching sodomy in the grammar schools; (10) the peace-peace policy without war in the Russian Glasnost, Pre-Tribulation Rapture Theory; and a general peace condition without war; (11) great debt in the favored nation and in the world; (12) many gods in the land of the favored nation; people hold the favored nation more important than God; (13) people are worshiping the work of their hands, such as products from the chip industry; (14) there are many terrorists groups now (the foreign military that have been here for over 20 years) in the United States that could bring the plague and incurable disease; and (15) people have forgotten the true God and no longer fear God, so they increase their disobedience. (The gods of America include the gods of freedom, prosperity, wealth, and free enterprise.) (See *Watchman Warning*, pages 30-34, for more details and the many Scripture references.)

Scriptures that describe the calamity and international government as part of the Pattern Sequence are as follows:

Calamity - *Revelation 6:8 - And I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. And authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword [foreign military invasion] and with famine [shortages of food and water] and with pestilence [plaguing of our cities; incurable disease] and by the wild beasts of the earth [today this could be terrorists].* (Comments: mine.)

5. God said that in the endtimes, the people would no longer endure sound doctrine (2 Timothy 4:3) and that He would bring a famine of His Word (Amos 8:11). This famine has begun by the ever growing Church Growth Movement that is now going world wide. The churches involved are using the world's music to bring young people into the churches and are teaching them mainly only first-level training with much of the world mixed with it.

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The similar situation in Old Testament Israel in her Pattern Sequence: *Ezekiel 5:17 - 'Moreover, I will send on you famine and wild beasts, and they will bereave you of children; plague and bloodshed also will pass through you, and I will bring the sword on you. I, the Lord, have spoken.'* "

Persecution Under World Government -
Revelation 6:9-11 - And when He broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, wilt Thou refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that 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.

The world's nations will wonder how could this happen to America. **The Old Testament Jews and the world's people never believed that any army would ever enter the gates of Jerusalem, but one did. Today, no American or person in the world believes that any foreign power can ever take over and militarily invade America, but one will.**

Lamentations 4:12 - The kings of the earth did not believe, Nor did any of the inhabitants of the world, That the adversary and the enemy Could enter the gates of Jerusalem.

When the foreign troops come, we are to surrender to them or die. This is God's way because He is bringing divine discipline on the nation. By fighting, we are saying we will not go under God's discipline, and thus, are fighting against God. We will lose.

Jeremiah 38:17-18 - Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "Thus says the Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel, 'If you will indeed go out to the officers of the king of Babylon (to surrender), then you will live, this city will not be burned with fire, and you and your household will survive. 'But if you will not go out to the officers of the king of Babylon (to surrender), then this city will be given over to the hand of the Chaldeans; and they will burn it with fire, and you yourself will not escape from their hand.' "
(Comments: mine.)

Our people will be placed into servitude and captivity. We will serve our enemies.

Deuteronomy 28:48 - therefore you shall serve your enemies whom the Lord shall send against you, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in the lack of all things; ..

Jeremiah 17:4 And you will, even of yourself, let go of your inheritance That I gave you; And I will make you serve your enemies In the land which you do not know; .

In these circumstances, the people perish because of their lack of knowledge. The average churches today are no longer providing this knowledge and thus, are fueling a similar situation for these endtimes. **The modern day Church Growth Movement going world-wide is fueling this situation now because it teaches only but little of first-level training (only part of the Milk of the Word). They do not teach much in breadth or depth.**⁶

And during the Tribulation very little Biblical knowledge will be taught. We must do the teaching now. But will we? Instead, we are now dumbing down. We should carefully note that our people are destroyed because of their lack of knowledge. Our churches are causing this to happen.

Amos 8:11 - Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:

Hosea 4:1, 6a - Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. .. My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: ..

6. I ask many high school and college students (believers) in many geographic areas these questions and they cannot answer any of them. Explain the atonement for iniquity, redemption, why we have eternal security in Christ, the filling of the Holy Spirit, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and something about the seventy weeks prophecy. (The work of the Holy Spirit has nothing to do with tongues.)

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Thus, because our children and youth are growing up without this needed knowledge, they are in danger of falling away when the severe persecution of the Tribulation comes. *And because the leadership is not teaching in depth, they have rejected knowledge. Thus, in these times, God does not take care of their children.* This is beginning to happen now. In the Tribulation, the children will be taken from their parents and educated by the state. The parents will not be able to do anything about it. God allows this to happen.

Hosea 4:6 - My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being My priest. Since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

Deuteronomy 28:32, 41 - "Your sons and your daughters shall be given to another people, while your eyes shall look on and yearn for them continually; but there shall be nothing you can do. . You shall have sons and daughters but they shall not be yours, for they shall go into captivity.

Ezekiel 5:17 'Moreover, I will send on you famine and wild beasts, and they will bereave you of children; plague and bloodshed also will pass through you, and I will bring the sword on you. I, the Lord, have spoken.' "

(Emphasis is mine.)

The Churches are no longer teaching God's Word in depth with breadth. In a sense they have rejected part of His Word as not being adequately important. This can result as the endtimes come that God will not allow His Word to be taught. He will bring a famine of His Word.

This can bring two results. The Church will not hear all of God's Word and what they do hear, they will not understand fully. They will have eyes that cannot see and ears that cannot hear. They will no longer endure sound doctrine. These trends are tragic.

The Tribulation will begin when the sin of the favored nation (now the United States in these endtimes), in particular, and the rest of the nations, in general, crosses God's threshold of tolerance for sin

according to His requirements for the Pattern Sequence. Signs now show it can come any time. These were previously presented.

It is important to understand prophecy, even if we have a different view, so that when we find ourselves in the Tribulation and observe its happenings, we will know what is happening and will know that, as stated earlier, we have not missed the Rapture. We will know more what to expect and how to conduct ourselves under God. We can know that the Rapture and Christ's Second Coming for us will be after the Tribulation.

Although there are many who will fall away, in the Tribulation under divine discipline, Christians will grow in Christ and be used mightily of God in witnessing the Gospel at least in its beginning. We should help to greatly strengthen their walk closer to God now while we still can so they will remain strong with God as the persecution comes in America and gain more maturity in Christ. We should especially do this for the children and youth. They will undergo satanic indoctrination and training.

The time is coming when no man can work the works of God. This time can be toward the end of the last part of the Tribulation during the Mark of the Beast period. We must work (the works of God) now while the time is still day. Our Lord said:

John 9:4 - "We must work the works of Him who sent Me, as long as it is day; night is coming, when no man can work."

**DOCTRINES THAT DETERMINE
THE TIMING SEQUENCE OF THE RAPTURE**

This section presents many doctrines that define the timing of the Rapture. It shows the events of Revelation come just before Christ comes, meaning a future endtimes Tribulation. ***The Rapture comes at Christ's Coming after this Tribulation but before the time of the bowls which contains God's wrath.***

All the doctrines of Scripture teach a Post-Tribulational Rapture. It could be called a Pre-Wrath Rapture View. This section will present these doctrines. There is "no Scripture" that

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teaches a Pre-Tribulation Rapture. This Pre-Tribulation Rapture view is based on several unverifiable assertions whose Scriptures have alternative meanings. These alternative meanings teach or imply a Post-Tribulation Rapture. When there are alternative meanings in verses, we must find two or three other verses that teach the same thing. There are none for the Pre-Tribulation Rapture interpretation, but there are several for the Post-Tribulation Rapture understanding.

The Post-Tribulation Rapture view is based on many direct teachings and those that verify this view. These will be discussed. The tenets of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture view will also be discussed showing the Bible does not teach them.

The doctrines are now presented.

The Rapture will come after the endtimes Tribulation at Christ's single Second Coming when His angels gather all of the elect from all ends of heaven and from all ends of the earth to meet Christ in the clouds (the meeting in the air). He comes WITH and FOR His saints at the same time at His Second Coming.

Mark 13:27 - And then He will send forth the angels, and will gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth (for His saints), to the farthest end of heaven (with His saints). (Comments: Mine)

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 - For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout (The Second Coming of Christ), with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together (for the saints) with them (with the saints) in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord. (Comments: Mine.)

This happens after all the people who will ever live, have lived, and will have made formal decisions in life or by death to accept or deny Christ's Gospel. It is a time when after this gathering the angels destroy (kill) all the unbelievers. There are no people left after these happenings to have any future periods on earth. There will be no believers afterward on the earth to have any millennial kingdom. **No one is born or saved after the Rapture.**

The Three Greek Words that Refer to Christ's Single Second Coming - The three Greek Words that refer to Christ's Single Second Coming are used with the article implying "The" single Coming, "The" single Appearance, and "The" single Revelation of Christ, not multiple ones. For example, the Greek word for the Coming is used with the article in both the 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 passage for the Rapture and also in 1 Thessalonians 3:13, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8 for the time when Christ gathers the saints when He kills the man of lawlessness. Thus, the Rapture occurs when Christ comes to destroy the man of lawlessness. The man of lawlessness is in the Great Tribulation. This is verified because there are many saints on earth who die during the Mark-of-the-Beast period that occurs just before Christ comes (See Revelation 7:9-14).

*1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 - For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, and remain until **THE coming** of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord.*

*1 Thessalonians 3:13 - so that He may establish your hearts unblamable in holiness before our God and Father at **THE coming** of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.*

*2 Thessalonians 2:1 - Now we request you, brethren, with regard to **THE coming** of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together [the Rapture] to Him, (Comment: Mine)*

*2 Thessalonians 2:8 - And then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by **THE appearance** of His **[THE] coming**; (Comment: mine from the Greek)*

Resting in Christ - The Rapture - Second Thessalonians 1 teaches that we are given rest (the Rapture) **when** Christ and the angels come to destroy (kill) all unbelievers.

2 Thessalonians 1:7-10 and to give relief [the

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Rapture] to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. And these will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed-- for our testimony to you was believed. (Comment: mine)

Wheat and the Tares - The wheat (believers) are not separated, in rapture, from the tares (unbelievers) until all the tares are bundled for the fire. This bundling is completed when unbelievers take the Mark of the Beast in the Great Tribulation. This means that the Rapture of the Church (the wheat) will not occur until all people have lived and all unbelievers have officially denied the Gospel (thus being bundled). The Rapture cannot occur until after the Tribulation. (If there were to be a future Millennium with unbelievers, the Rapture could not occur until after the Millennium. This doctrine precludes any future Millenniums.)

Matthew 13:27-30 - "And the slaves of the landowner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' "And he said to them, 'An enemy has done this!' And the slaves said to him, 'Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?' "But he said, 'No; lest while you are gathering up the tares, you may root up the wheat with them. 'Allow both to grow together until the harvest (the Rapture); and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, "**First** gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn.'" " (Bolding and comment: Mine.)

Conditions in Earth When Christ Comes - When He comes, the Lord said will I find faith on the earth and that the days will be similar to those at the time of Noah's flood. The meaning is that when Christ returns He will find very few believers, those who remain, on the earth. At this time of the flood, only a small number of saints were delivered and all the rest (being unbelievers) were killed. The rest were killed because they were in great apostasy and no longer could be saved. Thus, when Christ comes, He will deliver His saints, the few that are left alive, via the Rapture and will kill all the rest. **The earth will**

definitely not be Christianized when Christ comes. It will be in almost complete apostasy (people are in the spiritual condition where they can no longer be saved).

Luke 18:8 - "I tell you that He will bring about justice for them speedily. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?" (Meaning very little. Comment: Mine)

Matthew 24:37-39 - "For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. "For as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, they were marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so shall the coming of the Son of Man be.

