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INTRODUCTION

Everything we've learned thus far in Part A 'When Jesus Returns For His Bride', and moving forward in Part B, 'When Jesus Returns with His Bride', can be summarized with one simple, yet profound statement, "*God is love.*" In Part B, we learn that God always extends His mercy before He brings His wrath. This is especially important to understand considering we begin our studies with the Seven-Year Tribulation, and we end our studies with God's last and final judgements on mankind. We will learn that the righteous receive God's mercy, and the unrighteous must face God's wrath. God does not want to punish man, rather, God wants man to willfully seek Him by repentance and faith, and for man to believe the Gospel which is the "*good news*" of His coming Kingdom and of His Son, Jesus the King. Although God will give each person multiple opportunities throughout their life to receive the Gospel, at some point, time runs out and there will come one last and final opportunity. If the Gospel of Jesus the King is ultimately rejected, it comes with eternal consequences.

The Seven-Year Tribulation to be frank, is a subject that is dark and troubling, it is not to be confused with the Hollywood version of the 'Zombie Apocalypse' or any of the 'Alien Invasion' movies. Knowledge of the impending Tribulation is a blessing from God, it is a warning to the prideful unbelievers, those who reject God and believe in themselves as being inalienably righteous, and a wakeup call to those who say 'I believe', but what is 'it' that they believe in? When discussing the Tribulation with the unrepentant, the atheist or the agnostic, the antagonists come out in full force. They declare that all those 'preachy' Christians who believe, "*God is love*", is really a 'god of vengeance'. Some will even say that the God of the Bible hates mankind so much that He has always planned to end humanity in a bloodbath. It is true a bloodbath is coming, but that is not what God wants for you! He is calling you home... are you listening?

No doubt, the Seven-Year Tribulation will be the most difficult time in human history and will in many ways be like "*The days of Noah and Lot*", this is when the Earth will be purged of sin and unrighteousness will no longer exist. The Tribulation is a time that has a clearly defined beginning, middle and ending, and at both its beginning and end, the Tribulation is associated with a major resurrection and judgement event. Many of the Tribulation prophesies addressing God's timeline and events that we study in Part B, were written by Daniel, Ezekiel, and the Apostle John. Jesus Himself gives us the clearest depiction of time and circumstances, regarding His "*Second coming*", and of "*God's Kingdom come...*". All will be studied in detail.

Man has the 'Doomsday Clock' and accordingly, we are quickly running out of time. But it is God who created time and it is God that is the keeper of time, as such, God is revealing to us everything we need to know so that we can be prepared for when Jesus will return (twice). When Jesus returns the first time for His Bride, the Tribulation will begin. Shortly thereafter, that being seven-years later, Jesus the King returns the second time, this time with His Bride and the Tribulation will end. God's Kingdom on Earth will begin and when the Gospel Jesus preached will be fulfilled.

In the first three Chapters of Part B we will explore the principal prophesies and visions that are associated with the timeline of the Seven-Year Tribulation, the "*Second Coming*" of Jesus the King in glory, and the 'Transition' to the establishment of God's Kingdom on Earth. Our last Chapter introduces God's final resurrection and judgement events that come with eternal rewards for the "*Righteous*" and eternal punishments for the "*Unrighteous*".

I am a firm believer that Jesus will very likely return in secret for His Bride the Church 'sometime' in the near future, within our own generation in fact. When the Tribulation begins shortly thereafter, there will be a world turned upside down, coupled with Global Elitists scrambling to take control of absolutely everything, then top that off with Satan and his two henchmen that will require your worship, or you will face certain death. It's best to address your faith, and your eternity sooner rather than later, today, how about right now! Life as we know it is a mere 'blip' on the radar of forever. Do you know where you are going for all eternity? Perhaps it is time you do!

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7.1 THE GREAT CONVERGEANCE

THE WORLD WE KNOW TODAY IS CHANGING

I think the vast majority of people would agree, the world is changing rapidly, and in unexpected, and in undesirable ways. No politics here, I am just expressing an honest observation of what is happening here in the US and around the world. Let me share with you one possible scenario in which the world today is escalating its rebellion against God, all of which was prophesied millennia ago. There are phases to this rebellion which I will attempt to explain, and I will present this rebellion in the context of Bible Prophecy and the coming Seven-Year Tribulation. Lets begin with an overview of today's craziness...

While our US citizenry has fallen under the guise of our country having always been, and always will be, a representative form of democracy, we are now transitioning into becoming part of a new global system of governance. A work-in-progress and 'We the people' are losing our say. To keep this simple, I will refer to this new (actually in-progress) governance system as the 'New World Order' or 'NWO'. The NWO or whatever it will be actually named, will have regional not national borders, and its citizenry will have a global identity. The USA will quickly fade from people's memories, some anyway. The NWO will have a socialist philosophy and a federalist form of governance. There is already a new global, digital currency under development, however, the world must first transition to regionalized Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDC). This will all be led by Global Elitists, they will give the new regional governments and international corporate entities equal say in world affairs. Apparently, we won't have to vote anymore, those Global Elitists, all know better than us 'common folk' anyway.

If you think I am a 'crazy conspiracy theorist', that may have been true forty years ago, today however, I am a very 'level-headed conspiracy realist'. If you haven't already, you should, visit the World Economic Forum (WEF), the United Nations (UN), and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Websites, among others. Spend some 'quality time' digging deep into what their plans are for a 'better new-world'. You too will be enlightened, or perhaps a bit scared.

Having open borders leads to the eventual regionalizing of the world's 195 nations into ten economic / population zones. Of course, the world is vastly overpopulated, a prime issue of concern to many Global Elitists, and will be addressed in the near term. Climate change, like COVID, is the invisible enemy we all must continue to fear. And by going 'Green', having a 'Zero-Carbon Footprint', and being in full compliance with 'Environment Social Governance' standards (ESG), and by following 'Diversity, Equity and Inclusion' standards (DEI), the world will be a more harmonious and safer place to live. Let us not forget the global economic crises that is looming on the horizon, but fortunately that too has a global solution that will bring us a new globalized, controllable digital currency and everyone will receive what they deserve as long as their 'Social Credit Score' (SCS), meets their criteria. Once the global redistribution of wealth has taken place, the 'Haves' and 'Have Nots' of the world will be in balance. There will be exceptions of course, if you already have a fleet of helicopters and yachts, you get to keep them of course. Klaus Schwab, Founder and President of the WEF, is proudly associated with the following statement, 'You will own nothing a be happy'. Is he just a 'nut case', or a globalist puppeteer? Dig a little and decide for yourself.

A few of the governance terms we need to know moving forward:

Representative Democracy: *The people in free and fair elections elect their government representatives. This is the US model of governance, and most all free democracies around the world today.*

Socialist / Federalism: *Public (Not private) ownership and control of property, and natural resources as determined and distributed by an unelected bureaucracy, are combined into a general world government with regional governments in support of its 'ideals'. This is currently the proposed world governance model according to the WEF, and the UN, and will be the governance structure of the NWO (Phase I) during the first half of the Seven-Year Tribulation.*

Authoritarianism: *This is a political system characterized by the rejection of democracy and political plurality, reductions in the rule of law, separation of powers, and democratic voting. This will be the governance structure of the NWO (Phase II) during the "Great Tribulation", when the Antichrist takes control of the world.*

BIBLE PROPHECY AND THE NEW WORLD ORDER

THE NEW WORLD ORDER PHASE I: A SURPRISE TO THE WORLD

The New World Order is currently a 'Work-In-Progress'. This has been a well-kept secret for decades, but now, there is a willfulness and a near limitless supply of money that is available. There is also a near limitless supply of greedy individuals, all with the same intent, all wanting more money and more power, ready to grab their share-and then some, and to ensure they have a seat at the 'Head Table' wherever that may be? Those with purely evil intents are everywhere: Politicians, CEOs, Bankers, Billionaires, young, old, every race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, they smile and will say anything you want to hear, but in the end, ultimately will do whatever benefits them.

In the meantime, they are hard at work orchestrating world events that will lead up to a 'surprise'! A world-wide, man-made, catastrophic event that will bring the Lemmings of the world to their collective knees. COVID we will soon learn, was a practice round in logistics. Deaths were incidental, but it was fear and control they were really testing. They've sharpened their pencils, analyzed their spread sheets, and the global chess board is being set up as I write this piece for the big event(s) that will take the world by surprise.

Will it be a 'Banking Crises followed by a Stock Market Crash', or vis versa? A Bird Flu 'Plandemic'? Remember with COVID (V1) the world blamed the bats, with COVID (V2), they could blame the birds. Will this be accelerated by a war in the Middle East, an Electro Magnetic Pulse (EMP) that will take out the US power grid and cause widespread panic and confusion in all 50 states? Perhaps both? No bread, no oil, no electricity... the perfect storm. The fear of all of these individual elements have already made the local, national, and global news cycles, giving the public a glimpse into our near-term future. It is not an 'If' question, it is a 'When' question. Think about this point for a moment... Global Elitists would love for the US to just implode, taking over the world would be so much easier that way! There will come a rebellion. America won't go down easy, because America won't go down!

There has to be global changes to how the world operates, how the world is run, and who is in control: 'Out with the old, in with the new'! This conforms to Bible Prophecy, as the Bible makes it clear, there will be a global political, economic, military, and religious system in place before Jesus returns as King. The Apostle John refers to this as, "Mystery Babylon... yet is". There will be "Ten Kings", and then an "Eleventh King will rise" who will take down "Three Kings" and will reinstitute three of his good buddies as "Three New Kings". The Bible makes it clear, there will be Ten Kings to the New World Order and the Eleventh King will be the Antichrist.

But what about the Rapture of the Church and how does this New World Order 'thing' fit in to Bible Prophecy? What I believe will happen is not based on how determined Satan is to force God's hand. Satan is accelerating, agitating, and activating as many people and events as he can. He knows what the Bible says and of his own humiliating and devastating defeat, yet he ignores God's Word, and will stop at nothing to fulfill his desires. The reason I always ignored the nay-sayers who have called me a 'Crazy Conspiracy Theorist', is because I know this NWO Scenario fits the description of the "Last Days" prophecies to 'A Tee'. God's Word does not say 'if' the Rapture will take place, it will, but 'when' is question, and the answer is not given to us to know.

I believe the Tribulation will not officially start until after the Rapture of the Church takes place. Shortly after that moment, hours-days-weeks, the Antichrist will be revealed when he makes a seven-year covenant with Israel and gives Israel permission to build their Third Temple. Daniel's prophetic clock begins to countdown at that point. Until then, Satan has his two henchmen, the Antichrist and the False Prophet 'In the ready' and hiding in plain sight.

"Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many [There are many false Christian Teachers, Churches, and Ministries today]. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows [This is the time we are currently living in today]. "Then... [The Tribulation begins]" (Matthew 24: 4-9a)

The Scripture quoted above ends with the word, "Then" which I believe is critically important to the prophetic timeline. Then, is when the Seven-Year Tribulation begins. But that little, seemingly insignificant period (.) is what separates the time of "Sorrows" and the beginning of the Tribulation... I believe (.) is the Rapture!

THE NEW WORLD ORDER PHASE II: A SURPRISE TO THE GLOBAL ELITISTS

Whatever the intended outcome of the Global Elitists' nefarious plans are today, I believe the reality of the NWO Phase I will only 'resemble' what they envisioned. It will never be the 'Socialist / Federalist Utopia' they are planning. At some point, perhaps coinciding with 'The 2030 Great Reset', which is Klaus Schwab and the WEF's mantra and target date for world change, the Global Elitists of the world will have established themselves and their vision of a New World Order, or some semblance thereof. It will be however, short lived.

Why Will The New World Order Not Be The Utopia The Global Elitists Imagine? The Global Elitist's plans to create a New World Order are Satanically inspired. God being the Creator of the Heavens and the Earth has declared prophetically, He has made 'other plans', and it is His "Kingdom come...", not mans' that will be established on Earth. For those who reject God's plans and follow man's, it doesn't end well for them. However, God does allow the New World Order to be established, but for a much shorter period of time than the Global Elitists would ever have imagined. The Bible prophetically reveals God's plans to those of us who seek God and the discernment of His Word. It is interesting to see just how wrong the 'smartest' and the 'richest' people in the world will be, all the while they look down upon Christians and Jews as 'simpletons' having intense superstitious propensities.

What Is The 'Surprise' The Global Elitists Will Discover? The Global Elitists will attempt to establish a new system of governance, military control, economics, a world religion, et al., and they will. Things will be humming along until one day; everything comes to a crashing halt. One of their very own, that being King #11 who made a seven-year covenant with Israel and gave them permission to build their Third Temple, will make an unannounced trip to Jerusalem. While in Jerusalem, and within a few days following his arrival, the 'Surprise' will astonish the world. According to the Bible, the "Abomination of Desolation" will take place, this is when the Antichrist (King #11) desecrates the Altar in Israel's Third Temple and declares himself to be 'god'. This is when 'crazy' gets 'craziest'. Within thirty days of this declaration, according to the Prophet Daniel, the world will once again be shaken to its core. The Global Elitists will realize their dream of world dominance has come to its end, and they like the rest of the world, will have a decision to make: Take the "Mark of the Beast" or, rebel and lose their head.