Marriage of the Lamb (Christ) - At Christ's Second Coming, the marriage of the Lamb occurs according to the oriental marriage custom. Previous to this time, the Church, at the time when one believes in Christ as Savior, is betrothed legally to Christ, but does not yet live with Him. At the marriage of the Lamb, the Church, as presented by the Father to Christ, joins with Christ to live with Him at the time of His Second Coming after He has received back the Kingdom of God (this is the Rapture). At the time of His Second Coming, Christ and the angels kill all the remaining unbelievers in the Rod of Iron and Wine Press operations. (Revelation 19)

Revelation 19:7 - "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready."

Revelation 19:15 - And from His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may smite the nations; and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. (See Revelation 2:27; 14:19-20.) With these operations, all unbelievers living are killed, all believers were raptured just previously. Comments: mine.)

The Rapture is directly taught to be Post-Tribulational in the Olivet Discourse when the Bible teaches that, after the Tribulation, the saints are gathered from every end of heaven and every end of the earth at Christ's Second Coming. **Thus, Christ comes "with" and "for" His saints at the same**

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time. These saints include both Jews and Gentiles. go to a specific place (without teaching about any return to the beginning place from where Christ came). The Greek word for **meet** (actually: meeting) in the passage carries the idea of going out to meet (have a meeting with) a coming dignitary and then returning to the starting place. It is used elsewhere in Scripture (Matthew 25:6; Acts 28:15) with this meaning. Thus, the Church goes up to "meet" Christ in the clouds and then returns to the earth. **The passage speaks to a war cry and the sound of the trumpet. This occurred in the Old Testament when the Jews went to war.** The concept is that at this time the Church goes up to meet Christ in the clouds and then returns to earth with Christ to make war against the unbelievers (both Jews and Gentiles) and kill them.

Mark 13:26-27 - "And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. "And then He will send forth the angels, and will gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth [Rapture - the alive saints], to the farthest end of heaven [the dead saints]. (Comment: mine.)

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 teaches the same thing that Christ comes for and with His saints at the same time. Note the Scripture:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 - But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve, as do the rest who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus (with His saints). For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, and remain until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first (with His saints). Then we who are alive and remain (for His saints) shall be caught up together with them (with His saints) in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words. (Comments: Mine.)

*Luke 21:25-28 - "And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. "And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. "But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, **because your redemption is drawing near.**" (Bolding: Mine.)*

The Thessalonian 4:13-18 passage teaches that the those alive and remain will be caught up to meet the Lord, and the dead saints He brings with Him, in the clouds. Thus, Christ comes with and for His saints at the same time. The meaning in the Greek for **remain** means a small left over quantity. This small number of believes occurs only at the end of the Great Tribulation. The Greek work for **descend** means to

The believer has comfort in the 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 passage because he will be always with the Lord. The comfort has nothing to do with whether or not he will miss the endtimes Tribulation. Some wrongly teach that the Rapture must occur before the Tribulation in order to have this comfort.

1 Thessalonians 4:17-18 - Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Sitting at the Right Hand of God -The Lord Jesus Christ, after His Ascension, remains sitting in heaven at the right hand of God the Father (at the right hand of Power) until all His enemies formally become His footstool or under His authority. His enemies do not become His footstool or under His authority, until the end of the Tribulation as most take the Mark-of-the-Beast when all people will have made formal decisions to deny the Christ, and thus, formally become His enemies. They do not formally come under His authority until the heavenly court at the time of the seventh trumpet awards Him the Kingdom of God taken from the Kingdom of the World that was ruled by Satan. This award allows Him to reward the Church and bring the final judgments. This means He does not come to the earth in the clouds to rapture His Church until after the end of the Tribulation. (This doctrine precludes a future Millennium because there would be unbelievers in this period. The Rapture would have to come after this Millennium.)

Acts 2:34-35 - "For it was not David who ascended

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into heaven, but he himself says: 'The Lord said to my Lord,' Sit at My right hand, Until I make Thine enemies a footstool for Thy feet. "'

Hebrews 1:13 - But to which of the angels has He ever said, "Sit at My right hand, Until I make Thine enemies A footstool for Thy feet"?

The Church is Found in Revelation's Tribulation - The Greek word for a believer is the word **saint** that is used throughout the New Testament Epistles for the Church. **The same Greek word saint (hagios) is also used for believers in Revelation's Tribulation period showing that the Church is found in Revelation's Tribulation. This is true even though the word Church itself is not used after Revelation Chapter Three.** Examples are:

*Revelation 13:7 - And it was given to him to make war with the **saints** and to overcome them; and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him.*

*Revelation 17:6 - And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the **saints**, and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. And when I saw her, I wondered greatly. (Bolding emphasis: mine.)*

See also Revelation 5:8; 8:3-4; 13:7; 11:18; 13:10; 14:12; 16:6; 17:6:18:20, 24; 19:8; 20:9;

One cannot be a saint without being saved and in the Church. All saved people, all the saints, are in the Church.

The Tribulation is All Nations, not Jewish, in Characteristic - The endtimes Tribulation is all-nations in characteristic (Revelation 7:7-14). It is not exclusively Jewish that would be required for Daniel's all exclusive Jewish seventieth week to be equal to the Tribulation which would in turn require the all-nations Church to be raptured before the Tribulation begins.

The Tribulation is not Jewish in characteristic because the Cross broke down the barrier of the dividing wall between the Jew and the Gentile. Both Jews and Gentiles, as believers, are now equal in Christ, without distinction, in one new man, with Christ now being the only one who can have any preeminence and first place. There are no ethnic divisions in Christ. Thus, there cannot be a future

exclusive Jewish Tribulation. Thus, there cannot be a future Jewish Period of any kind. This includes the Tribulation.

The Jews will never again be spiritually prominent over anyone, specially including over the Gentiles as they were in Old Testament Times. Examining Revelation 7:9-14, we find it is all nations, not Jewish is character. The Tribulation does not qualify to be equal to the all exclusive Jewish seventieth week. **Indeed there are 144000 Israelites called out in Revelation 7. They are only called bond servants of God, meaning they are believers - Christians. The passage does not say what they do. They are no doubt included in the large number of people from all nations that come out of the Great Tribulation. The existence of the 144000 does not demand or determine the Tribulation to be a Jewish period, even though they are again mentioned in Revelation 14:1-5.**

Colossians 1:18 - He [Christ] is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; so that He Himself might come to have first place in everything. (Emphasis: mine.)

Romans 10:12 - For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call upon Him;

Galatians 3:28 - There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

*Ephesians 2:11-16 - Therefore remember, that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called "Uncircumcision" by the so-called "Circumcision," which is performed in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. **For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one, and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile them both in one body***

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to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity. (Bolding mine.)

Colossians 3:11 - --a renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.

Revelation 7:3 - saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the **bond-servants** of our God on their foreheads." And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: (Comment: mine. These of Israel are bond servants of God. The Scripture does not say what Israel does, such as evangelizing.)

Revelation 7:9 - After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands;

Revelation 7:13-14 - And one of the elders answered, saying to me, "These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and from where have they come?" And I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out [are coming out] of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. (Comment: mine.)

No More Physical Temples and Animal Sacrifices

- The Cross forever set aside physical temples and animal sacrifices for all time periods - forever. Thus, in God's program (although there might be in Satan's), there will not be a Tribulation temple (or a millennial temple if there were to be a millennium) with or without animal sacrifices. The Church is now the sanctuary of God and is to be living sacrifices. The spiritual in relationships has now replaced the natural.

2 Corinthians 6:16 - . For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I will dwell in them and walk among them; And I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Ephesians 2:19-22 - So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, having been

built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together is growing into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

Romans 12:1 - I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

Hebrews 10:4-10 - For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, "Sacrifice and offering Thou hast not desired, But a body Thou hast prepared for Me; In whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin Thou hast taken no pleasure. "Then I said, 'Behold, I have come (In the roll of the book it is written of Me) To do Thy will, O God.'" After saying above, "Sacrifices and offerings and whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin Thou hast not desired, nor hast Thou taken pleasure in them" (which are offered according to the Law), then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Thy will." **He takes away the first in order to establish the second. By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.** (Bolding: Mine.)

Daniel's Seventy Weeks - This prophecy has been a stumbling block to biblical interpreters over the years. They have come up with alternative views with many incorrectly (our perception) having made the last week equal to the endtimes Tribulation.

One needs to look carefully at the many details and the context to find the correct interpretation. (See *Watchman Warning*⁷ or Anstey's *Chronology of the Old Testament* for detailed development and a most scholarly work.)

The seventy weeks (490 years) were decreed on Daniel's people of the *Southern Kingdom* (Daniel 9:24-27) as the means to restore the Jews in Babylonian captivity to fellowship with God, first to the land (natural), and then to Christ (spiritual), via the New Covenant. **The weeks are an exclusive**

7. *Watchman Warning* has a 25 page appendix on the development of the seventy weeks. There are many-many aspects to consider. They are not all included in this report.

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Jewish period when God only dealt with the "Southern" Kingdom of Judah.

The Northern Kingdom had been divorced by God at the time the prophecy was given (Jeremiah 3:8). The Southern Kingdom consisted of only two tribes: Judah and Benjamin. Revelation calls out many more than these two tribes (Revelation 7:1-8). **Thus, Daniel's seventieth week does not match the conditions in Revelation, or vice versa, and thus, does not refer to the Tribulation making it an all Jewish period.**

Daniel's seventy weeks now are all history and do not refer to the endtimes Tribulation or to the program of the anti-Christ. They were for the purpose to tell us when the Messiah the Prince would come to bring the New Covenant for salvation via His Cross. The last (seventieth) week was fulfilled in the ministry of Christ for the first three and one half years and the second three and one half years were fulfilled in the first and early part of the Church Period before the Gospel went to the Gentiles. The Gospel, going out in the sequence of Acts 1:8, did not leave the Jews of the Southern Kingdom and Jerusalem until after this period of the last three and one-half years of Daniel's seventieth week (first three and one-half years in the Church period) was completed. Only then did the Gospel go to the Gentiles - beginning with Cornelius and Paul taking the Gospel to the Gentiles.

Two of the purposes for the seventy weeks were the atonement for iniquity and to bring in everlasting righteousness. These purposes happened at the Cross. Christ was anointed the Messiah the Prince at the exact end of the sixty-nine weeks and cut off (crucified) **after** the sixty nine weeks. The exact end of the sixty nine weeks was the starting point of His three and one-half years ministry. Thus, He was crucified in the middle of the seventieth week. The Cross cannot occur between the sixty ninth and the seventieth weeks, as required for the last week to be future and equal to the endtimes Tribulation, because this would place the Cross and the purposes of the weeks outside the period of the seventy weeks. Such a conclusion is the result of a faulty interpretation technique.

There is no preposition in the Hebrew in Daniel 9:27 that demands the covenant be made "for" one week. The translation can be equally that "during" the week or "in one" week a covenant was made. Note these translations:

Daniel 9:27 (Septuagint) - And one week shall establish the covenant with many.

Daniel 9:27 (Berkeley Bible) - In a week, He shall make the covenant to prevail for the many .

The Hebrew in Daniel 9:27 does not state that He initiated the covenant in the last week as a new idea. But instead He made a known covenant (e.g. Jeremiah 31:31-33 for the New Covenant) to become active or make it prevail. There are many references to the New Covenant. **There are no references anywhere in the Bible that teach the anti-Christ makes a covenant with the Jews.**

There is no reference to any anti-Christ covenant that was known prior to the time of our passage. There is no reference to the anti-Christ or to the endtimes Tribulation in the passage. They are not in the context of the passage. This has been an assertion by interpreters. **There is no Scripture that teaches the anti-christ makes a covenant with the Jews.** One to make the covenant to be one of the anti-Christ, one would have to find two other places in Scripture that teach the same thing. But there are none. There are many Scriptures that teach that Christ makes a New Covenant with the Jews (and with the Gentiles - all people). One for two or three witnesses is:

Deuteronomy 19:15 - ". on the evidence of two or three witnesses a matter shall be confirmed.