In some ways I imagine the Antichrist has all along been going insane. He has been possessed by Satan up to this point, but now... the Antichrist becomes 'Satan incarnate'. The "Great Tribulation" begins!

When Does The 'Surprise' Take Place? The 'Surprise', the "Abomination of Desolation" takes place approximately 3½ years after all those 'preachy Jesus people' vanished at the Rapture. This is the prophesized midpoint of the Seven-year Tribulation. From the moment the Abomination of Desolation takes place, survivors can start counting, Jesus will return as King in 1290 days. Everything up to this point, as horrible as the world has been for the last 3½ years, will only get worse. God's wrath through His Twenty-one Judgements will only intensify. Jesus helps us come to understand the veracity of this "Time, Times and Half-Time."

"For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened. Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand. Therefore, if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be" (Matthew 24: 21-27)

The Seven-Year Tribulation, specifically, the "Great Tribulation" will be the most difficult time man will ever have to face. But God still offers hope to those who go through the Tribulation. Repent of your sins, do not take the Mark of the Beast under any circumstances, even if you are starving do not pretend to worship the Beast. Express your faith in Jesus the coming King to others and be kind to others. As difficult as this will be for those living through the Tribulation, if you die a Martyr's death, "Great will be your reward" in God's Kingdom.

7.2 THE END OF THE AGE ACCORDING TO GOD'S PURPOSE

The "Tribulation" is clearly an important subject in Scripture, it is generally defined as, 'A time of great trouble or suffering.' The Tribulation is a yet future, seven-year cataclysmic series of events that will take place on Earth and will begin 'soon' after the Rapture of the Church takes place. It is important to understand that neither man nor Satan can initiate the Tribulation, God is in control of this event. It is the spiritual surprise of the Rapture that triggers the earthly Tribulation. The Tribulation represents the end of mans' rule over the Earth, which will have lasted 6000 years. When the Tribulation ends, God's Kingdom on Earth shall be established, and "the Millennial Reign of Christ" begins. There is so much we need to learn to be prepared physically and spiritually for the aftermath of the Rapture, so I encourage everyone to ask God, "... lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil".

THE SEVEN-YEAR TRIBULATION AND ITS PURPOSE

Let's begin by introducing God's purpose for the Seven-Year Tribulation:

- *Man's 6000-year rule over the Earth must come to its end.*
- *God's Gift of Grace will come to its end. Mankind will have seven, final years to repent and express their faith in God the Creator, in Jesus the King and to help others less fortunate than themselves.*
- *God's wrath, coming from Twenty-One Judgements, shall be poured out on an unrepentant mankind.*
- *The Earth shall be purged by fire and renewed, "Like in the days of Noah and Lot".*
- *The prophetic fulfillment of God's Seventh Day of rest will come when Jesus returns in glory as King and establishes God's Kingdom on Earth, For God, "one day is as 1000 years, and 1000 years as one day".*

When reading the earliest parts of Genesis, it is made clear God gave man a purpose; to "tend..." (the Garden of Eden) "and keep it". From one man and one woman, Adam and Eve, the population of the Earth is nearly 7 billion men and women, and what was originally a garden to care for, mans' responsibilities have been expanded to include the entirety of our planet. We read in Genesis that it did not take mankind long to become so evil in his heart and in his deeds, that God was compelled to start over. "As in the Days of Noah" the Earth (V1) was purged by the "Great Flood", cleansing it with water. God then gave Noah and his family the honor of renewing mans' responsibilities to be the caregivers for Earth (V2), the Earth post-flood, the Earth we know today.

Here we are once again. Man is willfully following the same pattern of sin, rebellion, and neglect. To transition from mans' misguided earthly rulership to the rulership of Jesus the King, a great purging must again take place, this time the Earth shall be "Purged by fire". Soon thereafter, we will all learn how to properly worship God by bringing honor to Him in our observance of His Sabbaths, and how to properly care for all of His creation. In God's "Kingdom come..." Jesus will bear the esteemed titles of, "King" and "High Priest". Jesus will rule the Earth (V3), and all of its inhabitants.

Compounding mans' sinful and rebellious downfall, we now have 'Global Elitists' that want everything: control, wealth, the servitude of the people, the destruction of marriage and family, and to completely obfuscate having faith in God the Creator and in His Son Jesus. Within this group of elitists, one will rise above the others and will reveal himself to be the biblical "Antichrist". He will have a co-conspirator, a man of false piety who is called the "False Prophet". Together, these two for seven-years, will rule the world's political, economic, military, and religious institutions. Scripture is clear, the "man of sin" and his religious companion, will be utterly defeated when Jesus returns "In glory" as the King of "God's Kingdom come..."

What will seem like 'The end of the world', will ultimately lead us to the new beginning, when "Thy Kingdom come Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven", is established. This time, Jesus the King shall be in charge. Let us continue in our study to help us understand the reality of what is soon to face mankind, the bad and the good. No sugar coating I promise. For those who "Repent and believe the Gospel", there is hope. For all others...

"And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil" (John 3: 19)

THE RAPTURE: WHEN ALL THOSE 'JESUS PEOPLE' ARE GONE

"IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE"

One thing to keep in mind as we move forward, the Disciples of Jesus believed that He would return in their own lifetime. He did not, and that makes the point of anticipation relevant to us as well. Obviously, they didn't know, and certainly we don't know when exactly, Jesus will return. The Disciples then were watching and waiting as we must today, we too must watch and wait for our Lord's return. The hope and anticipation of the Disciples is an example to us, and hopefully a lesson we can learn from to help us keep our faith strong and steadfast.

God the Father will tell his beloved Son Jesus to go and bring His Bride home to Heaven, and He shall. The Tribulation on Earth will begin shortly thereafter. In the Olivet Discourse, as profound and important as the Rapture event is, Jesus gives us no definitive statement that addresses the event directly. Surprised? It would seem like the perfect opportunity for Jesus to teach on this subject, it fits the narrative of our Lord's timeline of events perfectly. Jesus, however, chose not to present the Rapture to the people at that time. The discourse on the subject of the Rapture is left to the Disciples of Jesus and presented in other writings found throughout the New Testament. The Rapture of the Church is intended to remain a secret until the moment Jesus returns for His Bride, perhaps this is why the Apostle Paul refers to the Rapture as a "mystery".

*"All these are the Beginning of Sorrows... [Between these two statements the Rapture of the Church takes place]... **Then they will deliver you up to Tribulation...**"(Matthew 24: 8-9a)*

Carefully consider the word, "Then" in the Scripture above, it is a very clear reference to a transition in time. There is a time prior to "Then", and a time immediately following "Then". That tiny four-letter word I believe, represents the moment of the Rapture. This is a yet future event coming with monumental consequences. Now consider Jesus refers to everything that takes place before the word "Then", as the "Beginning of Sorrows", everything Jesus is referring to after "Then", is the time of the "Tribulation". The Rapture I believe, happens in between Verses 8 and 9!

NO ONE KNOWS THE DAY OR THE HOUR

Skipping to the end of the Olivet Discourse, Jesus now directly addresses the question of His return.

"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only" (Matthew 24:36)

Satan is probably more disappointed than any human being, anguished in fact, when Jesus addressed this question with great clarity and purpose He said, "No one knows" the day nor the hour. "No one" includes you and I, Satan, the Angels of God, even Jesus Himself shall not know in advance when the Rapture of the Church will take place. If anyone claims they know, they are a liar. It is a 'secret' according to Ancient Jewish Wedding Traditions, and a "mystery" according to the Apostle Paul! For a more detailed presentation on this most intriguing subject, see Chapter 3: 'Themes Of Love, Marriage, Family, And Worship in Scripture', and Chapter 5: 'The Rapture'.

CONDITIONS FOR BEING CHOSEN AT THE MOMENT OF THE RAPTURE

For those who are alive when Jesus returns for His Bride the Church, in order to be chosen and taken to Heaven, the following three conditions imposed by God need to be met: 1) Repent of your sins and seek God's forgiveness. 2) Have faith in Jesus the King and in God's coming Kingdom. 3) Be ready, by watching and praying for our Lord's return. Approximately half of all self-professing 'Christians' will meet God's standards and will be taken to Heaven, the rest will be left behind and must face the Seven-Year Tribulation. The accompanying verse presents the math behind this assertion-and let's not forget the Parable Jesus gave us, "the Five Wise and Five Foolish Virgins"! The "Virgins" if you remember from Chapter Five, is the (collective) Bride of Christ, the Church.

"Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left [50%]. Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left [50%]" (Matthew 24: 40)

GOD'S MERCY: MAN'S LAST CHANCE TO REPENT

GOD'S "TWO WITNESSES"

God's "Two Witnesses" play a very important role in the first half of the Tribulation. Although their Identities are not revealed, they remain in the "Outer Court" of Israel's Third Temple as they proclaim the Gospel, confront the Antichrist, and are killed. On the third day they are resurrected to Heaven. For three day the whole world will watch and celebrate their death. Below, coming from the Book of Revelation, is the definitive Scripture that introduces us to God's Two Witnesses. This Prophecy is to be understood literally, not figuratively. It will happen as it is written. In the examination of the text that follows, we will then attempt to address the many questions that surround this important biblical truth.

"Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. But leave out the court, which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months. And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days [The first half of the Tribulation], clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth. And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner. These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire. When they finish their testimony, the beast [The Antichrist] that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified [Jerusalem]. Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves. And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth. Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, 'Come up here.' And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them. In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven. The second woe [This is a Judgement of God discussed later in this Chapter] is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly" (Revelation 11: 1-13)

- *"... measure the temple of God...But leave out the court which is outside the temple...it has been given to the Gentiles" The Antichrist is officially revealed to the world when he makes a seven-year covenant with Israel offering them protection and at the same time, giving Israel "permission" to build their Third Temple. This takes place shortly after the Rapture of the Church. Israel will build the Temple quickly and many Jews will come to believe the Antichrist is their Messiah. Who else is so kind to Israel? Perhaps the Antichrist is a Jew, or a Muslim Cleric pretending to befriend the Jews all the while laying a trap? God is letting us know that the Holy of Holies where the Alter is located, will be under the assigned protection of God's Two Witnesses. Yet the court which is outside and surrounds the Temple structure is "given to the Gentiles" and will be dishonored by them. Perhaps the outer court will become a place for 'spectacles', protests, news reporters and the like. Certainly, a place of intentional disrespect. All the while, animal sacrifices and Sabbaths will continue to be honored in the Inner Court of the Temple.*
- *"... they [the Gentiles] will tread the holy city [Jerusalem] underfoot for forty-two months... I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days..." Perhaps immediately following the Rapture of the Church, the advent of God's Two Witnesses will begin to preach repentance and of Jesus the King and will prophesize of the world's impending doom for 3½ years to come. This is the same 3½ years the Gentiles will pillage and plunder the City of Jerusalem. Near the mid-point of the Tribulation the Antichrist will return to Jerusalem and break his covenant promises to Israel. The Tribulation timeline according to the Prophet Daniel (studied shortly), is very, very specific.*

- **“These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues...”** The Two Witnesses (Resurrected Old Testament Prophets) will be given extraordinary powers for 3½ years. To address the question: ‘Who are they?’, let us first consider what these two men were likely witnesses of. The two prevailing theories as to the identities of God’s Two Witnesses are Moses and Elijah, or Enoch and Elijah

Moses And Elijah: Coming from the Gospel of Matthew when Jesus was transfigured on the Mount of Olives, Moses and Elijah are specifically named as having “appeared with Jesus”. These two men in “shining garments,” were “witnesses” in hearing God’s voice saying, “This is my Son in whom I am well pleased”. Their miraculous powers asserted in their own lifetimes are identical to God’s Two Witnesses during the Tribulation. Both are already named “witnesses.”

Enoch And Elijah: In the Gospel of Luke when Jesus had risen from the grave, the women who first came into the empty tomb were met there by two (unnamed) men in “shinning garments” and they said to the women, “He is not here, He is risen.” Could the same two men in shinning garments be Moses and Elijah? These are the only two men whom God has taken directly to Heaven without having experienced death, both were Prophets who pronounced God’s judgments.

- **“When they finish their testimony, the beast... will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them”** The Antichrist is referred to as the “Beast” and his real motivation for making a seven-year covenant with Israel and for permitting them to build a Third Temple, is soon to be revealed. The world will have been in a state of chaos since the Rapture, and God’s Two Witnesses: ‘Those two horrible, Jesus-preaching, repentance-preaching men’, according to the world view, who will have brought draught and plagues upon the Earth, must now confront in person, the mastermind of evil and chaos, and will then be killed by him. To the world, the Antichrist becomes a true hero. Israel, however, will start to doubt he is their Messiah.