It is to be observed that Cyrus the Great, according to the Bible, gave the decree to return the Jews to Israel directly after the 70 year captivity. The decree that many use in their analysis of the seventy weeks is one of Artaxerxes Longamimus in the 20th year of his reign.⁸ This Artaxerxes Longamimus so called decree was given 91 years after the end of the 70 year captivity. **But this cannot be correct because this would extend the 70 year captivity another 91 years.** See *Chronology of the Old Testament* by Martin Anstey and/or *Watchman Warning* for details on the dates, chronology, and for a detailed analysis and presentation of the prophecy.

8. The decree of Artaxerxes is chosen because of the chronology difficulties to go from the Old Testament return to get to the time of Christ. Anstey shows the errors. His book is must reading. Although *Watchman Warning* has captured much of his analysis.

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Ezra 1:1-3 - Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he sent a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying, "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, 'The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and He has appointed me to build Him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. 'Whoever there is among you of all His people, may his God be with him! Let him go up to Jerusalem which is in Judah, and rebuild the house of the Lord, the God of Israel; He is the God who is in Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 36:22 - Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia-- in order to fulfill the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah-- the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he sent a proclamation throughout his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying, "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, 'The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and He has appointed me to build Him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all His people, may the Lord his God be with him, and let him go up!'"

Isaiah 44:28 - "It is I who says of Cyrus, 'He is My shepherd! And he will perform all My desire.' And he declares of Jerusalem, 'She will be built,' And of the temple, 'Your foundation will be laid.'"

The decree of Artaxerxes is not valid for two other reasons:

1. The Jews were already back in the land rebuilding the temple and Jerusalem before the decree of Artaxerxes Longamimus was given. See Ezra 3:8; 4:11-12; 23-24; 5:1-2; 6:14.

2. The decree of Artaxerxes was not a decree at all for the initial return to the land. It only a letter given permission to rebuild or repair the city walls after there was a war that had destroyed much of them by fire (Nehemiah 2:1-8). The book of Nehemiah shows that the city had already been rebuilt and the Jews were already living in their rebuilt homes at the time the letter was given. See Nehemiah chapters 4 & 5.

It is to be observed that because Daniel's seventieth week does not refer to the endtimes Tribulation, the Tribulation is not constrained to last only seven years. It can last much longer. Equivalent times for

the first part with the Jews (both northern and southern kingdoms) in their pattern sequences was 20 years. Because the last part of the Tribulation is declared to be 42 months (3 ½ years), the Tribulation could last from 20 to 25 years (e.g. 23 ½ years). Only God knows the duration.⁹

Because the seventieth week does not refer to the Tribulation, it forms no basis to force a Rapture of the all-nations Church to occur before the Tribulation. Instead, it prevents or precludes such a Rapture to occur.

Discussion of Revelation 12 - Satan goes after the offspring (believers only in Israel) of the woman (Israel) for 1260 days (time, times, and half a time) or three and one-half years. This three and one half years is the second part of Daniel's seventieth week, starting from the Day of Pentecost and does not refer to the endtimes Tribulation. It is the first part of the Church Period. It is a time when the Gospel only went to Israel. It only went to the Gentiles after the end of the seventieth week of three and one half years.

Definition of the Church - If we are to understand prophecy, one must understand what is the Church. The Church consists of **all** believers from all time periods. No exceptions. **The Church is defined as those who having believed in Christ's Cross, have been delivered from (called out from) the Dominion of Satan, the Jurisdiction of the Law,**

9. The number of man is six or its multiples. This makes the duration of man on the earth to be 6000 years. The number of divine division is three. This makes the time of man on the earth to be in three 2000 year periods - the Gentile, the Jewish, and the Church. Dr Anstey shows in his book, *The Chronology of the Old Testament*, that were about 2000 years from Adam to Abraham (Gentile Dispensation) and about 2000 years from Abraham to Christ (Jewish Dispensation).

If the Church period lasts 2000 years and began in AD 30 (Some say AD 33), it will end in 2030. This would make the Tribulation, if our calculations and calendars are correct (we are not predicting or setting dates), to begin in about 2005 to 2010 (e.g. October 2006). This time could be in error by many years. We do not know the accuracy of our prime data. This is true especially if the 1000 years as a day after the Tribulation is contained within the Church Period. Only God knows the true timing. But it does give us a potential estimate. It certainly is not 50-100 years away.

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and the Power of Death into the Kingdom of God, under Grace, and freedom from the Law to eternal life. The Church consist of all believers from all time periods and is not limited to include only those believers in the Church period as defined wrongly by Dispensational Theology.

Acts 26:18 - to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to [the Kingdom of] God, in order that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.' (Comment: Mine.)

Colossians 1:13-14 - For He delivered us from the domain of darkness [Dominion of Satan], and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son [God], in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Comments: Mine.)

Christ only has one body - the Church. His body is never divided such as part before the Tribulation in Rapture and part in the Tribulation after the Rapture. At the Rapture Christ's entire body is raptured at one time when Christ comes with and for His saints at the same time of His Second Coming.

In Christ, Freedom from the Law and Under Grace

Romans 6:14 - For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law, but under grace.

Romans 10:4 - For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

Galatians 3:13 - Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us-- for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"--

Galatians 5:18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.¹⁰

10. When we follow the leading of the Holy Spirit, we use our divine natures and we do not sin. When we follow our own leading using our depraved natures, we place ourselves back under the Law. And when we do, our actions are judged against the Law, and we sin. Thus, we use 1 John 1:9 to be cleansed by the blood of Christ and have
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We are no longer under law because we have been justified before God by the Cross. We do not in our divine nature received at salvation put us back under law, because it does not sin. The law was used as a tutor to show one needed a Savior.

The Church includes all people from all biblical time periods where Christ's Satisfied Justice for sin has been applied directly to them.

Only One Resurrection of the Just; One Resurrection of the Unjust - The Bible teaches only "one" resurrection of the Just (the Church as one group of believers), and this occurs at Christ's Second Coming. (For a Pre-Tribulation Rapture, one would have to have a minimum of two resurrections (two groups of believers); one before the Tribulation and one afterward. If there were to be a Millennial Kingdom after the Tribulation there would need to have yet another resurrection, making three total (three groups of believers.)) ***The Bible teaches that "all" the Church will be changed in resurrection at the same time - one resurrection (only one group of believers) - in the twinkling of an eye.***

Luke 14:14 - and you will be blessed, since they do not have the means to repay you; for you will be repaid at THE resurrection of the righteous. " (Emphasis: Mine.)

John 5:28-29 - "Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 - Behold I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we all shall be changed.

(The last trumpet sound recorded in the Bible is the one in 1 Thessalonians 4:16 at the time of the Rapture which occurs **after** the sounding of Revelation's seventh trumpet. Christ has the authority to rapture the Church after the court award

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fellowship with God restored.

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in Revelation 11:15 just after the time of the seventh trumpet.)

In summary, Christ has but one group of the elect, not multiple groups of the elect. No one is born or saved after the Rapture. (For example, God does not have one group of the Church before the Tribulation, another in the Tribulation, and yet another in a Jewish Golden-Age Millennium. The Bible does not teach this.)

No Partiality with God - God is no respecter of people. He shows no partiality. He would not allow some believers to miss the Tribulation and then place a very large number of believers in the Tribulation to experience disciplinary times. What did these believers do that was so wrong to be in the Tribulation and have the others miss it? What did the first group that was so good that they would miss the Tribulation?

Acts 10:34 - And opening his mouth, Peter said: "I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality,

Romans 2:11 - For there is no partiality with God.

The Tribulation is disciplinary in nature, not penal for punishment. God's people can experience disciplinary times. These disciplinary times are part of the endtimes Pattern Sequence that is used to terminate history. God disciplines all of those who are His own (Hebrews 12:5).

Legal Authority - The Rapture can only occur after Christ is given the legal authority to do so, according to God's Plan for the spiritual warfare. The heavenly court gives this authority as it awards the Lord and His Christ (and to the saints at the time of the Rapture) the Kingdom of the World as it now becomes the Kingdom of God. It also awards the Title Deed of the Earth as it is taken from Satan.¹¹

11. With the fall of man in the Garden of Eden, Satan usurps the Kingdom of God (that becomes the Kingdom of the World) and the Title Deed of the Earth from Christ. Man now receives a depraved nature and is now transferred into the Dominion of Satan. Henceforth all people are born with depraved natures in the Dominion Satan under his eternal control. For man to be saved and for Christ to win the warfare, He must satisfy God's Justice for sin and transfer
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These awards by the heavenly court occur after the Great Tribulation at the time of the seventh trumpet (before the bowl period) when it determines, by opening the Books of Life and of Works (and others), that Christ has won the spiritual warfare over Satan. This award allows Christ legally, according to the rules of the spiritual warfare, to rapture and reward the Church and bring judgment on all the rest, including on Satan and the evil angels.¹²

Daniel 7:9-14 - "I kept looking Until thrones were set up, And the Ancient of Days took His seat; . The court sat, And the books were opened [including the books of life and of works]. "Then I kept looking because of the sound of the boastful words which the horn was speaking; I kept looking until the beast was slain, and its body was destroyed and given to the burning fire. "As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but an extension of life was granted to them for an appointed period of time. "I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days And was presented before Him. "And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, That all the peoples, nations, and men of every language Might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion Which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one Which

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all believers into the Kingdom of God to be under His eternal control from the Dominion of Satan. Christ wins this authority to transfer believers into the Kingdom of God after the Cross at His Ascension by the heavenly court. But He does not receive the authority to rapture the Church until after **all** believers are translated into the Kingdom of God and until after **all** the unbelievers have made formal rejection of the Gospel. This authority is granted after the Tribulation at the time of the Seventh Trumpet.

12. God has the Book of Life and the Book of Works. All people who will ever live were initially listed in the Book of Life. If they formally deny the Cross in life or by death, their name is erased from the Book. All peoples' works are recorded in the Book of Works. God wrote in other books who the elect are and what works they would do. All of these books are examined by the court at the seventh trumpet and again at the Great White Throne Judgment. If all the elect believe and accomplish all of God's work, Christ wins the warfare. The Church is rewarded based on the works accomplished. Unbelievers are judged and punished based on their works because their names were not found in the Book of Life.

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will not be destroyed. (Comment: Mine.)

Daniel 7:26-27 - 'But the court will sit for judgment, and his dominion (the anti-Christ called here the little horn) will be taken away, annihilated and destroyed forever. 'Then the sovereignty, the dominion, and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.' (Comment: Mine.)

Revelation 11:15-18 - And the seventh angel sounded; and there arose loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever." And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying, "We give Thee thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who art and who wast, because Thou hast taken Thy great power and hast begun to reign. "And the nations were enraged, and Thy wrath came, and the time came for the dead to be judged, and the time to give their reward to Thy bond-servants the prophets and to the saints and to those who fear Thy name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth."

Imminent Rapture - The coming of Christ and our being gathered to be with Him at the Rapture appears to be imminent as described in Scripture (e.g. 1 Thessalonians 1:10).

1 Thessalonians 1:10 - and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who delivers us from the wrath to come.

However, since the Rapture has not occurred for 2000 years, there is no way to force the imminence to occur just before or at the time the Tribulation begins. It can be imminent as the Tribulation is ending.