God is very precise, when His Two Witnesses “finish their testimony,” three significant events (noted below) will take place simultaneously, each of which are prophesized to take place 3½ years following the Rapture:

Event #1: The revealing of God’s Two Witnesses and of their evangelistic efforts, will likely begin on the same day the Rapture of the Church takes place or soon thereafter.

Event #2: Almost immediately following the Rapture, the Antichrist is revealed when he makes a Seven-Year Covenant with Israel giving them ‘permission’ to build their Third Temple. The Temple will be built expeditiously, and Israel will be busy with Sabbath worship and animal sacrifices, up to and including the 1260th day, at the “Midpoint” of the Tribulation.

Event #3: The Antichrist will return to Jerusalem and will confront God’s Two Witnesses at the Temple and will kill them both. On the 1260th day being the “Midpoint” of the Tribulation, the Antichrist will desecrate the Temple and declare himself to be ‘god’. This is known as the “Abomination of Desolation”. This is the second advent, and the absolute revelation as to who the Antichrist really is, and of his intentions to rule the world. Discernment will affirm his name equals “666”.

- **“... those from the... nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days... will rejoice over them”** With the advent of television and the internet, all of the unrepentant world “will see their dead bodies” that being God’s Two Witnesses, and will rejoice when the two crazy men preaching, ‘Repentance and the Kingdom of God is at hand’, are finally killed by the Antichrist. A great world-wide celebration will ensue.
- **“... the breath of life from God entered them... they stood on their feet... great fear fell on those who saw them... they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here... they ascended to heaven in a cloud... their enemies saw them...”** God’s Two Witnesses will ascend into Heaven with the entire world watching in amazement. No regrets, no sorrow, the world will rejoice and celebrate in the fact they are gone. The world is soon to be turned upside down, yet again.

GOD'S LAST DAYS EVANGELISTS

Shortly following the Rapture, the world will realize that all true-Christians without any advanced warning, will vanish in plain sight. Chaos around the globe will ensue. This is when the world will blame left-behind Christians and Jews, and the God of Creation for the resulting problems the world will soon encounter. Why blame the Jews for the disappearance of multiple millions of Christians? Why not, the Jews are blamed for everything else. Those left behind shall face the most difficult challenges the world has ever, and will ever, encounter.

Many of the left-behind Christians will be filled with hate. Yet there will be many other left-behind Christians that will become revitalized in their faith knowing that they were in fact, left behind and will know why. These will know that God will still give them a last and final chance to be part of His Kingdom. Throughout the Seven-year Tribulation, people will repent, believe the “Good News” of Jesus and His coming Kingdom, and will be kind to those less fortunate. These will be saved. Many left behind at the Rapture will become evangelical in their faith, reject the New World Order, reject the Antichrist, and will reject taking the “Mark of the Beast”. Scripture says, many will become Martyrs for their faith. Our God is the God of endless chances, to die a Martyr’s death would certainly bring honor to God and will ensure the Martyr will have a place in God’s coming Kingdom.

THE REVITALIZED LEFT-BEHIND CHRISTIANS, NEW BELIEVERS, AND MARTYRS FOR CHRIST

One example of the expansion of Christianity during the Tribulation comes from the efforts of God’s Evangelists who die in their faith, and who refuse to take the “Mark of the Beast”. All Martyrs from the Tribulation are sent to Paradise for the balance of the Tribulation. The Apostle John gives witness to this.

“When He opened the fifth seal [This is a Judgement of God discussed later in this Chapter], I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer [In Paradise], until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed” (Revelation 6: 9-11)

THE 144,000 REDEEMED OF ISRAEL

There are two places in Scripture that mention the “One hundred and forty-four thousand redeemed of Israel”, that being Revelation Chapters 7 and 14. Twelve-thousand men from each of the twelve tribes of Israel, all being virgins, sealed by God, and all have an evangelical role to play for a portion of the Tribulation. The specific details of their ministry are unknown, and where exactly they come from is also unknown. We do know however, they are present with Jesus when He returns in glory to end the Tribulation, and they follow Jesus “wherever He goes”.

“And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, saying, “Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads. And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed... These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These were redeemed from among men being first fruits to God and to the Lamb... they are without fault before the throne of God” (Revelation 7: 2b-4, and 14: 4b-5)

GOD'S THREE ANGELS

Another profound mystery that is presented in Revelation, are three Angels in Heaven that preach the Gospel to those on Earth during the Tribulation. It is easy to imagine just how spectacular a sight this will be to those suffering through unimaginable hardships on Earth. The hope that these Angels will bring to an otherwise lost world, will be nothing less than life changing.

“Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people— saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come” (Revelation 14: 6-7a)

7.3 BIBLE PROPHECY AND VISIONS OF THE “LATTER DAYS”

There are three very important prophecies we will study in this section. We begin with Daniel’s “*Seventy Weeks [490 Year] Prophecy*” written approximately 600 BC, from which both Jesus and the Apostle John quote directly. Next, we will study the “*Olivet Discourse*” when Jesus responds to His Disciple’s questions as to when He will return and establish God’s Kingdom. We end with an overview of “*The Revelation of Jesus Christ*”, the Bible’s last book.

DANIEL’S “SEVENTY WEEKS [490 YEARS] PROPHECY”

The (abbreviated) vision of Daniel as presented below, was given to him from God through the Angel Gabriel. For a more complete understanding of Daniel’s Prophecy, on your own, please read the entirety of his vision in Daniel Chapters 9-12. Inserts included below show the timeline of Daniel’s prophetic vision in years which takes us from 413 B.C. to a time yet future to us, that being the Seven-Year Tribulation. There are essentially Four Phases to Daniel’s Prophecy, each will be explained in order. The first two phases are prophetically fulfilled and historically verified. We are currently in Phase Three, often referred to as the ‘Gap Years’, beginning when Christ ascended into Heaven, then ending at the time He returns in secret to take His Bride the Church home to Heaven. Shortly after the Rapture of the Church takes place, the Seven-Year Tribulation on Earth will begin. This is Phase Four, the final phase of Daniel’s vision, and the end of Daniel’s “*Seventy Weeks [490 Year] Prophecy*”.

“Now while I was speaking, praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the Lord my God for the holy mountain of my God, yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man [Angel] Gabriel whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, ... said... I have now come forth to give you skill to understand... for you are greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision... Seventy Weeks [490 years total] are determined for your people [Israel] and for your holy city [Jerusalem], to finish the transgression [The Seven-Year Tribulation], to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy [Jesus the King]...” Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks [483 years] the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times And after the sixty-two weeks [483 years] Messiah shall be cut off [When Jesus dies on the cross], but not for Himself [Jesus died for our sins as “Jesus knew no sin”] and the people of the prince [The Antichrist] who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, and till the end of the war desolations are determined. Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week [The “Seven-Year Tribulation”]; but in the middle of the week [3½ Years] he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate [This is where the term Abomination of Desolation comes from], even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate”.
(Daniel 9: 20-27)

DISCLAIMER AND DISCERNMENT:

Daniel’s “*Seventy Weeks [490 Years] Prophecy*” spans a total of 490 years, not 70 weeks. As many times as I have studied this prophecy, I have found it to be particularly difficult to discern, and it always boiled down to what the term “*week*” was intended to mean. Was a week to be interpreted ‘literally’ as a period of seven-days, and seventy weeks to be interpreted as four-hundred and ninety days? Or, does the word “*week*” have some other ‘hidden meaning’? After I studied the debate over this issue by accomplished historians and biblical scholars, and praying to God for discernment, I discovered a week was not to be interpreted literally as seven-days, rather, a week represented a period of seven years. Looking back, it’s easy to see why ancient scholars and historians could not fully understand Daniel’s Prophecy, as it was difficult for me as well.

Several centuries later however, with Biblical Scholars being able to look back at significant events in Israel’s history, having historically verified dates, one could come to realize Daniel’s Prophecy actually represented a period of 490 years in total, not 490 days! Hoping to be helpful, I have taken the liberty and have added to Daniel’s Prophecy title, the correct corresponding number of years, i.e., “*Seventy Weeks [490 Years] Prophecy*”.

THE BIBLE'S MOST COMPLICATED PROPHECY (HOPEFULLY) MADE EASY

In the year 413 BC Israel was in Babylonian captivity. Daniel the Prophet offered to God his earnest prayers and pleaded with God to forgive His rebellious, covenant people. Daniel asked God to restore Israel back to their land and to rebuild Jerusalem and their Temple. God granted Daniel's request and gave Daniel a prophetic vision showing Daniel 'how and when' his requests would be fulfilled. How? Through the Messiah Jesus. When? Beginning immediately. The exact dates were not to be known, but God did give Daniel a prophetic timeline known as, the "Seventy Weeks Prophecy". God gave Daniel three, distinct periods of time that would bring God's promises to its fulfillment: To date, sixty-nine weeks of this Prophecy have been prophetically fulfilled and historically verified, yet the final week has been missing, there is a 'Gap' in God's prophetic timeline. There is one 'Missing Week' known as the 'Gap Years, yet to be fulfilled. Be assured, it shall! God's prophetic timeline stopped when Jesus the Messiah was "cut off" (crucified), and God's prophetic timeline shall resume when the Seven-year Tribulation begins.

Counting the years starting from 413 BC to 70 AD we have 483 years. This, according to Daniel's Prophecy is sixty-nine periods of seven years. Yet we are still 'missing' seven years to complete Daniel's Prophecy. Here we are today, and still waiting for the 'Missing Seven' years to be prophetically fulfilled. Below is a summary of Daniel's "Seventy Weeks [Times Seven] Prophecy", hopefully made 'easy', or at least 'easier' to understand.

PHASE 1 "SEVEN WEEKS [49 YEARS]" (7 X 7 YEARS = 49 YEARS TO FULFILLMENT)

Beginning with the decree from King Artaxerxes to rebuild Jerusalem and the Temple, the construction process took exactly 49 years to complete. This timeline is historically verified.

"... from the going forth of the word to restore and to build Jerusalem...there shall be seven weeks [49 Years]" (Daniel 9: 25)

PHASE 2 "SIXTY-TWO WEEKS [434 YEARS]" (62 X 7 YEARS = 434 YEARS TO FULFILLMENT)

Exactly 434 years following the completion of Israel's Temple construction, is when Jesus died on the cross for our sins. This timeline is historically verified.

"... and after the sixty-two weeks [434 Years] Messiah shall be cut off but not for Himself [Killed for our sins]..." (Daniel 9: 26a)

PHASE 3 AN UNDEFINED NUMBER OF YEARS THE 'GAP' (A 'PAUSE' IN THE PROPHEIC TIMELINE)

God's prophetic timeline is currently paused. To date, 483 years of the prophetic timeline have been fulfilled and 7 years remain unfulfilled. This final 7 years would be the "Seven-Year Tribulation" which is a yet future event. Remember, the Tribulation cannot begin until after the Rapture of the Church takes place, and this date is God's secret! Jesus said, "No one knows the day nor the hour, not even the Angels of God". Therefore, Daniel's Prophecy remains unfulfilled, that is.... Until the Seven-Year Tribulation has come to its conclusion.

PHASE 4 THE 'MISSING WEEK [7 YEARS] (THE "SEVEN-YEAR TRIBULATION" YET FUTURE)

Daniel's final week, which some describe as 'Daniel's missing seven-years', is clearly the "Seven-Year Tribulation" which is a yet future, and perhaps, imminent event. This confirms the unaccounted for, 'Gap Years' that we are presently living in.

"...The end of it shall be with a flood, and till the end of the war desolations are determined..." (Daniel 9: 26b)

The Roman destruction of Jerusalem and Israel's Second Temple took place in 70 AD, this is historically verified. What adds to the enlightenment from Daniel is his reference to the Romans as being "the people of the prince who is to come [a time yet future to us]." Will the Antichrist, "the prince who is to come" and "the people of the prince", be from a 'Revived Roman Empire'? This quote from Daniel is where this eschatological assumption comes from. Phase 4 of Daniel's Prophecy is the Seven-Year Tribulation, and when the Tribulation ends, the 490-year Prophecy will be fulfilled, exactly as God has planned, and exactly as God had given to Daniel in a dream. I hope you now can appreciate my taking the liberty of adding to Daniel's Prophecy titles: [Corresponding Years].

DANIEL'S TRIBULATION PROPHECY

God through the Angel Gabriel continues His revelation to Daniel the Prophet by revealing the time known as, the “Seven-year Tribulation”. This is the final “Week” (7 Years) of Daniel’s Prophecy. The ‘highlights’ of Daniels’ Prophecy that starts in Daniel Chapter 9 and continues through Chapter 12, are shown below. The inserted comments are provided to help us put the complexities of this prophecy into context. I would highly recommend that you read the entirety of Daniels’ Prophecy on your own, it is as fascinating as it is complex. God has cracked opened the door for us to see what shall take place, perhaps in our lifetime.

“... There shall be a time of trouble [a.k.a. “Jacob (Israel’s) Trouble”], such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time [Yet future]... But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end, many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase [Our current time]... How long shall the fulfillment of these wonders be... it shall be for a time [1-Year], times [2-Years], and half a time [1/2-Year]; and when the power of the holy people [Israel] has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished [This happens at the mid-point of the Tribulation]. Although I heard, I did not understand. Then I said, “My lord, what shall be the end of these things? And he said, “Go your way Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end [The “Last Days”]. Many shall be purified, made white, and refined [The Bride of Christ taken at the Rapture], but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise [New Christians coming from the Tribulation] shall understand. And from the time that the daily sacrifice [In Israel’s Third Temple] is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days. [The second half of the Tribulation will last 1290 days-exactly!]. Blessed is he who waits and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days [Forty-five days later-exactly, is when God’s Kingdom on Earth is established]. But you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest [In Paradise], and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days [Resurrected and will stand in Judgement at the “Resurrection of the Righteous” and will receive eternal rewards]” (Daniel 12: 1, 4-13)

God has now introduced us to various divisions of time within the Seven-year Tribulation, so there is even more terminology we must translate. As we continue with this study, please keep two things in mind:

First: *The 2000 +/- year period from our Lord’s ascension into Heaven until the moment the Tribulation begins, is referred to as the unexplained ‘Gap’ in Daniel’s timeline. We are currently living in the ‘Gap years’ right now.*

Second: *This final (missing) seven-year period may likely take place in the very near future. Jesus said, “This generation shall not pass until all these things are fulfilled”. The generation to which Jesus is referring follows Daniel’s prophetic timeline to a tee, Jesus is referring to the generation when Israel became a Nation... in 1948!*

THE SEVEN-YEAR TRIBULATION BREAKDOWN

The Seven-Year Tribulation is literally divided into two halves: two periods of 3½ years. The second half of the Tribulation is called the “Great Tribulation”, it is best to think of ‘Great’ as an ‘oxymoron’, as the second half of the Tribulation will be unimaginably difficult to survive. The middle of the Tribulation will be demarked by the “Abomination of Desolation”, and Daniel refers to this as the “Middle of the Seven”. The middle of the Tribulation will undoubtedly be the lowest point in the history of mankind, as the Abomination of Desolation is when the Antichrist enters Israel’s Third Temple, goes into the “Holy of Holies”, and will desecrate the Altar and declare to the world he is ‘god’, and is to be worshiped as such. This will be mandated under the penalty of death.

“Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years” (Revelation 20: 4)

During the Tribulation there will be new Christians, and, left-behind Christians, those who are not ready when the Rapture of the Church takes place. Those who proclaim themselves as Christians after the Rapture and are not Martyrs for Christ, must prove themselves by their “Works of Faith”. See Chapter 10 for details.

UNDERSTANDING DANIEL'S BIBLICAL YEARS, MONTHS AND DAYS IN CONTEXT

Today we use what is known as the 'Gregorian Calendar', accordingly, we consider a year to consist of 365 days (365.242199 to be precise), with every fourth year being a leap year to make up for a lost fraction of one day per year. However, in the Book of Genesis we learn that God declared a year to be 360 days, with each year having twelve months and each month having thirty days... simple, easy, and amazingly accurate! But because God's calendar and mans' calendar are almost never in alignment, we unfortunately have discrepancies anytime we try to define, verify, or predict a yet-future, prophesized biblical event. When man in his infinite wisdom adopted the Gregorian Calendar, thank you Pope Gregory (sarcasm intended), Jesus knew that this calendar change would be the 'clincher' when He said, *"But of that day and hour no one knows"*. Jesus of course was referring to when He returns for His Bride at the Rapture of the Church. Daniel as we will soon discover, nails everything down to a specific number of days. But the Seven-Year Tribulation will NOT begin until AFTER the Rapture of the Church takes place. When exactly the Rapture takes place remains to be the best kept secret... ever!

Admittedly, biblical references to time are often vague, and can be confusing. Daniel describes the Seven-Year Tribulation as having two distinct halves, with each half referred to as a *"Time, Times, and Half-Time"*. Please remember when trying to process all of this information, Daniel is using God's calendar of 360 days per year. However, we know that by using God's calendar, the Tribulation will last seven-years (7 x 360 = 2520 days). The outline below is intended to help us understand and to apply these prophetic Biblical concepts of time, and to help us associate their meaning with both biblical prophecy and actual end-times events.

<i>Biblical Term:</i>	<i>Biblical Time Frame:</i>	<i>Biblical Duration In Days:</i>
<i>Daniel's Missing (One) "Week"</i>	<i>= 7 Years</i>	<i>= 2520 Days</i>
<i>The "Seven-year Tribulation"</i>	<i>= 7 Years</i>	<i>= 2520 Days</i>
<i>"Time, Times, and Half-Time"</i>	<i>= 3 1/2 Years</i>	<i>= 1260 Days</i>
<i>"Time"</i>	<i>= 1 Year</i>	<i>= 360 Days</i>
<i>"Times"</i>	<i>= 2 Years</i>	<i>= 720 Days</i>
<i>"Half-Time"</i>	<i>= 1/2 Year (6 months)</i>	<i>= 180 Days</i>

HOW DO WE KNOW WHEN THE SEVEN-YEAR TRIBULATION BEGINS?

First and foremost, the Rapture must precede the Tribulation. I've established a biblical foundation for this position and is clearly presented in Part A of this book. Consider this, Satan, using Hitler and the Nazis, tried to establish his timeline for the *"Last Days"* upon the world, but his plans were foiled. However, he did have a good 'practice round', he killed six-million Jews and is anxious for God to get the Christians out of his way. Why? Satan's hatred of Christians is second only to his hatred of Jews. Something to consider is that for the past two thousand years, Satan has always had an Antichrist and False Prophet 'In the ready'. Today, I believe the Antichrist and False Prophet are alive, ready, and hiding in plain sight. Everyone must wait on God for the Rapture of the Church.

The First Reveal Of The Antichrist: *Shortly after the Rapture takes place, a world leader will emerge and will make a Seven-year Covenant with Israel and Israel's enemies. The clock starts now. He will be Israel's protector and will give them 'permission' to build their Third Temple and to resume animal sacrifices. Many of the Jews will come to believe the Antichrist is the Messiah of Israel.*

"Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week..." (Daniel 9: 27a)

The Second Reveal Of The Antichrist: *1260 days later, the Antichrist will return to Jerusalem, break his covenant, and will commit the "Abomination of Desolation". The Jews will reject the Antichrist and express their faith in Jesus. The Jews will flee to the mountains and will be kept safe until Jesus returns in glory as King.*

"... But in the middle of the week [3½ years] He [The Antichrist] shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate [The Mark of the Beast], even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate" (Daniel 9: 27b)

DANIEL ADDS SEVENTY-FIVE DAYS TO THE GREAT TRIBULATION, BUT WHY?

In Daniel's Prophecy of the Seven-Year Tribulation, he prophetically describes this period of time as having two distinct, yet equal halves: "A time, times and a half-time". Using God's calendar this translates to each half being 3½ years or, 1260 days per half. However, according to Daniel's continued prophecy, the second half of the Tribulation, "the Great Tribulation," will last 1290 days, not 1260. Why is that? What happens during this extra 30 days that are unaccounted for? Then later, Daniel says, "Blessed is he who waits until the 1335th day", giving us yet another 45 days that are also unaccounted for. Why is that? What happens during this extra 45 days that are unaccounted for?

When we take 1260 days add 30 days then add another 45 days, this brings us to a new total of 1335 days. One thing Daniel makes certain, day 1335 will be a "Blessed" day, a day to forever be remembered. Below is the Scripture where Daniel adds to the prophetic timeline. This is then followed by my humble attempt to briefly describe what 'possibly' will take place during both periods of transition.

"And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days [Assumption: 30 days are added for the Antichrist to establish his world dictatorship]". Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days [Assumption: 45 days are added for Jesus to establish, "God's Kingdom come...']" (Daniel 12: 11-12)

Scripture does give us ample details that will take place during these two Periods of Transition, yet it never specifically tells us 'when' or in 'what order' prophetic events will take place. I will attempt to explain some, but not all of the activities / events that will 'likely' transpire during these two periods of transition.

Let's begin with a brief summary, I see the two periods of transition this way: The 'First Transition' takes the world from terrible: that being the Tribulation, to horrible: that being the Great Tribulation. The 'Second Transition' takes the world from horrible: that being the Great Tribulation, to amazingly wonderful in ways beyond our imagination. This is when God's Kingdom is established on Earth with Jesus as our King.

***Daniel's First Transition (30 Days):** The New World Order that has been firmly established and operational for the past 3½ years if not longer, it will be unexpectedly uprooted by the Antichrist. I believe this added thirty days is the amount of time it will take for the new, soon to be old, 'New World Order' which will be completely uprooted and replaced by the Antichrist and False Prophet. This evil-duo will establish a complete authoritarian system of governance, worship, and compliance. Scripture tells us there will be a vast number of Martyrs for Christ, as the non-compliant will be beheaded. Yet there will be even more who will "Take the Mark of the Beast, the number of his name, and will worship his image". The inhabitants of the Earth will segregate into two camps: the Righteous, and the Unrighteous.*

***Daniel's Second Transition (45 Days):** The "Great Tribulation" will come to its end exactly 1290 days after it begins, exactly as Daniel foretold. Jesus Himself describes in exquisite detail His own "Second Coming", this is when "Jesus returns in glory" and will establish God's Kingdom on Earth.*

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other" (Revelation 24: 29-31)

Jesus will defeat the enemies of God at the Battle of Armageddon and it will be then, the Antichrist and False Prophet will be thrown alive into the Lake of Fire. The Earth will be purged of sin "as in the days of Noah", but not with water, but with fire. Jesus will rescue and gather the "Remnant of Israel" as God has promised. Jesus will establish a system of governance as King, and worship as High Priest. The "Resurrection of Life" and Jesus' judgement of the "Righteous" will take place. The 'Business of the King' will consume much of the added 45 days, and once the Kingdom of God is firmly established on Earth, the "Great Wedding Feast" will take place

THE OLIVET DISCOURSE: IN JESUS' OWN WORDS...

The time of Christ's crucifixion was drawing near and while Jesus and the Disciples were on the Mount of Olives, the Disciples asked Jesus three very specific questions having to do with the end of the age and of life's circumstances when Jesus returns. I would imagine these would be the very same questions I would ask Jesus as well. Jesus, without using any Parables, responded directly to their questions. Excerpts from this dialogue are shown below and their entire dialogue is recorded in the Gospel of Mathew, known as "The Olivet Discourse". For additional insight and details, I encourage you to read Matthew Chapters 24 and 25 on your own. The three questions presented to Jesus and the three answers Jesus provides are presented and explained separately and in context below. This format is intended to help the reader today understand a conversation from 2000 years ago, a conversation that is actually describing our current times, and near future events.

"Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, tell us, [Question 1] when will these things be? And [Question 2] what will be the sign of Your coming, [Question 3] and of the end of the age" (Matthew 24: 3)

"And Jesus answered and said to them: [Answer to Question 1] TAKE HEED that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows [The time we are currently living in today]" (Matthew 24: 4-8)

"[The Rapture of the Church takes place] THEN [The Tribulation begins] they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved. [Answer to Question 2] And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come" (Matthew 24: 9-14)

"[Answer to Question 2 continues] Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (whoever reads, let him understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. [Answer to Question 2 continues] For then there will be Great Tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened" (Matthew 24: 15-22)

"[Answer to Question 2 continues] Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand. Therefore, if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together" (Matthew 24: 23-28)

"[Answer to Question 3] Immediately After The Tribulation Of Those Days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other"(Matthew 24: 29-31)

QUESTION #1: “WHEN WILL THESE THINGS BE?”

Summary Of Jesus’ Answer (Part One): Jesus gives us an important clue when He states four separate circumstances (see below) that will help frame the time and circumstances of His return. Jesus then says, “All these are the Beginning of Sorrows”. Please keep in mind each of these sets of circumstances can be said of almost every generation since the time Jesus ascended into Heaven. I believe this to be intentional. The Disciples of Jesus thought Jesus would return in their own lifetime, the point is: they were watching, waiting, they were ready. We too are commanded to be watching, waiting, and to remain vigilant!

“... Many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many...”

“... You will hear of wars and rumors of wars...”

“... For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom...”

“... There will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places...”

We, today, are still living in the time Jesus refers to as, “Sorrows”. So, when did this time of “Sorrows” begin and when will it end? I believe the time of Sorrows has a literal beginning and a literal ending. The time of Sorrows begins in very the moment of our Lord’s ascension into Heaven with the heartache (and joy) the loved ones of Jesus experienced. Was there ‘Joy’? Yes, immense joy, Jesus has risen! Was there ‘Sorrow’? Yes, immense sorrow, Jesus was no longer physically present with them! I believe, the time when “Sorrows” comes to its end, is like its beginning, it is a very specific moment in time, a moment yet future. See below.