The Rapture could not be imminent in any time period after the day of Pentecost because there are several prophesied events that had to occur first. These include the deaths of Peter and Paul, the destruction of Jerusalem and temple in AD 70, the completion of the Canon of Scripture in AD 96, the preaching of the Gospel to the entire world, the tares being bundled for the fire, and all the elect believing and doing all of God's chosen works. Thus, it is very

likely that the imminence can only occur at the end of the Tribulation.

Fulness of the Gentiles - The Deliverer (Christ), bringing the Rapture, will not come until the fulness of the Gentiles has occurred. This is finished by the end of the Great Tribulation.

Romans 11:25-26 - . that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles has come in; and thus all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, "The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob."

Wrath - The Church will not experience God's wrath as recorded in John 3:36; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 5:9 and Romans 2:5; 5:9. When these passages are examined, their period of wrath occurs after Christ's Second Coming and after the Rapture. This is the wrath of the eternal punishment in the bowl period and in the Lake of Fire. None of these periods of wrath refer to the endtimes Tribulation when the Church is on the earth as Pre-Tribulation Rapture interpreters teach. Their argument is that if this wrath refers to the Tribulation, then the Church must be raptured before the Tribulation begins.

One must realize that the Old Testament Jews experienced God's wrath in discipline, and the Old Testament calls it wrath. The Church will experience God's wrath in discipline coming in the seals and first six trumpets. **Revelation teaches that there are saints (the Church) on the earth during these time periods. Thus, the Church will not miss them.**

But the Church will not experience God's penal wrath in the time of Revelation's bowls or vials and in the Lake of Fire. They occur after the Rapture. The Rapture occurs at Christ's Second Coming that occurs before the content of the bowls are poured out.

The wrath referred to in the following Scriptures is the wrath of the Lake of Fire, not the wrath of the Tribulation. The Church will not experience this wrath by salvation in Christ as is in the context of these Scriptures.

John 3:36 - "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

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Romans 2:5 - But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart, you are storing wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God.

Romans 5:9 - Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

1 Thessalonians 1:10 - and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who delivers us from the wrath to come.

1 Thessalonians 5:9 - For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Day of the Lord - The Church will not experience the Day of the Lord found in 1 Thessalonians 5:1-9 (and in Acts 2:20). This day of the Lord occurs during the time of Revelation's bowls or vials that occur after Christ's Second Coming, after the Rapture, and after the endtimes Tribulation. **The endtimes Day of the Lord is not equal to the entire endtimes Tribulation.** It occurs when God destroys a powerful nation such as Babylon in Isaiah 13. The final and great one in Revelation 16:14 at the time of the sixth bowl happening occurs at the last battles at the battle of Armageddon when all the remaining nations are destroyed after Christ's Second Coming and after the Rapture. (Revelation 16:12-16.)

Revelation 16:14 - .the great day of God, the Almighty.

The Jews themselves experienced a day of the Lord at their devastating calamity by Babylon. Such a day of the Lord comes at the time of the first six trumpets. This occurs as a devastating calamity in Revelation's endtimes as part of the Pattern Sequence.

Revelation 3:10 - Pre-Tribulation Rapture interpreters teach that Revelation 3:10 implies the Church will be raptured before the hour of trial (the Tribulation) begins (without proving the hour of trial is equal to the Tribulation).

Revelation 3:10 - 'Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from [ek out of] the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell upon the earth.

Revelation 3:10 in the Greek can mean that believers go through the hour of trial but are kept from its effects (are preserved from harm or its effects by God). The Greek word or preposition *ek* used in this passage is used elsewhere in John 17:15 with this meaning (even though not an exact match).

John 17:15 - "I do not ask Thee to take them out of [ek] the world, but to keep them from the evil one.

The believers are preserved in the Tribulation from the evil one because they have eternal security in Christ. God preserves them. The passage, according to the Greek, does not require removal of the Church before the period begins. It teaches just the opposite. An alternative legitimate translation or interpretation is:

Revelation 3:10 - 'Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from [implied separated from but still in the presence of] the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell upon the earth.

Also one has to prove that the hour of Trial refers to the Tribulation. It could occur during the bowls.

2 Thessalonians 2:7 - Pre-Tribulation Rapture interpreters teach that 2 Thessalonians 2:7 teaches the Church will miss the Tribulation because she is taken out with the Holy Spirit before the man of lawlessness can be revealed. However, 2 Thessalonians 2:7 in the Greek can mean that the man of lawlessness is restrained from coming out of the midst of mankind until God releases the constraint. This is the context of the passage. The passage, nor its context, does not teach that the man of lawless cannot be revealed until the Holy Spirit in the Church is removed from the scene. The taking away of the Holy Spirit is not in the context of the passage. Nor is the Church being taken out with the Holy Spirit. These are assertions by interpreters that the Bible does not teach. **(We know that the Holy Spirit is not removed because there are many believers in the Tribulation.)**

Standard Translation - *2 Thessalonians 2:7 - For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way.*

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Alternative Translation - *2 Thessalonians 2:7 - For the mystery of [the] lawless [one] is operating now and will do so until he [man of lawlessness] comes out from the midst of mankind or from among them.*

The man of lawlessness is revealed as God allows him because of the great apostasy of the Church and of the people, not because the Holy Spirit removes the Church in rapture.

The Tribulation is Future Occurring Just Before Christ's Coming - When Christ comes the Second Time, He casts the **individuals** (persons) of Revelation's Beast and False Prophet into the Lake of Fire (Revelation 19:20; 20:10). They were in Revelation's endtimes Great Tribulation. Daniel also speaks of a little horn, a person, (the Beast of Revelation 13) that rules for three and one half years (time, times, and half a time) and his dominion is taken away by the coming of Christ (Daniel 7:9-14; 26-27).¹³

This shows that Revelation's Tribulation occurs just before Christ comes the Second Time. This Beast Period therefore is not historical in the Church Period as in the preterist view. (This makes the Preterist, Post-Millennial, and Reconstructions Views invalid.)

Daniel 7:24-27 - 'As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings. 'And he will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time. 'But the court will sit for judgment, and his dominion will be taken away, annihilated and destroyed forever. 'Then the sovereignty, the dominion, and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.'

(Comment: There is a time gap in this Daniel 7 Scripture from the time of Rome [the kingdom] to the time of the ten kings and to this man of sin we call the anti-Christ. The gap is the Church period

13. The Beast is given a three and one year reign as our Lord was given during the Gospel period.

because it was held as a mystery - revealed after Pentecost but not before. (Ephesians 5:32)

Revelation 19:20 - [As Christ comes the Second Time] And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.

Also the great multitude appears in heaven as the individuals of this multitude are coming out of (dying in) the Great Tribulation. This is a unique Tribulation and not just any tribulation because the Greek article is used with Tribulation. Note:

*Revelation 7:13-14 - And one of the elders answered, saying to me, "These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and from where have they come?" And I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out [are coming out] of **THE** great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. (Comments: mine.)*

The Greek has it THE Tribulation, THE great one.

Kenneth Wuest in his translation of *The New Testament* has it:

*Revelation 7:14 - These are the ones that come out of **the** great tribulation, **the** great one.*

Olivet Discourse - It is to be understood that the Great Tribulation or days of Vengeance in the Olivet Discourse (such as in Matthew 24:15-21; Luke 21:20-24) occurred at AD 70 with the destruction of the then existing temple by the Romans armies. We know this because this destruction answers the disciple's question as to when all the stones of the existing temple would be thrown down (Luke 21:5-7), and it is a result of the Romans armies surrounding the city as described in Luke 21:20-24). (See *A Harmony of the Gospels* that places the Scriptures of the Gospels side by side.) The Great Tribulation of Revelation is a different Tribulation and occurs just before Christ comes. The Tribulation of those days as described in Matthew 24:29 at the time of Christ's coming is the endtimes Tribulation; not the one in AD 70.

Many believe that because of the Great Tribulation

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mentioned in Matthew 24:21 that will not be repeated that this Tribulation must refer to the endtimes Tribulation. But this is not so, It is an idiom that God uses every time He brings judgment against the Jews. Compare these Scriptures.

Matthew 24:21 - for then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall.

Ezekiel 5:9 - 'And because of all your abominations, I will do among you what I have not done, and the like of which I will never do again.

The Church period is not per se written in this passage because the Church period was held as a mystery until after the day of Pentecost (Ephesians 5:32). So the endtimes Tribulation is indirectly, not directly, called out in Matthew 24:23-28. The transition and jump to the endtimes begins with verse 23. The sequence in Revelation that precedes Christ's return begins the series of events that terminates history according to the Pattern Sequence that was already discussed. (*Watchman Warning* has a detailed Scriptural development and discussion of the Olivet Discourse.)

The Pre-Tributional and Pre-Wrath (Mid-Tribulation) Rapture Views of the Church Are Not Viable

The Pre-Tribulation Rapture (and a Mid-Tribulation or Pre-Wrath Rapture) is not viable. After an assumed Pre-Tribulation Rapture, a number of believers from all nations come out (die and go to heaven) of Revelation's Great Tribulation of such a large number than no one can count them (Revelation 7:9-14). These die over a time period, continuously coming out of Great Tribulation.

Revelation 7:9 - After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands;

Revelation 7:14 - And I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones who come (are coming) out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. (Comment: Mine.)

In order to have a Pre-Tribulation Rapture to occur, this large number of people from all nations would have to be saved in three and one-half to seven years, based on Daniel's seventieth week being equal to the Tribulation, when after the assumed Rapture: (1) there are no believers to preach the Gospel (which the Bible requires; Romans 10:13-15); (2) no unbeliever seeks after God (Romans 3:11); (3) the government is making war against the Church, not allowing any open evangelism and killing most believers (Revelation 6:9-11); and (4) the world's people are in extreme apostasy, believing in anything but the Cross of Christ. Just before the Tribulation begins, the Church has been falling away and doing much less evangelism. (It should be pointed out that the 144,000 Jews probably had but little, if anything, to do with the salvation of the large number of people from all nations that die in the Great Tribulation. The Bible does not teach that they evangelized anyone. They were only called bond servants of God.)

God said that unless He leaves a few believers, the people would become like Sodom and Gomorrah (in complete apostasy) and then no longer could be saved.

Isaiah 1:9 - Unless the Lord of hosts Had left us a few survivors, We would be like Sodom, We would be like Gomorrah.

Thus, after a Pre-Tribulation Rapture, all the people remaining would be killed by God because none can any longer be saved. Their spiritual condition will not allow them to be saved. They are in unbelief. They would be in complete apostasy as the people were in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah and in the days of Noah. (This is the situation at Christ's Second Coming.)

The situation of this great number being saved is viable if this great number of believers are saved before the Tribulation begins, and die in the Tribulation. And after the Post-Tribulation Rapture that occurs at Christ's Second Coming, all the unbelievers are indeed killed. Being in great apostasy, they have taken the Mark of the Beast and no longer can be saved.

Summary: Purposes for the Tribulation

The purposes of the endtimes Tribulation are threefold:

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1. Formally and bindingly polarize the beliefs of all who would live to accept or deny the Gospel.

2. How Christ gains back the Title Deed of the earth from Satan. Revelation's events unfold according to a scroll. God uses scrolls for how one wins back their property.

3. For God to bring divine discipline on the Church and nations as they fall away from Him in the endtimes special sequence. He establishes an endtimes sequence and the United States as a favored nation for this to occur. This is God's method for how He terminates history.

Should Know God's Criteria For Events (Repeated for Emphasis)

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

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

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

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

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

Wrongly Assumed Teachings For a Pre-Tribulation Rapture

In order to have a Pre-Tribulation **all** of the following must be true (The Bible does not teach any of them):

- The Rapture can be imminent at any time and will occur just before the Tribulation begins.
- Daniel's seventieth is equal to the endtimes Tribulation.
- God will return physical temples and animal sacrifices.
- The Church is composed of only those believers in the Church Period.
- The Church, composed of only believers, goes to heaven and Israel, composed of both believers and unbelievers, goes into the Land.
- God shows partiality allowing some believers to be raptured before the Tribulation and put other believers in the Tribulation.
- The wrath of God the Church is to miss is in the Tribulation.
- Christ does not come for and with His saints at the same time. He comes for His saints before the Tribulation and with His saints after the Tribulation.
- At the Rapture, the Church is not resurrected because there is only one resurrection of the Just.
- There are multiple resurrections of the Just.
- The last Great Day of the Lord is equal to the endtimes Tribulation.
- Jewish and Gentiles believers are not now one new man in Christ without distinction.
- Maturity in Christ is not essential.
- God is married to both Israel and to the Church at the same time.
- The tares are bundled for the fire before the Tribulation begins so the wheat can be separated from the tares in Rapture before the Tribulation.

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- The enemies of Christ become His footstool before the Tribulation begins.
 - The Bible does not use the oriental marriage concept so the Church can be raptured before Christ's Second Coming.
 - The three Greek words for the coming, the appearance, and the revelation of Christ can refer to more than one event such as one before the Tribulation and one after the Tribulation.
 - The Kingdom of God is ruled from the earth and is equal to a future kingdom of Israel on earth after Christ's Second Coming.
 - One has to return to worship God in physical temples in Jerusalem instead of in spirit and in truth everywhere. (For people from world wide to worship God in a Jerusalem temple is not even practical.)
- and/or Pre-Tribulation Rapture View (and those who believe in a Post-Tribulation Rapture View but who do not see the signs of the impending Tribulation) have little incentive from a prophetic viewpoint to warn their people of coming Tribulation disciplinary action. This can be most dangerous for their people.

As a result, they can be guilty of the people's blood and allow them to be caught unaware and blind sided by the calamity that comes as the Tribulation begins. Those who hold this view by believing times are normal right up to the Second Coming, have no clue as the fact they will go through a most devastating Tribulation. They see no need to give extra training how to respond in terrible and persecution times.

Conclusion

Without ambiguity, we conclude that "all" Bible doctrine teaches a Post-Tribulation Rapture (the Rapture comes at Christ's Second Coming) and the Tribulation occurs just before Christ comes at His Second Coming but before the bowl period. All unbelievers are killed, after God's people are delivered to Christ in the Rapture. This occurs during Christ's Second Coming and leaves no one to enter a Millennium. As will be shown, the 1000 years occurs during the Second Coming of Christ as He with the Church evaluates whether or not those who remain after the Rapture can be saved. None repent to be saved.

The Bible does not teach a Pre- or a Mid-Tribulation Rapture. It does not teach a preterist view.

Impacts of Our Prophetic Rapture Views

The impacts of believing otherwise than a Post-Tribulation Rapture (Pre-Wrath Rapture) can be as follows ***if*** one does not train their people adequately to become mature in Christ and to help do area-wide evangelism:

1. Those believing in Preterist view of history (Revelation's Tribulation is history in the Church Period and does not occur as the endtimes come)

2. Those believing in any Rapture View who do not mature their people in Christ, do their people a most terrible injustice for when the Tribulation comes and when their people enter eternity. They will not know and be able to relate to God as much in eternity, and they will not send as much wealth on a head or receive as many rewards in eternity as God wants to give. They bring harm to Christ's ministry when they do not do adequate evangelism. **Leaders not doing the training can expect judgment.** (Are any of us really free from endtimes judgment? It appears it will be a matter of degree.)

DISCUSSION OF WHEN THE 1000 YEARS OCCUR¹⁴

Discussion

Conclusion: The Thousand Years Are a Day of Time Occurring During the Time of Christ's Second Coming and includes the time of the bowls. There Will Not Be a Jewish Golden-Age Millennium Following Christ's Coming. the 1000 Years Do Not Occur in the Church Period.

14. One has to ensure their people are trained to become mature in Christ and to help to area-wide evangelism to be ready for now, the coming endtimes Tribulation, and for eternity. But because there will be very few Christians alive at the time of Christ's Second Coming, It might not matter as much what we believe about when the 1000 years may come, as long as it does not deter our training our people to become mature in Christ and to do area-wide evangelism before the Tribulation begins.

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When do the 1000 years of Revelation 20 occur? Interpreters have associated them with a Jewish golden-age to follow the Second Coming - the Dispensational View. They have placed them in the Church period before Christ's Second Coming - the Amillennial and Post-Millennial Views.

Our view is neither. But instead, the 1000 years of Revelation 20 come as a day of time (short time period with God) during the time of Christ's Second Coming and after the Rapture during the time of Revelation's bowls or vials. The bowls occur as the events of the seventh trumpet, and the events of the seventh trumpet are events of the seventh seal. These events occur as a means to terminate history. The 1000 years do not occur in the Church Period nor do they come after the Church Period as a special and separate Millennial Jewish Golden-Age Kingdom. Christ is now concerned that we are now in and growing in Him and not in a physical kingdom. These are true for the following teachings and reasons:

The 1000 Years Come as a Day of Time During the Time of Christ's Second Coming

The 1000 years occurs as a day or short period of time during the endtimes bowl or vial judgments that occur with Christ's Second Coming. This teaching is given in 2 Peter 3:8 in the context of endtimes judgment, resurrection, and new heavens and new earth. ***We are told to pay special attention to this teaching.*** (It really does not matter how long the day of time is or 1000 years are. A day of time is not much difference to God whether or not it is a day or a 1000 years.)

2 Peter 3:8 - **But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.** (Bolding and underline emphasis mine.)

Christ's Second Coming covers the period of the bowls, the 1000 years, and the Great White Throne Judgment. The ***single*** resurrection of the just occurs just before the 1000 years begin (Revelation 20:4). The single resurrection of the unjust (the second resurrection) occurs just after the 1000 years end at the time of the Great White Throne Judgment (Revelation 20:5). Christ, when on earth said that the high priest would see Him coming in power on the clouds at His Second Coming (Matthew 26:63-65). The priest (as an unbeliever), after the Rapture, can

only see Him in this manner after his resurrection. This second resurrection occurs at the time of the priests's judgment at the Great White Throne Judgment after the 1000 years. In Revelation 1:7, the Bible teaches that when Christ comes in the clouds, every eye shall see Him, even those who pierced Him (they are all unbelievers). The unbelievers can only see Him in this manner after their resurrection, after the period of the 1000 years. This resurrection is for and at the time of the Great White Throne Judgment. Thus, the Bible teaches that Christ's coming in the clouds covers the 1000 years right up to the time of and including the time of the Great White Throne Judgment.

Matthew 26:63-64 - But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest said to Him, "I adjure You by the living God, that You tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "You have said it yourself; nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Revelation 1:7 - Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. Even so. Amen.

We should expect the 1000 years between the two resurrections to be a short period because Christ seems to judge the sheep and goat nations at the same time in but a short time at His Second Coming. I realize this is a parable but the truth seems to be there. Note:

Matthew 25:31-46 - "But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. "And all the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left. "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 'For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.' "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You drink?

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'And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? 'And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.' "Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink; I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.' "Then they themselves also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?' "Then He will answer them, saying, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' "And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Satan is bound during the 1000 years so he can not at this time effect or influence the nations - anyone.

*Revelation 20:1-3 - And I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, **so that he should not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.** (Bolding: Mine)*

The Church reigns with Christ during this time and determines whether or not any unbelievers remaining can be saved. But none come to repentance.

Revelation 16:9 - . and they did not repent, so as to give Him glory.

The overall Biblical concept is that after everyone who is to live, has lived and has made a formal decision to believe or deny the Gospel, the end comes. The wheat and the tares grow together until all the tares are bundled for the fire - having formally denied the Gospel. Only then is the wheat separated from the tares in the Rapture. Christ sits at the right hand of God until all His enemies become His

footstool. Then afterwards the court awards the Kingdom of the World becoming the Kingdom of God (The Title Deed of the Earth) to Christ that legally allows Him to bring the resurrections and judgments including the Rapture of the Church. As a result, He then raptures the Church and brings judgment on all others (unbelievers). They are all killed and go to the Great White Throne Judgment as part of His coming in the clouds. The 1000 years, however long they last, are included in this period when Christ and the Church determine that indeed after the Rapture no one repents to believe the Gospel. During this time is when Satan is bound in order that he cannot effect their decision. **The 1000 years have nothing whatever to do with a potential Jewish golden-age Millennium. The context of Revelation 20 with the 1000 years are a time of resurrection and judgment and are anything other than a golden age such as Millennial Kingdom.**

The Number of Man

The biblical number of man is six or its multiples. This means that man will only be on the earth for six thousand years. The number of divine division is three. Thus there are three 2000 year periods - Adam to Abraham, Abraham to Christ, and Christ to the end of history. Having Revelation's 1000 years being a day of time fits into the last 2000 years of the Church Period. **There will not be 7000 years of human history on earth.**

1000 Years in the Church Period

There is "no" Scripture that teaches the 1000 years are in the Church Period.

During the 1000 years, Satan is bound in the prison of the abyss (Revelation 20:1-3). He cannot effect or deceive anyone. During the Church Period, Scripture teaches that Satan is very active attacking the Church. Thus, the 1000 years cannot occur in the Church Period. He is not bound in the Church Period in the sense that he cannot prevent the Gospel from being preached to all nations. The Bible does not teach this. The Gospel is preached to all nations because after Christ satisfied God's Justice for sin, He was given all power in heaven and in earth to take the Gospel to all nations - direct teaching. Certainly, Satan attempts to prevent this happening.

Matthew 28:18-20 - And Jesus came up and spoke

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to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. "

Revelation 20:4 teaches that the 1000 years come **after** the Mark-of-the-Beast Period and **after** Christ's Second Coming. Thus, they cannot occur in the Church Period.

*Revelation 20:4 - . I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and **which had not worshiped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands;** and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (Bolding: Mine for emphasis.)*

1000 Years As a Jewish-Golden-Age Millennium¹⁵

There is no Scripture that places a Jewish-Golden Age in the 1000 years.

Having a Jewish Golden-Age Millennium has been an assertion by interpreters. One reason this has been done is there are several Old Testament prophecies for a return of Israel that, according to interpreters, has not happened yet. So they place this return by assertion into the 1000 years. But the Bible does not teach this.

Another reason this has been done is because Revelation 20:4 teaches that believers will reign with Christ for the 1000 years. But it does not say what the condition and the circumstances are behind this reign. Revelation 5:10 teaches that the Church will reign with Christ on the earth. (They can reign on or over the earth without physically being on the earth.) This can be the time of the bowls. It can be a time when during the reign, all unbelievers are destroyed.

It should be clear here that the Scriptures do not say

15. *Watchman Warning* has a 21 page appendix that describes the return of Israel and how the many Old Testament passages should be interpreted. They show a Jewish golden-age Millennium is not coming.

that Christ reigned for the 1000 years. His reign is always said to be eternal or everlasting. So what happens for the 1000 years must involve the Church for a limited time reign with Christ for when the 1000 years will occur. This has already been presented earlier when the Church determines whether or not anyone living after the Rapture and Second Coming will repent and be saved.

*Revelation 11:15 - And the seventh angel sounded; and there arose loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and **He will reign forever and ever.**" (Bolding: Mine.)*

The context of Revelation 20 for when the 1000 years will occur is final judgments and resurrections. It is anything but golden age.