QUESTION #2: “WHAT WILL BE THE SIGN OF YOUR COMING?”

Summary Of Jesus’ Answer (Part Two): Jesus gives us another important clue, and this one requires some deep thought: Focus on the word, “Then”. Jesus almost abruptly changes His narrative after He uses a very simple, four-letter adverb to suggest, but not state directly what is known today as the Rapture of the Church. To make this point clear when Jesus says, “Then”, it is the very moment when the Beginning of Sorrows ends, and... the very next moment in fact, “In the twinkling of an eye”, the Rapture of the Church takes place! This is confirmed by the Apostle Paul in I Corinthians 15. In that very moment of “Then”, the course of mankind changes, the world is turned upside down, chaos ensues, questions, blame, regret, anger, heartache and so much more. What comes next? With the vanishing of half of the world’s Christians, the “Seven-Year Tribulation” will begin.

“Then”, the “Antichrist” as described later in the Book of Revelation as the “Man of Peace”, who has been hiding in plain sight and waiting for this very moment to arrive, is embodied by Satan himself and arises from the chaos. He will have all the answers the world wants to hear. The world calms down, everything confusing is explainable, hatred for left-behind Christians and Jews escalates then subsides, as this Man of Peace makes a “Seven-Year Covenant” with Israel and “Other nations”. Somehow, the construction of Israel’s Third Temple becomes a global point of contention, and this too is settled by this ‘Man of Peace’ as he gives Israel his ‘permission’ to build their Third Temple. “Sorrows” has ended, and the “Seven-Year Tribulation” will begin.

QUESTION #3: “WHAT WILL BE THE SIGN... OF THE END OF THE AGE?”

Summary Of Jesus’ Answer (Part Three): The majority of the Olivet Discourse describes the Tribulation, and specifically the second half, known as the “Great Tribulation”. Jesus quotes the Prophet Daniel when He describes the “Abomination of Desolation” as being the key event that then focuses God’s wrath on an unrepentant world in a way our frail minds could hardly ever imagine. In the final section of this chapter, we read of God’s “Twenty-One Judgements”, this will give us a glimpse as to what “The Wrath of God” entails. You do not want to be on Earth to witness these events. When Jesus taught us how to pray He used these words: “Deliver us from Evil”, that means daily temptations and includes the ‘ultimate temptation’, to take the “Mark of the Beast”. Say the Lord’s Prayer, pray slowly and consider each word in context with our crazy world today.

One final comparison to make is when Israel escaped the bondage of the Egyptians. All “Ten Plagues” were upon the Egyptians and not the Hebrew people. God’s wrath during the Tribulation includes twenty-one (not ten) judgements and it is not against God’s people, it is against those who come against God and His people. Like Israel during the Exodus, so to, Christians will ‘see’ but not ‘feel’ the pain of God’s twenty-one judgements.

THE APOSTLE JOHN'S REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

The last book of the Bible, *"The Revelation of Jesus Christ"*, was written by the Apostle John who was at the time of its writing, near death and in exile on the Island of Patmos. This was the last writing of the Disciples of Jesus, as such, it is the last word of Scripture. The focus of the Book of Revelation is almost entirely on the *"Seven-year Tribulation"*. In the last chapters, John also reveals the return of Jesus in Glory, the end to sin and death, the establishment of God's *"Kingdom Come"*, and when *"Everything is made new"*: When the end becomes the new beginning, the *"New Heaven"* and the *"New Earth"* are made known. How exciting! When reading the Revelation of Jesus Christ on your own (It is only 17-pages in length), you will receive a blessing from God. It is so important, God gives His blessing, twice!

"Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near" (Revelation 1: 3 and 22: 7)

This section of our Bible Study will be presented in a slightly different manner, please use this only as intended: it is a 'Quick Study Guide and Reference' and not a substitute for God's Word. I will present *"The Revelation of Jesus Christ"* in outline form: by Chapter, title, and subtitle, and will include a small representative portion of Scripture accompanied by a brief summation of the chapter's text. As you read on, please note that all the terrible things that are prophesized to befall mankind, will happen only to those who do not repent. But make no mistake, everyone alive during the Tribulation will struggle to survive. Why not repent and express your faith in Jesus the King now! Spare yourself what is sure to come, *"As it is written"*. Those who, *"Repent and believe in the Gospel"* as Jesus proclaimed, are spared these horrors. Some will die as Martyrs, yet all will have the hope of an eternity of peace and joy with God our Father, His Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Remember Daniel's message of hope? *"Blessed is he who waits until the 1335th day!"*

REVELATION CHAPTER 1

Introduction And Benediction
Greeting The Seven Churches
Vision Of The Son Of Man

In the Apostle John's vision of the Lord Jesus Christ, aspects of the Savior's power and eternal mission are unveiled. John writes of things past, present, and yet future.

"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and... write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this" (Revelation 1: 10, 19)

REVELATION CHAPTER 2

(#1) The Loveless Church
(#2) The Persecuted Church
(#3) The Compromising Church
(#4) The Corrupt Church

REVELATION CHAPTER 3

(#5) The Dead Church
(#6) The Faithful Church
(#7) The Lukewarm Church

The letters to *"The Seven Churches"* were written to seven different congregations of *"Saints"* (Christians) that existed at the time of John's writing. Each letter shares a similar structure including an introduction of Jesus; a statement regarding the condition of the Church; a command from Jesus to the Church; a general exhortation to all Saints; and a promise of reward. Some, not all biblical scholars, believe the Seven Churches also figuratively represent successive periods of the Church's evolution. They also believe the letters contained: 1) A prophetic message, 2) A warning, and 3) A blessing for future Churches including today's denominations.

"The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches" (Revelation 1: 20)

REVELATION CHAPTER 4***The Throne Room Of Heaven***

John has a vision of the future, there is a door open in Heaven and he receives an invitation, *“come up here and I will show you things that must take place after this.”* John is then able to see God’s plan from a divine perspective. John sees the Throne of God, the Earth in its celestial glory, and countless exalted beings singing praises to God and to the Lamb.

“You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created” (Revelation 4: 11)

REVELATION CHAPTER 5***The Lamb Takes The Scroll
Worthy Is The Lamb***

Chapter 5 begins by describing a scroll in the right hand of God. This scroll is sealed seven times over and written on both sides. This scroll symbolizes the judgment of God on sin and wickedness. An Angel *“proclaims”* a question, *“Who is worthy”* to take this scroll and open the seals? At first, it seems that there is no one in Heaven or on Earth having both the moral authority and the legal right to take up the judgment of God. Then one of the twenty-four elders reassures John that there is *“One who is worthy”*, to open this scroll: Jesus, God’s only begotten Son! John then describes Jesus symbolically as a *“Lamb”* that has been slaughtered, Jesus then takes the scroll from the hand of God, and the living creatures described in John’s vision begin to sing a new song to God.

“You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals; for You were slain and have redeemed us to God by Your blood. Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation and have made us kings and priests to our God... Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing” (Revelation 5: 9-10, 12)

REVELATION CHAPTER 6

- 1st Seal:** *The Conqueror*
- 2nd Seal:** *Conflict On Earth*
- 3rd Seal:** *Scarcity On Earth*
- 4th Seal:** *Widespread Death On Earth*
- 5th Seal:** *The Cry Of The Martyrs*
- 6th Seal:** *Cosmic Disturbances*

Revelation Chapter 6 describes Jesus, the *“Lamb of God”*, opening the first six seals of the scroll described in the previous chapter. Each Seal represents a specific judgement of God on sin. The Chapter’s subtitles indicate there is a broad number and range of judgements to be made and, *“The day of God’s wrath has come”*.

In several places in the New Testament, we are warned not to seek our own revenge on those who have wronged us. Here we begin to understand it will be well worth the wait to seek, and to ultimately see God’s justice brought upon the wicked: *“Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,”* says the Lord.

“And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, ‘Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?’” (Revelation 6: 15-17)

REVELATION CHAPTER 7

The Sealed Of Israel A Multitude From The Great Tribulation

In this Chapter John has two visions which seem to take place between the opening of the sixth and seventh seals. In John's first vision God is suspending His judgment on the Earth as the seventh seal is restrained from being opened. In this vision, 144,000 servants of God receive a seal on their foreheads. The meaning and purpose of the seal God's servants receive stands in stark contrast to the "Mark of the Beast", as described later. These 144,000 are all male virgins with 12,000 coming from each of the twelve Tribes of Israel. John's next vision is of a staggering number of people, from every race, ethnicity, and language, dressed in white and shouting out praise to God. These are described as "Saints", those who have come out of the "Great Tribulation", and those left behind following the Rapture. All the Saints have, "Repent[ed] and believe the Gospel".

Imagine, John sees Christians that will survive the Tribulation and will be witness to the most majestic, awe-inspiring scene: "The Second Coming of Christ", that being Jesus with his Bride and with the Angels of Heaven as they descend in the clouds to Earth. These Saints will witness Jesus defeating the enemies of God, the Antichrist and the False Prophet thrown alive into the Lake of Fire, and ultimately, Satan being bound and thrown into the Abyss and sealed for 1000 years. This is but a partial list of 'amazing events' these Saints will be witness to. These Saints will give testimony and will witness to the millions upon millions of children born to Tribulation survivors that will live in the Millennial Kingdom of Jesus. I refer to the progeny of Tribulation Survivors as, the 'Millennials'.

"Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from? And I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' So, he said to me, 'These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes" (Revelation 7: 13-17)

REVELATION CHAPTER 8

<i>7th Seal:</i>	<i>Prelude To The Seven Trumpets</i>
<i>1st Trumpet:</i>	<i>Vegetation Struck</i>
<i>2nd Trumpet:</i>	<i>The Seas Struck</i>
<i>3rd Trumpet:</i>	<i>The Waters Struck</i>
<i>4th Trumpet:</i>	<i>The Heavens Struck</i>

Chapter 8 begins with the opening of the seventh seal, which is immediately followed by a brief period of silence in Heaven. The judgments which follow are associated with seven trumpets, given to seven angels, and these seven trumpets are themselves part of the seventh seal judgment. Prior to the sounding of these trumpets, an angel is seen with a censer—a metal container used to burn incense. In Scripture, incense is used as a physical symbol of prayers, which ascend towards heaven, much like smoke. This same container is then filled with fire, and fire symbolizes judgment which is thrown down onto the earth.

"When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets. Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake. So, the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound" (Revelation 8: 1-6)

REVELATION CHAPTER 9

5th Trumpet: **The Locusts From The Bottomless Pit**
6th Trumpet: **The Angels From The Euphrates**

Chapter 9 begins with the fifth Angel's trumpet and concludes with the sixth Angel's trumpet. As best John could, he describes spiritual imagery that is difficult to comprehend. In an effort to help us understand his vision, there are many scary, earthly counterparts that will be exposed and released upon an unrepentant world, but not on believers. As an example, coming with the sounding of the fifth trumpet, John observes a "star" falling to Earth, the star is described as "He" which is immediately said to be given a key. So, we have an astral body who is a spirit, neither is this a literal star nor a human. Lucifer in Isaiah 14 is called the "Bright Morning Star". In connection with other statements made in the Book of Isaiah, this person is most likely Lucifer (Satan) who is "given" this key to the bottomless pit which is in Hades. Hades if you remember, is where Paradise and Torments are as well. The bottomless pit has been the place of confinement for a multitude of demons, and Satan uses the key to release these demons upon the Earth. The Angel that sounds the sixth trumpet, releases four additional Angels whose sole purpose is to kill a third of all mankind. Those killed are all non-believers.

"But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts" (Revelation 9: 20-21)

REVELATION CHAPTER 10

The Mighty Angel With The Little Book
John Eats The Little Book

This chapter is brief, introducing an interlude between the sixth and seventh trumpet judgments. There are two main events: John is instructed to eat a little scroll being held by a "mighty Angel." John describes the experience of taste being at first sweet, then bitter. Symbolically, the initial acceptance of God's word is "sweet," knowing it is communication from God, and God's message is one of reconciliation and peace. However, reaching that peace involves judgment for much of mankind—those who don't repent! This is the 'bitterness' of preaching a 'sweet' gospel to the world: knowing that those who reject God will face His terrible wrath.

And he said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings" (Revelation 10: 11)

REVELATION CHAPTER 11

The Two Witnesses
The Witnesses Killed
The Witnesses Resurrected
Seventh Trumpet: The Kingdom Proclaimed

Chapter 11 introduces two Prophets referred to as "God's Two Witnesses" (Previously discussed). We learn they preach the Gospel, demonstrate supernatural power, they are killed by the Antichrist and are resurrected by God, and the whole world will be witness to these events. Their influence precedes the end of the "Trumpet" judgments and sets the stage for the final seven, "Bowl" judgments. The reign of Jesus the King is now declared.

"Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever" (Revelation 11: 15)

REVELATION CHAPTER 12

***The Woman, The Child, And The Dragon
Satan Thrown Out Of Heaven
The Woman Persecuted***

In the Scripture below, Israel is described as “the woman” who, “bore a male child [Jesus] who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron.” Notice the reference to Daniel’s 1260 days when Israel, “the woman”, is protected in the wilderness. This time of protection begins at the midpoint of the Tribulation, when the Antichrist commits his atrocities known as the “Abomination of Desolation.” God has always planned to save a “remnant” of Israel, and this is the prophetic fulfillment of God’s intentions. Revelation is showing us how all the end-time prophesies are interconnected, and all will be fulfilled during this Seven-year Tribulation.

“She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. Then [2000 years later] the woman [A remnant of Israel] fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days [the Great Tribulation]” (Revelation 12: 5-6)

REVELATION CHAPTER 13

In Revelation Chapter 13 is where the two most iconic, end-times figures are introduced. The two “Beasts” described here are the figures often referred to in Scripture as the “Antichrist” and the “False Prophet.” Scripture from Chapter 13 is presented below in two parts to help the reader understand that these are two separate persons, yet both share the same three-fold purpose: First, take over the world. Second, dismiss God the Creator and His Son Jesus. Third, kill anyone and everyone who comes against them. This dynamic evil-duo, with the ‘Good Lemmings’ of this world willfully following closely behind and proudly wearing the “Mark of the Beast”, would accomplish their plan of world-annihilation, except for the fact... God has ‘other’ plans!

The Antichrist, The Beast From The Sea: “Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name... And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast [The Antichrist]. So, they worshiped the dragon [Satan] who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him? And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months [the Great Tribulation]. Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world” (Revelation 13: 1, 3-8)

The False Prophet, The Beast From The Land: “Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon [The False Prophet]. And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name” (Revelation 13: 11-17)

REVELATION CHAPTER 14

The Beast From The Earth
The Proclamations Of Three Angels
Reaping The Earth's Harvest
Reaping The Grapes Of Wrath

Chapter 14 presents an 'interlude' from the sequential description of the end times events from Chapters 10-15. In Chapter 14 there are three unique events that are presented. First, a celebration of the 144,000 evangelists that are singing with Jesus on Mount Zion. Second, three Angels are described each proclaiming an end-time message to the world and a blessing to the Martyrs of Christ. The third event is a scene that portrays Jesus with several Angels at the time of the end, the final harvest of the Earth, when at the end of the Tribulation, the wicked unbelievers are cut down by the sickle and gathered and thrown into the winepress of God's wrath.

"Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people saying with a loud voice, 'Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.' And another angel followed, saying, 'Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.' Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation" (Revelation 14: 6-10)

REVELATION CHAPTER 15

Prelude To The Bowl Judgements

REVELATION CHAPTER 16

1st Bowl Judgement: Loathsome Sores
2nd Bowl Judgement: The Sea Turns To Blood
3rd Bowl Judgement: Waters Turn To Blood
4th Bowl Judgement: Men Are Scorched
5th Bowl Judgement: Darkness And Pain
6th Bowl Judgement: The Euphrates Dries Up
7th Bowl Judgement: The Earth Shaken

Revelation 15 begins with a pause as John is witness to a vision of celebration. Redeemed believers sing a song of worship to God as they stand on "a sea of glass," they are singing "the Song of Moses".

"Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested" (Revelation 15: 3b-4)

In Revelation 16 the sequential presentation of God's judgement on the wicked and end-time events now resumes. When John speaks of, "the Seven Bowl Judgements... having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete", these last, seven judgements are poured out only on "the wicked", as the righteous are spared. It is important to remember that the Jews who have fled to the mountains after witnessing the "Abomination of Desolation" by the Antichrist, and Christians that are surviving the Tribulation, are all spared from being harmed by the wrath of God. The quote below is from the Third Bowl Judgement, when "the waters turn to blood."

"Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. And I heard the angel of the waters saying: 'You are righteous, O Lord, The One who is and who was and who is to be, Because You have judged these things. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, And You have given them blood to drink. For it is their just due.' And I heard another from the altar saying, "Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgements" (Revelation 16: 4-7)

REVELATION CHAPTER 17

*The Scarlet Woman And The Scarlet Beast
The Meaning Of The Woman And The Beast*

REVELATION CHAPTER 18

*The Fall Of Babylon The Great
The World Mourns Babylon's Fall
The Finality Of Babylon's Fall*

In Chapters 17-18 there is another interlude in the sequential description of the end-times events. John is given a vision symbolizing two mysteries and their judgments that happen 'sometime' during the Tribulation. Chapter 17 focuses on the 'who' or 'what' "Mystery Babylon the Great" is, and Chapter 18 then focuses on the "Fall of Mystery Babylon the Great", and of its impact on the world during the end-times. Keep in mind 'Mystery Babylon the Great' is referred to as: "her"; "she"; a "great harlot"; a "woman"; and "the mother of harlots". In Scripture, 'Mystery Babylon the Great' is always referred to in the feminine. The Angel that presented the vision to John said, "I will tell you the mystery of the woman and the beast that carries her." Unfortunately, this remains a mystery to this very day!

"Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication. So, he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. And on her forehead a name was written: 'MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.' I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement" (Revelation 17: 1-6)

A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO "MYSTERY BABYLON"

In the Book of Revelation three of the twenty-two chapters are devoted to "Mystery Babylon the "Great... Harlot". Jesus Himself is telling us to "Come out of her", so this indeed is a very important subject and directly related to the "Last Days". The excerpts provided below, briefly touch on, the "Mystery". In Part C Appendix, I will provide three Scenarios addressing the identity of "Mystery Babylon", and hopefully, we can come to the same conclusion. Let us keep in mind, God will reveal the answer to this mystery... when He is ready!

"Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities... for she says in her heart, 'I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.' Therefore, her plagues will come in one day... The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning, standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come. For in one hour she is made desolate... And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth" (Revelation 18: 4-24)

John "marveled with great amazement" when he saw "her" in his vision. What John saw I imagine must have been very confusing to witness, let alone having to communicate this vision to you and I some twenty centuries later. The Apostle Paul often refers to the Church, "the Bride of Christ", as a "Mystery". Is it possible John is now describing the 'Bride of Satan'? Afterall, Satan is the greatest 'counterfeit' of all time! A general consensus among biblical scholars is that the 'Harlot', like the 'Bride of Christ', does not refer to a literal person. What about a Church or a religion perhaps? This Harlot who sold her soul to the Devil, has 'offspring' (Other Churches / other Denominations) that are also considered to be 'Harlots' in their own right. Let us also consider the 'possibility' that this ungodly spiritual system is associated with a new world governance structure of taxation and militarism and will demand total compliance and dependency. This will be forced upon the people of the world. This I believe, is a 'work-in-progress' today! When Jesus says to "Come out of her", to be clear, everyone has a free will!

REVELATION CHAPTER 19

*Heaven Exults Over Babylon
Christ On A White Horse
The Beast And His Armies Defeated*

To this point in Revelation, the Earth and sinful, unrepentant mankind has been subjected to God's Twenty-One Judgements. The last two chapters gave a poetic description of the fall of "Babylon", both as a corrupt religious system and as the political empire of the Antichrist. In Chapter 19, John witnesses' prayers from Heaven which precede a great celebration, followed by the triumphant return of Jesus Christ as King back to Earth in glory.

"Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS" (Revelation 19: 11-16)

REVELATION CHAPTER 20

*Satan Bound 1,000 Years
The Saints Reign With Christ 1,000 Years
Satanic Rebellion Crushed
The Great White Throne Judgment*

There is a lot that is going on in Revelation Chapter 20. To summarize: 1) Satan is captured and "bound by an Angel and then thrown into the bottomless pit" known as the "Abyss". It is there Satan will remain for 1000 years unable to tempt or hurt in anyway, the people of God who live in God's Kingdom on Earth. 2) A resurrection and judgement event takes place at the beginning of the Millennium: "The Resurrection of Life" and "the Judgement Seat of Christ". This is for the beloved of God and is for rewards, not punishments. 3) Jesus the King with His Saints will reign on Earth for one-thousand years. The Gospel Jesus preached is fulfilled. 4) At the end of the Millennium, Satan is released and "goes out to deceive the nations". Hard to imagine but true, apparently Satan does a pretty good job in his last recruitment effort. 5) "Fire comes down from Heaven" to defeat the traitors. 6) "Satan is cast into the Lake of Fire" where he remains forever. 7) From the days of Adam and Eve onward to the time of Christ's "Second Coming", "the Great White Throne Judgment" for the damned takes place. This is when God's wrath is poured out on the unrighteous. When God said, "Vengeance is mine", He really means it! Did I mention there is a lot going on in Chapter 20!

"Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon... Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished... Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison... And the devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever" (Revelation 20: 1-3, 7-10)

"... And they [The Bride, Christian Tribulation Survivors and the beloved of God] lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years... " (Revelation 20:4)

"Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it... And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books" (Revelation 20: 11-12)

REVELATION CHAPTER 21

*All Things Made New
The New Jerusalem
The Glory Of The New Jerusalem*

REVELATION CHAPTER 22

*The River Of Life
The Time Is Near
Jesus Testifies To The Churches
A Warning
I Am Coming Quickly*

Following the Millennial Reign of Christ, so many eternally wonderful things take place that I devoted the entirety of Chapters 8 - 10 of this book to cover these events in greater detail. I wanted to begin this book with a message of hope, and conclude this book with the assurance that all hope will be fully realized when we are with God in His eternal Kingdom.

In Revelation Chapters 21 and 22, a picture of our eternity, “*When all things are made new*” is presented. The picture the Apostle John presents to us is amazingly beautiful, yet altogether too brief. His words, although divinely inspired, cannot accurately express the beauty of what he saw and experienced in his vision. We do learn of a “*New Jerusalem*” coming out of Heaven. We also learn that the “*Tree of Life*”, the very same tree God kept Adam and Eve from eating of its fruit after they sinned, will be given to us freely. And there will be a “*River of Life*” to drink from as well. Jesus and God will sit side-by-side on their thrones in the New Jerusalem, and we will worship our Creator God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit for all eternity.

I would encourage all who are interested, to please read the first Chapters of Genesis and then read the last two Chapters of Revelation, and when you do, you will surely understand that God is a God of patterns and what God wanted for us all along had to be postponed. Because man chose darkness rather than light, we have to wait seven-thousand years. It is then and for all eternity, God will share the fruit of the “*Tree of Life*” with His family. Genesis presents us with the ‘beginning’ of creation, and Revelation presents us with the ‘new beginning’, when God will make “*All things new*”. How wonderful and how exciting!

The Scripture below was selected to represent ‘hope’ in the eternity God has always intended for us, a life in our eternal spiritual body with no sin, no suffering, no death and continuous peace, love, and joy. How could anyone desire anything different, or place something worldly and temporary above the heavenly, eternal gifts that God intends to give His faithful? Remember Jesus said, “*Where your treasure is, there your heart is also*”.

“Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God... And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, ‘Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.’ Then He who sat on the throne said, ‘Behold, I make all things new” (Revelation 21: 1-5)

“He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death” (Revelation 21: 7-8)

“And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life [Remember the Garden of Eden? We were forbidden then, now we are invited to partake], which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month... And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever” (Revelation 22: 1-5)

“He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming quickly.’ Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen [And the Bible ends]” (Revelation 22: 10-21)

7.4 THE SEVEN-YEAR TRIBULATION

THE WORLD POST-RAPTURE IS TURNED UPSIDE DOWN

Almost immediately following the Rapture of the Church, the Earth will face chaos stemming from the disappearance of approximately 1.2 billion Christians, that is approximately half of the 2.4 billion 'self-professing Christians' in the world, which is nearly 1 in 7 persons alive today. Consider for a moment the aftermath of 911; the immediate and subsequent loss of life, and its impact on New York. Now multiply that calamity by a factor of 'X', and realize its devastation is not localized to one city, country, or region of the world... it will be worldwide calamity! There will certainly be chaos, confusion, blame and finger-pointing. It seems clear, the world will soon emerge as being an entirely different place. The world will blame the Christian God, and the Jews for no coherent reason, and will rejoice in the fact that all those 'preachy' Christians, all those 'Jesus people' are all finally gone. Or are they? Remember, half of all self-professing Christians will be left behind.

Soon to follow the Rapture, the world will begin to experience God's wrath in the form of twenty-one judgements, judgements that will begin to be poured out on a sinful, unrepentant world. Considering the fact there are 84 months to the Tribulation, hypothetically, "if" God's wrath was poured out consistently over the course of this time period, that would be one new judgement every 4 months. Additional judgement theories are discussed later in this chapter.