This 1000 year period is not a total righteous period without war as Isaiah 2 teaches because there are unbelievers and sinners in this period. This is true because after the 1000 years, the sinful armies, led by Satan now out of prison, make war against Christ and His armies. This would be the battle of Armageddon. The meaning of the Isaiah passage is that there will not be physical warfare ever again, but it means that God's people will not use physical warfare any more. This began in the Church Period. God's people now have spiritual warfare. (Revelation 16:12-21; 20:7-9) ?

Isaiah 2:4 - And He will judge between the nations, And will render decisions for many peoples; And they will hammer their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they learn war.

The Isaiah passage also states that the nations will learn war no more. We have to be careful here because we know that the nations come in war against the Lord and angels after the 1000 years. So the nations must have learned war in the 1000 years or before it began. So such a passage must deal with the saints of God or to eternity after the 1000 years.

If there were to be a Jewish Golden-Age Millennium, Satan would be bound in this period also. **He would not be there to deceive and test new believers for them to gain maturity. He would not be there to deceive the nations to build a great military. Thus, Satan being bound in such a Millennium**

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makes no sense. In our view, the 1000 years contain only unbelievers on the earth, after which they are all killed by Christ and His angels in the rod of iron and winepress operations.

As previously presented, the Cross broke down the barrier of the dividing wall between the Jew and the Gentile. Both Jews and Gentiles believers are now equal in Christ, as one new man, without ethnic distinction, with Christ now being the only one who can have any preeminence. Thus, after the Cross, there cannot be a future Jewish Period of any kind. There cannot be a Jewish Golden-Age Millennium. The Jew nor anyone, but Christ, can now have any preeminence or first place in God's program.

As previously presented, the Cross set aside physical temples and animal sacrifices forever for all future time periods. Thus, in God's program (although there might be in Satan's), there will not be a Tribulation or a Millennial temple with or without animal sacrifices. Such would be an affront to Christ and His Cross. **Such action is a denial of the Christian faith and the efficaciousness of the Cross where Christ died once for all time for sin. It should be clear that animal sacrifices in any millennium would not be a memorial to the Cross as some state. The Lord's Table of the body and the blood are the only memorial.**

It should be noted that the Church of Christ of both Jews and Gentiles is called a holy nation. This holy nation (the spiritual) replaced the covenant nation of Israel (the natural). This means that the saved of Israel are in the Church and holy nation of the Church. Thus, God will not bring back Israel as a nation of believing and non believing Jews.

It is to be clear that Israel as a covenant nation composed of both believers and unbelievers does not become the Church. The Church did not replace the covenant nation of Israel. Instead, the believers in Israel become part of the Church with the believing Gentiles. In this sense, the holy nation of the Church replaced the Covenant Nation of Israel because now Christ is now marrying the Church. But also in God's program, the Kingdom of God replaced the Covenant Nation of Israel.

1 Peter 2:9 - But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His

marvelous light; (Bolding: Mine.)

Thus, the only "holy" nation of believers that Christ is reigning over is the Church. Israel always contained both believers and unbelievers. So the nation that is relationship close to Christ over which He directly reigns is the Church which is in the Kingdom of God, having been called out from the Dominion of Satan. There will not be a Jewish Kingdom coming in God's Plan.

God has only one plan for all believers. This plan is that they reach a mature high-skill level spiritual ability in Christ-likeness needed for eternity. God does not have different and separate plans for Israel (containing believers and unbelievers) and the Church (all believers). The Bible does not teach this.

God has only one Church consisting of believers from all nations including from Israel. All believers without exception are in and are the Church, including all of those from Israel. When Christ ascended into heaven and received all power in heaven and in earth, He received the legal authority to transfer all Old Testament believers into the Kingdom of God and take them to heaven to be with Him. Being called out from the Dominion of Satan into the Kingdom of God, they at that time officially became His Church.

God does not have two churches or two groups of believers. All believers from all of history are in His Church and go in the single Rapture. After the Rapture, God kills all the unbelievers, all people who are left. There are no people left to enter a Millennium, if there were to be one. No one is saved after the Rapture.

Remember:

Isaiah 1:9 - Unless the Lord of hosts Had left us a few survivors, We would be like Sodom, We would be like Gomorrah.

(The meaning is that after any Rapture, the people left behind would be in great apostasy, and can no longer be saved, and thus, God would kill them.)

Christ sits at the right hand of God the Father until all His enemies become His footstool or under His authority. Because of this, if there were to be a Jewish Golden Age Kingdom, Christ would not come to rapture His Church until all the unbelievers in the

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Millennium became His footstool. Thus, for this case, the Rapture could not occur until after the Millennium. This makes no sense. His enemies become His footstool as the tares are being bundled for the fire in the Great Tribulation. Our Lord sits in heaven until this time and then comes to the clouds for the Rapture at the end of the Tribulation. (We know that there are unbelievers in the 1000 years because they war against Christ during the battles of Armageddon. The parable of the wheat and the tares teach the same thing. If there were to be a future Millennium, the wheat could not be separated from the tares until after the Millennium. This makes no sense. There cannot be a future Millennium.

Both Old Testament and New Testament believers were looking forward to being in the new Jerusalem with a new heavens and a new earth. The Jewish believers were not looking forward to a Millennial Kingdom on earth. Abraham was looking for a city whose maker was God. (Isaiah 65:27; 66:22; Hebrews 11:10; 2 Peter 3:13)

The Old Testament teaches declaratively that all prophecies that promise to place Israel back in the land have been fulfilled. The Bible teaches that the Jews possessed all the land that God promised her. Thus, there is no reason to believe that God has yet to fulfill a promise to place Israel back into the land after the Cross of Christ in the natural sense. (Joshua 21:43, 45; Nehemiah 9:7-8, 24; Ezekiel 33:24.).

Joshua 21:43 - So the Lord gave Israel all the land which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they possessed it and lived in it.

Joshua 21:45 - Not one of the good promises which the Lord had made to the house of Israel failed; all came to pass.

Some Dispensational believers have not found in the Scriptures where Israel has possessed all the land. So they place this possession in the 1000 years. But such a view disagrees with the clear teachings of Scripture.

The Bible teaches (e.g. 2 Samuel 7:12-13; Psalm 89:3) that God will always have a decedent of David on David's throne over Israel. Interpreters have thought that this would be on earth. With this interpretation, one believes it could be in the 1000 years when the saints are to reign with Christ. But the Bible does not directly teach this. It teaches that the

Church will reign with Christ on the earth (Revelation 5:10), but it does not mean necessarily that they will be physically on the earth. This reign is in the 1000 years (Revelation 20:6) They could reign on the earth from a heavenly or other location.

However, the Bible teaches in Acts 2 that Christ sits on David's throne now, but located in Heaven. He also rules over all the nations as He rules over the Kingdom of God and over the Kingdom of Israel (in a spiritual manner). He rules over all believers. Remember those of the true Israel are only those of promise - believers in the Cross.

Acts 2:30-33 - "And so, because he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath to seat one of his descendants upon his throne, he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that He was neither abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh suffer decay. "This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. "Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.

Romans 9:6-8 - But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel; neither are they all children because they are Abraham's descendants, but: "through Isaac your descendants will be named." That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants.

So the only promises to Israel that are for now and will be fulfilled are for the *believing* Jews (a small minority) to receive the New Covenant for salvation. As such, they then are to become part of the Church in the Church Period and, in the resurrection, go to the new Jerusalem in the new heavens and the new earth. This objective is what to which the Old Testament Jews were looking forward.

Isaiah 65:17 - "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

Isaiah 66:22 - "For just as the new heavens and the new earth Which I make will endure before Me," declares the Lord, "So your offspring and your name will endure.

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Abraham was looking for a city whose maker was God.

Hebrews 11:10 - for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

During His earthly ministry, Christ offered the Jews the Kingdom of God ruled from heaven. He did not offer them the Kingdom of Israel that would be ruled from the earth. The concept is that when one is saved they are delivered into the Kingdom of God from the Dominion of Satan. This He wants for everyone if they will only believe the Gospel.

Mark 1:15 - and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

John 18:36 - Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting, that I might not be delivered up to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm."

The kingdom of God (ruled from heaven) is not equal to the Kingdom of Israel (ruled on earth) as some interpreters equate. Some interpreters believe that the Kingdom of Israel (being equal to the Kingdom of God) was postponed to the time of the 1000 years. But the Bible does not teach this concept. The Bible teaches that the Kingdom of God is operating all throughout the New Testament period. This is because, now that the Cross has come, all believers are now in the Kingdom of God. (Check a concordance to see that the Kingdom of God is mentioned many times as being active during the entire Church Period.)

The Kingdom of God was the first thing all believers (and unbelievers) are to seek (Matthew 6:33). Christ did not offer them an earthly kingdom of Israel because such a kingdom after the Cross has no purpose. The kingdoms of Israel and of God are different kingdoms with different purposes. ***The Kingdom of Israel is where people live physically in the land of Israel. The Kingdom of God is a relationship kingdom (relationships with Christ), regardless of where people live all over the earth, ruled from heaven. All believers are in this Kingdom.***

The concept is that when a person becomes a

believer in Christ, they are delivered from the Dominion of Satan (being an unbeliever) with Satan having eternal control into the Kingdom of God (now as a believer- the Church) in a special relationship with God with Him having eternal control. It is under the Kingdom of God where God rules His people. It will be this way in eternity also. (If there were to be a future Millennial Kingdom of Israel, it would come under the rule of the Kingdom of God.)

We are told that we are now to worship God everywhere in spirit and in truth, no longer in Jerusalem in temples.¹⁶ Why would we expect God to bring back a physical temple for worship in some 1000 year period. May it never be. (It is not practical that millions of believers could worship in a temple at one geographic location such as Jerusalem.)

The Bible teaches that the Church Dispensation (administration or period) is the one when all things are summed up in Christ in both heaven and in earth. ***Thus, there cannot be another Dispensation afterward such as a Jewish Golden-Age Millennium. The Church Dispensation is the last one.***

Ephesians 1:10 - with a view to an administration [dispensation of the Church Period] suitable to the fulness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things upon the earth. (Comment: Mine.)

Israel was called the wife of God (Jehovah) (Isaiah 54:5; Jeremiah 31:32). God divorced the Northern Kingdom of Israel in her history in a declarative statement in Scripture (Jeremiah 3:8) and the Southern Kingdom of Israel indirectly taught at the Cross. ***We know the latter because a spiritual leader cannot have two wives at the same time (such as 1 Timothy 3:2), and God (Christ) is now marrying the Church.*** The Jews at the Crucifixion said let His blood be on us and on our children. They

16. *John 4:21-24 - Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, shall you worship the Father. "You worship that which you do not know; we worship that which we know, for salvation is from the Jews. "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."*

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would not have Christ rule over them. We have no king, but Caesar. **What was said was that the Jews as A COVENANT NATION (having made a blood covenant with God) will never repent and believe in Christ as her Messiah.** They had made a blood covenant with God regarding Christ as not being their Messiah. (Of course individual Jews will believe.)

Jeremiah 3:8 - "And I saw that for all the adulteries of faithless Israel, I had sent her away and given her a writ of divorce, yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear; but she went and was a harlot also. (Bolding: Mine)

Matthew 27:25 - And all the people answered and said, "His blood be on us and on our children!"

John 19:15 - They therefore cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar."

Luke 19:14 - "But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over us.'

*1 Timothy 3:2 - An overseer, then, must be above reproach, **the husband of one wife** (literally in the Greek - a one woman man), temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, (Bolding and comment: Mine)*

So Israel as a Covenant Nation is gone forever, and Jerusalem is no longer a holy city to God. She is now only one of the world's cities without special significance in God's plan except as she is used by Satan as Israel and the Arabs continue to make war. Satan brought Israel back as an endtimes nation. Israel can come back as another one of the world's nations without special relationship to God as is the present Israel.

God only brings Israel back into the land after her repentance (Leviticus 26:40-42). Israel as a nation today is in apostasy, hanging on to Old Testament promises, but she has no interest in Christ as her Messiah. The missionaries tell us that about 80 percent of Israel's population today are apostates, about 18 percent orthodox Jews, and about 2 percent Christians. These are average and dynamic percentages.

God has not forsaken the Jews in any way because

they can have all that God offers anyone. They received this by believing in Christ as Savior and going on to maturity in Christ. This is all God offers anyone in this time period.

Romans 11:1, 5 - I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? May it never be! For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. ... In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to God's gracious choice.

IT IS TO BE POINTED OUT THAT WHAT GOD OFFERS EVERYONE (BOTH JEWS AND GENTILES) IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE CHRIST AS SAVIOR AND THEN AFTERWARDS TO PURSUE MATURITY IN CHRIST SO THEY CAN KNOW AND RELATE TO THE PERFECT GOD IN DEPTH AND LIVE HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS LIVES BEFORE HIM. APART FROM THIS, THERE IS NOTHING.

God's covenants to Israel from His viewpoint were everlasting. They continue forever for He would not break them. However, the Jews, themselves, could break the covenants (e.g. Leviticus 26:15; Deuteronomy 31:20).

Leviticus 26:15 - if, instead, you reject My statutes, and if your soul abhors My ordinances so as not to carry out all My commandments, and so break My covenant,

Deuteronomy 31:20 - "For when I bring them into the land flowing with milk and honey, which I swore to their fathers, and they have eaten and are satisfied and become prosperous, then they will turn to other gods and serve them, and spurn Me and break My covenant.

This they did in the Old Testament many times. With repentance, God would restore the Jews once again under the covenants. But with the divorce of Israel, God cut off Israel as a covenant nation from the covenants forever. The divorce came about because Israel broke the covenant and would not return to God to once again be under the covenant. From hardness of heart the Jews of the northern kingdom would not come back to and had abandoned the marriage.

The only valid covenant that God has with the Jews

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(as with the Gentiles), now is the New Covenant. This is so one can be saved and joined to Christ. The land of Israel in God's Plan now is out of focus.

The Old Testament teaches (Jeremiah 31:35-37) that Israel will exist as a nation before God as long as the heavenly bodies continue their courses and give their light. But we know that Israel was not a nation with political boundaries from AD 70 until May 1948. So this prophecy has another than the obvious meaning. It comes about when at the time of the Cross, the whole land was blackened out from the sun. There was absolute blackness, no light of any kind. So Israel did exist until she forsook God by rejecting the Cross of Christ forever as a Covenant Nation.

The New Covenant in Jeremiah 31:31 applied to both Jews and Gentiles. It was established by the Cross for all believers. Gentiles were not mentioned in the Old Testament passage because the Gentile being equal with the Jew in Christ was held as a mystery until after the Cross (Colossians 1:25-27).

The mystery concept is that the information was revealed in the New Testament but not in the Old Testament. This is because if it were, the Jews and Satan would not have crucified the Christ. They would have known that God would deal with the Gentiles also and have a new spiritual relationship in Christ with the land of Israel being out of focus, of little importance. They could have had some guidance if they understood the Abrahamic Covenant in Genesis 12:1-3 where it speaks of Abraham's seed blessing all the families of the earth.

Colossians 1:26-27 - that is, the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations; but has now been manifested to His saints, to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

1 Corinthians 2:7-8 - but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom, which God predestined before the ages to our glory; the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory;

As presented earlier, the Bible teaches in several places that there is only one or a single resurrection

of the Just (believers in Christ's Cross) - the first resurrection. It occurs just before the 1000 years (Revelation 20:4). In order to have people in a Millennial Kingdom with new believers, there would have to be another Rapture and Resurrection of the Just after the Millennium. This would make two resurrections with a Post-Tribulation Rapture and three resurrections with a Pre-Tribulation Rapture. The Bible only teaches one at Christ's Second Coming, after the Beast Period.

There are Old Testament prophecies of some wonderful times coming. However, those in Isaiah 11 and 35 were fulfilled when Christ was on earth. Christ said they were being fulfilled when He responded to the envoys of John the Baptist. He told them to tell John that the dead are raised, the blind see, and the deaf hear. He was referring John to events in Isaiah 35. (Compare Isaiah 35:5-6 with Luke 7:22.)

The prophecy of Isaiah 2 about instructions going out from Jerusalem was fulfilled as the Gospel went out in the sequence of Acts 1:8 just after the day of Pentecost. The prophecy in Isaiah 2 speaks to learning physical war no more. We know that there is physical war at the end of the 1000 years. The Bible directly teaches this. ***But AS BELIEVERS in Christ, God's people, in the time period of Acts 1:8 and following in the Church Period, we no longer have physical warfare. We are now involved only in Spiritual Warfare. (The natural, then the spiritual.)*** This Isaiah prophecy has been fulfilled. The principle is that before the Cross, God dealt with the physical or natural. And after the Cross, God dealt with the spiritual in relationship living. For God's people, spiritual warfare replaced physical warfare beginning on the Day of Pentecost.

1 Corinthians 15:46 - However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual.

The Romans 11:25-26 passage has split interpreters into two groups. It has been a difficult passage to understand. To me, the passage does not teach that all of Israel will be suddenly saved at the time the fullness of the Gentiles comes, when Christ as the deliverer comes. But rather it teaches that the Jews and Gentiles will be saved one at a time and the fullness of each will occur at the same time, just before Christ as the Deliverer comes.

Romans 11:25-26 - For I do not want you, brethren,

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to be uninformed of this mystery, lest you be wise in your own estimation, that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles has come in; and thus all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, "The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob."

An analysis of the passage shows that the Jews are saved in the same manner as are the Gentiles, one person at a time. Those Jews hardened, are hardened forever - never to believe the Gospel. The rest obtained the promise and were saved. When the fullness of the Gentiles is complete, so will be the fullness of the Jews. The Jews and Gentiles are grafted into Christ as the fig tree, not into Israel. It is Christ that is the root of the tree.

Except as happened on the day of Pentecost, people are saved one at a time. This is true for both Jews and Gentiles¹⁷. The Greek text in Romans 11:25-26 **does not** say, "And *then* all Israel will be saved." If God wanted to convey this thought, He could have used the Greek word which means *then* (like using the Greek *tote* or *epeita*). But He used the Greek word *houtos*, which describes not temporal succession but manner, and which means *thus, so, or in this way*. God is **not** saying, "Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the fulness of the Gentiles has come in, and then (at that time, after this has happened) all Israel will suddenly be saved." But He is saying, Israel has experienced a hardening in part, and in this way the rest of all Israel will be saved, like, in the same manner, the Gentiles are being saved. The Jews could not be suddenly be saved, because all unbelievers would have taken the Mark of the Beast preventing any salvation. When Christ comes there will be only two types of people, those saved and those having taking the Mark of the Beast who no longer can be saved.

We observe that the teachings of the Old Testament are given in stories (natural). Those in the New Testament are given in terms of relationships (spiritual). See 1 Corinthians 15:46. Thus, we should expect those prophecies written in story or natural form are fulfilled in the relationship or spiritual form. And this is what has happened.

A summary of many of those written in story or

17. For a good understanding of this passage in Romans 11 see Anthony Hoekema's book: *The Bible and the Future*.

natural form in the Old Testament and implemented in the spiritual or relationship form in the New Testament is as follows: (1) heart circumcision replaced physical circumcision; (2) the spiritual temple of believers and believers as living sacrifices replaced the physical temple and actual animal sacrifices; (3) worshiping God in Spirit and Truth everywhere replaced worshiping in physical Jerusalem temples or tabernacles (buildings); (4) God's universal relationship Kingdom of God replaced Israel's territorial, physical Kingdom; (5) Christ's reign from heaven replaced the reign of Israel's kings on the earth; (6) Christ's priesthood, after the order of Melchizedek replaced the Aaronic priesthood; (7) Spiritual birth in God's Kingdom replaced physical birth in Israel's Kingdom; (8) for believers, spiritual warfare replaced physical warfare; and (9) the heavenly new Jerusalem replaced the earthly Jerusalem. The most important was being in fellowship by being in the land was replaced by being in Christ. The Old Testament was written in the natural or physical, the New Testament is written in the natural or in relationships.

After the Day of Pentecost, when the spiritual replaced the natural, we should expect all the natural prophecies in the Old Testament to be implemented in the spiritual or in relationships. This happened. **THUS, BEING IN CHRIST IN A SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP HAS REPLACED HAVING FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD BY BEING IN THE LAND OF ISRAEL. UNDERSTANDING THIS, WE SHOULD NOT EXPECT GOD TO RETURN ISRAEL TO HER LAND IN SOME WONDERFUL NATURAL ENVIRONMENT. WE SHOULD EXPECT THIS WONDERFUL ENVIRONMENT TO BE IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST EVERYWHERE, REGARDLESS OF PHYSICAL LOCATION. THIS HAS HAPPENED. THIS IS WHAT GOD IS DOING.**

Those who still hold that all the promises to Israel that have not yet occurred, place their occurrence as a Jewish Kingdom in the 1000 years. The Bible does not teach this placement. They do not see that they are implemented in a different way than the Old Testament in the natural describes. My perception, this is making a serious interpretive mistake. They are making the same or similar mistake that the Gospel time Jews made when they took responsibility for Christ's Crucifixion. They thought that God

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would return the nation to a free nation under the Messiah. But our Lord did not offer them that Kingdom or nation. He offered them the Kingdom of God ruled from heaven. He offered them salvation by believing the Gospel and a new relationship with Himself.

The impact of this belief structure is that they want the Jews to be prominent again. However, they are now one new man with the Gentiles in Christ. They are now longer Jews or Gentiles. Only Christ can now have any preeminence.

Galatians 3:26-29 - *For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.*

God does not want us going back to reestablish Judaism. For then we deny the reason for the Cross and God's overall program. When we do, we become a transgressor and can no longer renew going to Christ again because we put Christ and His Cross to open shame. A future Jewish Kingdom with physical temples and animal sacrifices under God is not coming.

Galatians 2:18 - *"For if I rebuild what I have once destroyed, I prove myself to be a transgressor.*

Hebrews 5:11-14 - *Concerning him we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.*

Hebrews 6:4-6 - *For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to*

repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God, and put Him to open shame.

Believing that God will return Israel to her land in the future impedes us from seeing that God has only one future plan and this is to take believers to high-skill mature spiritual ability in Christ-likeness for the sake of eternity. What we become is the important factor.

Can you imagine returning to physical temples and animal sacrifices to worship in Jerusalem after becoming a Christian and worshiping God in spirit and in truth everywhere. In principle, having God bring back Israel as a covenant nation and including any part of Judaism is to deny the Christian faith, deny the efficaciousness of the Cross, and deny what Christ accomplished on the Cross.¹⁸

Conclusion Regarding the 1000 Years

The only thing that matters now for both Jew and Gentile is that they become a believer in Christ (become the Church) and afterward pursue and obtain mature high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness. This is so they can know and relate to God in His depth. God has no other purpose for anyone. This is His main plan for putting us on the earth. CAN YOU SEE THERE IS NOTHING ELSE APART FROM THIS RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

Philippians 3:8-14 - *More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained it, or have already become perfect, but I press on in order that I may lay hold of*

18. The discussion of a temple in Ezekiel chapters 40-48 must refer to a restoration of the temple before the time of Christ or symbolize in some manner the new Jerusalem.