GOD'S POST-RAPTURE STANDARDS FOR SALVATION WILL CHANGE

On the positive side, God's three Angels, God's Two Witnesses and God's 144,000 Jewish Evangelists will be hard at work proclaiming the Gospel throughout the world, as a result, many will come to Christ. However, post-Rapture, there will be a fundamental difference in obtaining Salvation. Post-Rapture, God's Gift of Grace will no longer be offered. "Salvation", yes, "Grace", no! So, if there is still evangelism taking place on Earth how are people, "saved from their sins"? Repentance and faith are still requirements, however, "Works of Faith"; that is helping others less fortunate than oneself, will be an added requirement. Salvation will go from accepting "God's Gift of Grace" the conditions of which are repentance and faith, to 'Salvation by Repentance, Faith and Works'. In the early Church, there were those who believed that the penalty Jesus paid for our sins wasn't enough, and that 'Christians' still had to earn / work their way to Heaven. Many denominations today still teach this. This wrongfully negates Jesus' sacrifice as being sufficient once and for all. But, during the Tribulation, both faith and works of faith, will be requirements for salvation. This Jesus makes clear when He told the "Parable of the Sheep and Goats". This Parable is fulfilled at the end of the Tribulation, when the "Judgement Seat of Christ", takes place (See Chapter 10).

"When the Son of Man comes in His glory and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory [At the end of the Tribulation, the "Resurrection of the Righteous" will take place]. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats... Then the King will say to those on His right hand [The Sheep], 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was 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... And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me" (Matthew 25: 31-32, 34-37, 40)

Paraphrasing this Parable in regard to the judgement of the "Sheep", Jesus makes it clear that His faithful followers had shown kindness and love to those less fortunate than themselves during the Tribulation. In so doing, Jesus said "you did it to me", and He also said, "Come... inherit the Kingdom prepared for you". Those on His left were the "Goats", they showed no acts of mercy or kindness. Jesus judges them righteously and in summary says,

"... Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you [The Goats], did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these [The Goats], will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous [The Sheep], into eternal life" (Matthew 25: 45-46)

INTRODUCING HELL'S EVIL TRIO

Coming from the Book of Revelation we are introduced to three mysterious creatures who each have ominous titles: the “Dragon”, the “First Beast” and the “Second Beast”. I refer to these as, ‘Hell’s Evil Trio’. The Dragon is Satan himself. The “First Beast” is embodied by the “Antichrist” who will be a political, military, and economic genius. The “Second Beast” is the “False Prophet” who is a religious leader and the enforcer of everything the Antichrist decrees. Satan has always been ready with two evil henchmen, hiding in the shadows, and awaiting their world debut and inauguration. The Antichrist and False Prophet will share the same purpose, which is: To take away all glory and honor from God the Creator which is then to be bestowed upon the Dragon.

“And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world” (I John 4: 3b)

The Antichrist will be revealed to the world twice: The first reveal almost immediately follows the Rapture, when he makes a “Seven-year Covenant with Israel”. The second reveal takes place in Jerusalem 3½ years later when he commits the “Abomination of Desolation”, which according to the Prophet Daniel, will take place exactly 1260 days (3½ years) following the Covenant he makes with Israel. His identity can be firmly established as the Antichrist using gematria, as the number of his name will equal “666”. The Great Tribulation will begin on day 1290, again according to the Prophet Daniel, when the ‘worst’ of human history soon becomes the ‘worst ever’.

The Antichrist can also be identified as the “Eleventh” King of the ‘New World Order’, or by whatever title they prefer. Until then, let speculators speculate. However, only those Christians left behind at the Rapture will recognize him as the “Antichrist”. He is likely in the world today, perhaps he is a Prince, a Diplomat, a Politician, a Billionaire? When Israel’s Third Temple is under construction, you’ll probably find him at the construction site. To the ‘globalists’ of the upside-down world following the Rapture of the Church, he will be a hero, he will have answers to reorganize the world, and he will make false promises of peace and prosperity. The ‘Lemmings of the World’ will follow him and whatever he says, they will believe, and will do. Many, but not all the Jews, will believe he is their Messiah.

Satan knows God’s timeline and will be counting the days. Plans of massive death and destruction will be accelerated. The true nature of the Antichrist: his pride, his hatred for Christians, humanity in general, but most especially, his hatred of the Jewish people, will be clearly established. The atheists and the unrepentant sinners of the world will somehow refuse to recognize him as being evil. The world will see him as some sort of ‘savior’, a man of peace. God will intervene with His “Judgement”, punishments and a warning to the world: man must repent!

“For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work... And then the lawless one will be revealed... The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved” (II Thessalonians 2: 7-10)

“... will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God’s temple, proclaiming himself to be God” (2 Thessalonians 2: 4)

The Second Beast is the False Prophet, a religious leader always trying to imitate Jesus. Islam believes that in the last days the ‘Prophet’ Jesus also known as ‘Isa’, will be revealed, he is the Jesus of the Quran but he is not the Jesus of the Bible. Is it possible, the “False Prophet” of the Bible is Islam’s Jesus (Isa)? You can imagine just how confusing the world will be in the period following the Rapture. In John’s vision below, he describes the False Prophet as having two distinct characteristics: His appearance was “like a lamb”, but when he spoke, he was like “a dragon.” Does he wear a fancy religious hat, perhaps a turban? My best guess: Yes, he will!

“Then I saw another beast... he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast” (Revelation 13: 11)

The identity of the False Prophet is examined in detail in Part C Appendix, when we look at three “Last Days” scenarios, one of which involves Islam, another involves the Catholic Church, and a third that combines the two religions with Judaism. Head spinning a guarantee!

GOD'S WRATH AND HIS TWENTY-ONE JUDGEMENTS

Be assured, God's Judgements are coming upon the unrepentant sinner during the Seven-year Tribulation. The execution of God's wrath will be realized through twenty-one spiritual judgements contained in the "Scroll". The Scroll has "Seven Seal Judgements" that will be "Opened", "Seven Trumpet Judgements", that will "Sound", and then ending with "Seven Bowl Judgements" that will be "Poured out". Although the timeline, sequence, and details are not provided in Scripture, please read Revelation Chapters 5-16 on your own for more detail.

God has no intention to beat people into submission, rather, God wants sinners to repent and to seek Him based on their own freewill. God's twenty-one judgements, albeit greatly abbreviated below, are presented in the same order of John's vision. Those who repent, express their faith in Jesus the coming King, and show their faith through good works during the Seven-year Tribulation, will be spared from God's judgements.

THE SCROLL AND THE SEVEN SEAL JUDGEMENTS

"Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, [Jesus] has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals... Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom ... to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!" (Revelation 5: 5, 12-13)

- 1st Seal:** A rider on a white horse carries a bow and wears a crown. He goes forth to conquer.
- 2nd Seal:** A rider on a red horse goes out to take peace from the Earth.
- 3rd Seal:** A rider on a black horse carries a pair of scales and goes out to bring scarcity on the Earth.
- 4th Seal:** A rider on a pale horse named Death, will kill one fourth of the Earth's population (1.75 B.)
- 5th Seal:** The cry of the Martyrs from under God's Alter is heard. They are told, "Rest a little while".
- 6th Seal:** Cosmic disturbances take place and mountains and islands are moved from their place.
- 7th Seal:** There is silence in Heaven, the 'Eye of the Storm'? This is a prelude to the Seven Trumpets.

THE SEVEN TRUMPET JUDGEMENTS

"I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven... there should be delay no longer, but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets" (Revelation 10: 1-11)

- 1st Trumpet:** Hail and fire strike the Earth. A third of the trees and all the grass is burned up.
- 2nd Trumpet:** One-third of the seas turn to blood and one-third of all sea life dies.
- 3rd Trumpet:** "Wormwood" falls from Heaven, a third of all fresh water is infected.
- 4th Trumpet:** The Sun and Moon are made dim. An Angel proclaims three "woes" to come.
- 5th Trumpet (Woe #1):** Volcanic eruptions and locusts that sting only those with the Mark of the Beast.
- 6th Trumpet (Woe #2):** Four Angels are released to kill a third of unrepentant mankind.
- 7th Trumpet (Woe #3):** John was told he was "to prophesy again" (see Revelation Chapters 11-21).

THE SEVEN BOWL JUDGEMENTS

"Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete" (Revelation 15: 1)

- 1st Bowl:** The plague: a loathsome sore on those who had the Mark of the Beast.
- 2nd Bowl:** The plague: every living creature in the sea died.
- 3rd Bowl:** The plague: the fresh waters of the Earth... all became blood.
- 4th Bowl:** The plague: An Angel poured out his bowl who blaspheme God: Scorched.
- 5th Bowl:** The plague: those with the Mark of the Beast received pain and sores.
- 6th Bowl:** The plague: the enemy was gathered to the Battle of Armageddon.
- 7th Bowl:** The plague: a great earthquake and hail shook the whole Earth.

THE “ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION”

THE ANTICHRIST AND FALSE PROPHET RETURN TO ISRAEL

At the midpoint of the Tribulation, the world is hurting and appears things couldn't get any worse. But when the Antichrist and False Prophet make their way to Jerusalem, things do get worse, well beyond anyone's imagination. Many events will take place in what is likely to be a thirty-day timeframe which coincides with Daniel giving the second half of the Tribulation an added thirty-days. There are now “1290 days” until Jesus returns as King. The list below highlights the key biblical events that take place during this time, the sequence and duration for each remain unknown.

- *The Antichrist returns to Jerusalem and breaks his seven-year covenant with Israel.*
- *The Antichrist kills God Two Witnesses who 3½ days later, are resurrected and ascend to Heaven.*
- *The Antichrist receives a fatal wound and is healed. Perhaps while battling God's Witnesses?*
- *The Antichrist enters Israel's Third Temple and commits the “Abomination of Desolation”.*
- *Israel realizes the Antichrist is not their Messiah, rejects him, and flees to the mountains.*
- *The False Prophet mandates the worship of the Antichrist. The “Mark of the Beast” is finally / officially revealed.*
- *The Great Tribulation begins!*

THE ANTICHRIST RECEIVES A DEADLY WOUND

Earlier in our study, the battle between the Antichrist and God's Two Witnesses was briefly discussed, we will pick up our storyline from there. We begin with Apostle John's description of a key event that I have always found puzzling, a connection to the deadly wound the Antichrist receives and what I believe it represents.

“... and his deadly wound [the Antichrist is killed or is near death] was healed [perhaps ‘magically’ revived by the False Prophet] and all the world marveled [a televised event] and followed the beast [the Antichrist becomes even more popular]” (Revelation 13: 3)

When the Antichrist returns to Jerusalem at the midpoint of the Tribulation, things are extremely ‘crazy’, the world is a tinderbox, yet the worst is just around the corner. We do know shortly after the Antichrist's return, “God's Two Witnesses” are killed by the Antichrist, so there is a battle. From the Scripture above we learn the Antichrist was attacked and received a “deadly wound” from which he either dies or comes close to death, he is then revived / healed. Yet there is no detail in Scripture that reveals what the wound is, or who the attacker is? Let me offer two possible scenarios as to how this deadly wound happens and then you can pray for discernment.

Deadly Wound Scenario #1: *When the Antichrist returns to Jerusalem he battles with, and kills, God's Two Witnesses. It is at that time he too receives a “deadly wound” while in battle against one of God's Witnesses.*

Deadly Wound Scenario #2: *Julius Caesar in 44 B.C., was assassinated by forty Roman Senators on the ‘Ides of March’. Caesar's death resulted in a long series of civil wars that ended in the death of the Roman Republic and the birth of the Roman Empire. In this scenario, if we parallel Caesar's death sequence, the Antichrist is attacked from one or more persons within the New World Order, yet he survives. Turmoil ensues! This would bring Phase One of the NWO to it's end, and Phase Two of the NWO would then begin with the Antichrist as an absolute, depraved dictator, calling himself, ‘god’. Soon we learn he will have an identical “Image” of himself that can decree whether a person lives or dies, and this image is to be worshipped!*

In both scenarios, the healed Antichrist and his image can be achieved by the False Prophet utilizing ‘AI and Transhuman Technology’. More on this in Part C Appendix.

MANDATED WORSHIP OF THE BEAST

THE FALSE PROPHET AND THE IMAGE OF THE BEAST

One of the most studied and debated portions of Scripture is presented below. It is complicated, puzzling, mysterious, interesting, scary, and enlightening all at the same time. We will look in brief at the major components of this prophesy and I will make a humble attempt to break this down. There have been hundreds of books either written exclusively to present this, or portions of a broader work that include this subject. I have read a dozen or so myself.