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that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

We conclude that the 1000 years can only be a day of time (some short period) during the time of the bowls, during the time of Christ's Second Coming. The 1000 years as a day fit into the 2000 years of the Church period and the 6000 years of allowable human history. The Second Coming of Christ in the clouds covers the entire period from the seventh trumpet to the time of the Great White Throne Judgment. It includes the 1000 years, the time of the bowls, and the resurrections (that includes the Rapture).

There will not be a Millennial Kingdom after Christ comes, and the 1000 years do not occur in the Church Period before Christ's Second Coming.

IMPACTS OF OUR PROPHETIC AND CHURCH MINISTRY BELIEFS ON OUR LIVES

Impacts of Our Prophetic Millennial Views

Believing in a future Jewish Millennium, one cannot with consistency also believe that God's only main plan is to take people to maturity in Christ in preparation for eternity. Thus, this view can lead churches to not be concerned with taking their people to maturity. This perspective allows them to believe that using dumb-down or only elementary user-friendly training (not maturing them) does not bring harm to their people as the Tribulation comes and as they enter eternity. ***Of course this should not happen because God commands pursuing maturity.***

Where there are exceptions, churches on the average across America are now going to elementary first-level Milk-of-the-Word training (no longer maturing their people) and no longer evangelizing their entire areas. This is sin of omission for it does not implement the scope and intent of the Great Commission. The impact on the believers is that they, particularly the children and youth, are not prepared to go through and stand strong in the Tribulation and do great ministry for Christ, nor are

they prepared for going into eternity to the degree that God desires. ***This is a most terrible result and disservice to the people and to the ministry of Christ if little or inadequate evangelism and discipleship are being done.***

Because the sin of the Church and of the people is increasing, Satan gains more power to attack people and bring the calamity and world government that is part of God's endtimes plan. Both God and Satan bring the endtimes for their purposes. God uses Satan.

In other words, the sin of the Church, along with the sin of the people, are responsible for the endtimes coming. Thus, we should expect to go through the Tribulation. It was also true in Israel when God brought them discipline. They were Satan's armies, but God called them His armies. He called King Nebuchadnezzar His servant for example (Jeremiah 25:9). Such will be the same when the calamity comes. All of this is part of God's Plan.

Impacts of Our Beliefs On Our Walk - In addition to studying prophecy and how the endtimes unfold, we must understand their impacts of our beliefs on our Christian worship, stand, walk, and ministry. For whatever reason, when we are not doing adequate evangelism and/or not doing more in-depth teaching when we know that God wants us to, we have sin.

James 4:17 - Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do, and does not do it, to him it is sin.

This situation is most serious and non-trivial. It is not to be ignored. It greatly effects our lives now, but most seriously effects how we will respond to Christ under severe persecution. It greatly effects our children and youth if they have not been adequately trained and prepared. It most greatly effects our lives in eternity.

The following beliefs have hurt the life and ministry of the Church (although they should not if we were adequately obeying Scripture):

1. If we believe that God has a separate and different future plan for the Church (to heaven) and Israel (to the land) - (Dispensational Theology), then with consistency, it is difficult to see that God has only one plan to take all believers (both Jews and Gentiles) to become mature in Christ, only in this lifetime. This oversight allows us to go wrongly to

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mainly or only elementary user friendly training in our churches, believing our spiritual ability can increase in eternity. This is happening.

2. Apart from eschatology in #1, if we do not believe that God's major plan is to take us to a mature high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness using God's Whole Counsel, and if we do not understand or see that this spiritual ability is fixed forever at death, we can go wrongly to elementary user-friendly training not being concerned about or believing we will not harm our people. This is happening.

3. If we believe that the world will be Christianized before Christ comes (which will not and cannot happen), we will work more to placing Christians into positions of influence instead of mainly discipling and evangelizing. (This is a good thing to do at all times, but it will not have any significant effect on the endtimes. Only a revival in the Church will, beginning with Church leadership - and of course with you and me.)

4. If we believe that Christ will save people and disciple people based on His sovereignty (regardless of what we do), we may not emphasize evangelism and discipleship programs. We can go more for form in our worship services, and spend most of our time on the Church's doctrines of the faith - doctrinal statement.

5. Not having realized that it is the mature people in Christ who will do ministry, one can go to elementary training believing they will not harm the ministry. **(NOT MATURING THEIR PEOPLE, WE WILL TREND TO BECOME A VERY IMMATURE CHURCH WITH A LOST BIBLICAL INTELLECT.)** We are told to train people for the work of the ministry so that our people will become to the full stature of Christ. **Being in ministry, people will bring more glory to God.**

6. **Churches may not realize and probably do not believe that when they go only to mainly elementary training and do little evangelism, they are implementing key satanic strategy.** (Doing so helps Satan to prevent all the chosen elect from believing and doing all of God chosen work.)

As a result of not doing adequate training and ministry, our people, especially our children and youth, are growing up with but limited Bible knowledge and living dynamics and are not prepared

for going through the Tribulation. **The Bible teaches that God's people perish for lack of knowledge in these type times.** It also teaches that in the endtimes, the people will not endure sound doctrine.

Our churches in going to mainly elementary training are providing the environment for the Church having a lack of knowledge and not enduring sound doctrine, now as these endtimes are soon coming. **This is implementing key satanic strategy.** They will not be prepared when the Tribulation comes.

Hosea 4:6 - My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being My priest. Since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

2 Timothy 4:3 - For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires;

It is a most serious thing not to train with the depth and breadth of the Bible - God's Whole Counsel. It has a large impact on our children and youth and the carrying on of the Truth in depth.

The churches can logically, but wrongly, go to mainly elementary training if they believe somehow our maturity in eternity can increase or will somehow be worked out according to God's Plan, or if we do not concern ourselves with the topic (which appears to the situation widely today). Thus, it does not matter, as we wrongly believe, what spiritual ability we reach in this lifetime. The only thing that really matters is that one receive Christ as Savior so we can go to heaven. But the truth of the matter, even though we cannot be sure, is that the maturity we have at death we can most likely have for eternity. It is a most important consideration because it effects our ability to know God in His depth. Regardless of the situation, God commands us to pursue this maturity and all the events of the Bible lead to this end result. Because maturity is commanded, **it is important to God for whatever reason He may have. Thus, it should be important to us. Thus, we should pursue it and leadership should provide the training.**

Our churches can also do this if they wrongly believe that they will miss going through the endtimes, escaping by the Rapture of the Church. Thus,

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because they will not be here when the endtimes come, and God will bring the necessary maturity we need, we can go to elementary training (according to our own ideas) to reach the youth of the day for evangelism purposes. We can do this without harming our people or God's work. But this is not true. **This is most terrible error.**

Major Concerns

Our teaching in our public school systems is dumbing down. Youth are graduating from high school where in many cases (with the situation worsening) they read and write poorly. They have not learned to do clear and objective thinking. Our churches are dumbing down their training also. They are not doing critical analysis of their situation and what is coming with the Tribulation. Both of these are key satanic strategies. So we have youth growing up without a good background and are unable to do serious critical analysis. They will not be able to figure out or know what is happening when the Tribulation comes. They may fall away from God believing they may not be Christians.

In addition, those of these who believe in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture, may believe they have missed the Rapture finding themselves in the Tribulation. They, with only a limited Bible background, can believe they are not Christians and can fall away from the faith. The Bible teaches that in the endtimes, many will fall away from the faith particularly referring to the Great Tribulation period. (As stated above, they perish because of their lack of biblical knowledge.) This falling away will come before the endtimes Day of the Lord comes. The Day of the Lord comes after the Tribulation.

2 Thessalonians 2:3 - Let no one in any way deceive you, for it (the Day of the Lord) will not come unless the apostasy (falling away or departure from the faith) comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, (Comments: Mine.)

Our churches do not have much of a clue as to how bad the times will become when the Tribulation comes. The government in time will control jobs, incomes, food, water, travel, and housing. Most Christians will be incarcerated, martyred, and/or used

in slave labor.¹⁹ Most savings and real estate will be confiscated (such as through devaluation). Those who cannot work or are over some age probably will be eliminated. The children will be educated satanically by the state. We need to prepare especially our children and young people by teaching and maturing them in Christ to the degree that we can. We need to put in some supplies for black outs and shortages of food, water, and gasoline.

Everyone needs to know what can happen in the Tribulation, regardless of their prophetic view of the Rapture time, so they will know what will and can happen if they find themselves in the Tribulation. **See our potential scenario.**

The Watchman Warning

In times like those coming, in the Old Testament, God appointed watchmen to warn the people of coming judgment. We are going into similar times and the churches and Church leaders should be warned. **Thus, this report brings a Watchman Warning.** The warning is needed because God's judgment is coming because of the church's and people's sin, particularly in the favored nation. If the church was obeying sufficiently, the judgment might not come and the warning might not be necessary. The warning must come now because the Church is falling away and the coming of the Tribulation is impending. And God does not do things until after He warned His prophets. The warning is for God's people to turn from their sin and obey Him in revival. We need that revival now beginning with me and you.

If we are obeying God or turn to obeying God, then we will be used of God in the coming times. But, on the other hand, if we do not act to train our people for maturity and doing evangelism and/or we have much sin, we can expect judgment and serious times as the endtimes unfold. This warning to the Old Testament Jews was part of their Pattern

19. The population will also be controlled so as to prevent the elect from being born and accomplishing God's work. The population will be reduced greatly because people believe that the earth's resources for food, water, oil, etc. are limited and are running out. The population is now increasing exponentially. The number of people living today is equal to several times the people that have lived in the total past.

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Sequences. Because Revelation unfolds in another Pattern Sequence, this warning is viable and applicable for today. We all must take warning (including me and you).

Also we cannot expect God to heal America until God's people turn from their sin.

2 Chronicles 7:14 - and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Ezekiel 33:1-9 - "Son of man, speak to the sons of your people, and say to them, 'If I bring a sword upon a land, and the people of the land take one man .and make him their watchman; and he sees the sword coming upon the land, and he blows on the trumpet and warns the people, then he who hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, and a sword comes and takes him away, his blood will be on his own head. 'He heard the sound of the trumpet, but did not take warning; his blood will be on himself. But had he taken warning, he would have delivered his life.. . ". I have appointed you a watchman .so you will hear a message from My mouth, and give them warning from Me. "When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you shall surely die,' . if you .warn a wicked man to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he will die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your life.

See also Ezekiel 3:17-21.

The Watchman must warn of coming judgment and the need to repent or be guilty of the people's blood. If he warns, and the people do not respond in obedience to God, they are guilty of their own blood.

We can be guilty of the People's blood in the New Testament times also if we do not train with God's Whole Counsel. Note what the apostle Paul said:

*Acts 20:26-27 - "Therefore I testify to you this day, that I am innocent of the blood of all men. "For I did not shrink from declaring to you **the whole purpose (Counsel) of God.** (Comment: Mine)*

Please read *Watchman Warning* for more in depth and detailed development of these prophetic

doctrines and those associated with God's overall plan for us. You also can read a summary of *Watchman Warning in Watchman, How Far Gone is the Night?*.

THE BOTTOM LINE IS TO PURSUE MATURITY IN CHRIST-LIKENESS WITH HIGH SKILL SPIRITUAL ABILITY IN RELATIONSHIP LIVING TO KNOW AND RELATE TO GOD IN ETERNITY. DO NOT OVERLOOK THIS TEACHING. PURSUE IT WITH EXCELLENCE AND COMMITMENT. APART FROM THIS PURSUIT AND GOD'S RESULT, THERE IS NOTHING.