“Then I saw another beast [The False Prophet] coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence [the False Prophet is co-equal to the Antichrist but only in his presence], and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast [the New World Order Religion Phase One now transitions to Phase Two, please see Part C Appendix for various scenarios], whose deadly wound was healed”. He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image [A digital and/ or transhuman form] to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. He was granted power to give breath [Likely an AI interface that can communicate and read facial expressions] to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, [Every human being must comply or die, the Image has power over life and death] to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.” (Revelation 13: 11-17)

The identity of the False Prophet, like the identity of the Antichrist, is a well-guarded secret in Scripture. Although Scripture gives us many clues, and biblical scholars have many hypotheses, the real identity of this horribly evil person is directly tied to Mystery Babylon, as previously discussed. I personally believe the False Prophet is a figure head to either the largest or second largest religion in the world today. Not intending to offend anyone, I will present three scenarios, one of which I expect to be correct, and I hope and pray that I, my loved ones, and those of you reading this now, will not be alive in our physical body at that time, to prove me right or wrong. The three scenarios I present are logical, well researched, an unbiased, and will be presented in Part C Appendix.

TRANSUBSTANTIATION AND THE “ABOMINATION THAT MAKES DESOLATE”

Although Scripture does not say the Antichrist is literally ‘dead’, “his deadly wound” suggests either death or a near-death experience. In either case, I believe the Antichrist with the assistance of the False Prophet will enter Israel’s Third Temple, and with all the world as witness, the False Prophet will resurrect the Antichrist from death. At the Altar in the Holy of Holies, I believe the False Prophet will raise his golden challis, will lift it up and offer it to Satan (not to God), that being the actual flesh and blood of the Antichrist. This is the ‘Unholy Grail’. The False Prophet will then eat his flesh and drink his blood, making the False Prophet ‘one’ with the Antichrist. When Satan accepts this offering, and he will, this becomes the “*abomination that makes desolate*” When the Antichrist reemerges from the Temple fully recovered from his mortal wound, it will appear to the unrepentant of this world, that the False Prophet can perform ‘miracles’, and the Antichrist made ‘whole’ again, is proof. This I believe is the prophetic fulfillment of the Prophet Daniel’s vision. Read Daniel 11: 29-36 on your own.

A point to be made here is that this act of worship is an evil, twisted form of ‘Transubstantiation’ which is based on the Catholic Church’s ‘Eucharistic Sacrifice’. It is not the same thing of course, it will however, be deceptively similar. What is Transubstantiation? A letter written in 1202 by Pope Innocent III explains this ‘Church Tradition’; ‘Christ’s body and blood are truly contained in the sacrament of the altar under the appearances of bread and wine, the bread and wine being transubstantiated [miraculously changed] into the body and blood of the divine’. Although I disagree entirely with the Catholic Church’s teaching on transubstantiation, because there will be so many left-behind Christians that are familiar with, or have participated in this practice, it may be used as a means to recruit those having diminished faith to the ‘dark side’.

WORSHIPPING THE BEAST: THE IMAGE, THE MARK, THE NAME, THE NUMBER OF HIS NAME

As the supreme purveyor of all lies and deceit, the False Prophet will oversee the implementation of some form of an 'idol to be 'worshipped', Scripture calls it an "Image". Like the good 'ole days when the Gentile simpletons worshipped Baal and Moloch carved from stone, and they sacrificed babies to these objects. How stupid could human beings be! But, no one does that today, right? We live in an enlightened society today, right? No one from Harvard or Stanford would dance around a 30' concrete owl wearing a silly robe and hat, right? Just for fun, if you have internet access, search for images of the 'Bohemian Grove Owl' and learn for yourself, people are still people, and stupid is still stupid. The following is a brief description coming from multiple internet sources addressing this topic: 'The Bohemian Grove is a restricted 2,700-acre campground in Monte Rio, California. Founded in 1878, it belongs to a private gentlemen's club known as the Bohemian Club. In mid-July each year, the Bohemian Grove in Northern California, hosts an international event that includes some of the most prominent and influential men in the world'. If the photos interest you, dig a little deeper and discover the 'Who's Who' of the attendees, I am certain you will be surprised. Heavy drinking and dancing around a 30' tall owl in the middle of nowhere....seriously?

Below we have two portions of Scripture, one coming from the Book of Exodus, and one from the Book of Revelation, both of which speak to the issue of worshipping an "image." You would think man could finally figure out right from wrong, worshipping something made from wood, stone, or AI technology... nope, simpletons are still simpletons. What you may glean from the Scripture below is that God knew this was going to be such a problem for mankind, when God gave us the Ten Commandments, He ranked His warning of worshipping an image as #2, it is that important. What we then find in the very last book of the Bible is God reminding us how important Commandment #2 really was, is, and will be, in our near future. Heed God's warning!

Commandment #2 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image...You shall not bow down to them or serve them" (Exodus 20:4-5)

"And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed" (Revelation 13: 15)

Scripture tells us there will be an idol that the people of the world will be required to worship, it is referred to as the "Image of the Beast." We now understand the Antichrist has a near-death experience, and the False Prophet makes an "Image" of the Antichrist, an image intended to be worshipped. And... the False Prophet is able to give it "life". Not real life of course, only God the Creator has that power. The masses of evil adherents that come to believe the False Prophet is a miracle worker and the Antichrist is 'god', will certainly be fooled. This "Image" will likely be some super high-tech, transhuman, using A.I. of course. No doubt many will be awestruck by its 'existence'. It will be a killing machine that will have everyone fooled that it is alive, all-knowing, all-seeing and all-powerful. Think 'Frankenstein's Monster', include twenty-first century technology, combine that with true-evil intentions, and voila, you have a new, improved: 'Antichrist V2'. 'It' will know who is and who is not in compliance. With today's technology, the elitists who are frolicking around in the Bohemian Grove are likely just 'letting loose' and being stupid. When the image of the Antichrist is 'up and running' there is no frolicking, it is serious business. Even those who consider themselves to be 'The Elite of the Elite of the world', will bow down and worship this... whatever it is!

The "Mark Of The Beast" Worshipping the "Image of the Beast" will be mandated, a term we are all familiar with now. Vaccines, wearing a mask, lockdowns-all just practice for 'the big game'! The consequence of non-compliance when it comes to the worship of the Image of the Beast is simple... death by beheading! All the Lemmings of the world will say 'OK', but will ask: 'To worship... do I get down on one or two knees?'

To worship the Image of the Beast will literally be, a 'life-or-death decision'. People will not be able to "Buy or sell" without taking His "Mark" upon their bodies. By doing so, this will be the ultimate insult to God the Creator. Consider this an "unforgivable sin", as anyone who wears the "Mark of the Beast", must first reject God's offer of Salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. A freewill choice that will affect the eternity of the person's soul.

"... and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." (Revelation 13: 17)

“The Name Of The Beast... Or... The Number Of His Name... 666” Almost everyone today has heard of the number “666” and of its association with the ‘Devil’. Let us address the two most commonly asked questions: 1) How does one calculate the number of a name, and 2) Why is the number important? For those who don’t know, let me introduce you to ‘Gematria’. Gematria is the most likely means by which this can be accomplished, it is defined as, ‘The practice of assigning a numerical value to a name, a word or a phrase by reading it as a number. Sometimes an ‘Alphanumerical Cipher’ is required. Hebrew and Greek are the two principal languages that use gematria, to learn gematria is like learning a new language. As an example, in Greek, ‘Katalambano’ means ‘to comprehend’ and its numerical equivalent using gematria is 2638. Katalambano? Or should I say, 2638?

Second, and most importantly, gematria will be used to verify the Antichrist’s name ‘after’ he is revealed and not before. Any attempt to discover who the Antichrist is before the person Satan has chosen and has personally embodied, is nothing but a ‘best guess’. Today, for some Bible enthusiasts it is a hobby, others an obsession.

Please note, the Antichrist is first revealed when he makes a seven-year covenant with Israel and other nations, he will then give Israel permission to build their Third Temple. I believe this will not happen until after the Rapture of the Church has taken place. The second reveal of the Antichrist comes 3½ years later when he desecrates Israel’s Temple, declares he is ‘god’. In defiance of God the Creator, he will proclaim he is to be worshipped. Furthering his defiance of God, he will then require an outward, visible sign of his worship as a person is to wear his name, the number of his name, or his mark on a person’s forehead or right hand.

What is interesting to me is that for the first 3½ years, the Jews in Israel will consider this ‘King of the ‘New World Order’ to be their Messiah, but then when he commits the “Abomination of Desolation”, they will see him for who he really is, and according to Scripture, a “Remnant of Israel” will then flee and hide in the mountains and there, God will keep them safe. The rest of the world however, will be confronted with two options: A) Worship the Beast, or B) Don’t worship the Beast... kneel down and be beheaded. The majority in the world will choose ‘Option A’. They will show their worship of the beast and will frolic and dance around his image. I do not doubt that some of these frolickers were at the Bohemian Grove in 2024.

“Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666” (Revelation 13: 18)

IN SUMMARY: THE ETERNAL CONSEQUENCES OF WORSHIPPING THE BEAST

No one can say, nor should they, that they know ‘Mr. X’ or ‘Company Y’ have purposeful intent to fulfill the specific biblical prophecy by making “*The Mark of the Beast*” a physical reality. Only God knows “*the thoughts and intents of the heart.*” What is important is that God has now given us the discernment to understand what is happening, and for us to be prepared and to act accordingly. God will reveal all in do time.

“*In order to buy or to sell*”, the False Prophet will require the world’s global citizens, to wear on their body the “*Mark of the Beast*”. I believe the Mark of the Beast may become a reality when the International Patent ‘WO/2020/060606’ is fully operational. In Part C Appendices, a unique solution to what the Mark of the Beast ‘may’ ultimately be, is presented in detail. It is technologically advanced and challenging to understand, it is hiding in plain sight, and component parts are being tested at the time of this writing. I think you’ll find that at the very least, it is a fascinating scenario to consider. The Mark of the Beast, in whatever its final form, will be here soon enough.

Please understand, worship is a willful act. The False Prophet will put those who willfully refuse to worship the “*Mark of the Beast*”, under a mandatory death sentence. No one can later erase, paint over the Mark, or get a ‘Do over’ if they later ‘See the light’ so to speak. Prior to willfully taking this Mark, you still have hope, however, once you bear this Mark on your right hand or on your forehead, eternal damnation is your destiny. Those who willfully reject the Mark of the Beast may likely die in their faith, but know this, Scripture says these faithful ones will wear a Martyr’s Crown in Paradise and will surely have a place of honor at the Great Wedding Feast. Have faith and reject fear.

“Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell” (Matthew 10: 28)

THE SEVEN-YEAR TRIBULATION ENDS

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When Jesus returns, possibly today, He does so in secret, He comes FOR His Bride. This is the Rapture of the Church, and very shortly thereafter, the Seven-Year Tribulation begins. Seven-years later Jesus will return again, this is known as the “*Second Coming*” of Christ. He does so in such a spectacular manner that the whole Earth will be in awe. When Jesus returns the second time, He will be WITH His Bride, and with the Angels of God. Jesus will come in the clouds, in full Glory, and His return decisively brings an end to the Great Tribulation. To be clear, the first return of Jesus is intentionally a secret, the Second Coming of Jesus is intentionally a spectacle for the whole world to know in their mind, to see with their eyes, to experience in body and in spirit, the reality of God’s Kingdom come!

When Jesus the King returns, He returns to the Battle of Armageddon and there He defeats the enemies of God. Jesus will gather His Elect and the “*Remnant of Israel*” and will then establish God’s Kingdom on Earth. The Great Tribulation officially ends and the Kingdom of God officially begins. Although the Bride is not specifically mentioned as being with Jesus when He returns to Earth as the conquering King, it is entirely logical to conclude we are either with Him or remain safely in the clouds as witness to His glorious return and His victories in battle. Jesus may or may not give His Wife a sword to fight with, however, it is safe to say with confidence, the Bride of Christ regardless of her role or proximity, will be cheering on her Husband, her Lord and Savior, King Jesus!

“... For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together...”
(Matthew 24: 27-28)

- *“... as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be...”* The Rapture was intentionally a secret, this will be intentionally a spectacular, world-wide event! No one will mistake our Lord’s “Second Coming”!
- *“... For wherever the carcass is...”* The reference to “carcass” has to do with whoever and wherever the remaining evil people of the world are, they will be gathered together to meet their demise.
- *“... there the eagles will be gathered together...”* The “eagles... gathered together” I believe are a literal sign in the sky as they circle above the carcasses below, that the enemies of the Lion of Judah are dead. This encourages me not to give up hope and to know, that we, the true-Christians, are on the winning team.

“BLESSED IS HE WHO WAITS AND COMES TO THE 1335TH DAY”

The list shown below includes prophetically foretold events given to us by Daniel nearly 600 years BC. It is unknown if these events were prophesied in sequence, but we do know from Scripture that Jesus will be very busy upon His return as the King of kings. He will have a lot to do to clean up the carnage man will leave behind, fulfill a multitude of prophecies, and establish God’s Kingdom on Earth. Because there is so much that will take place in this time period, I believe ‘The Business of the King’ will last 45-days, exactly as Daniel prophesized.

- *“The Heavens shall be shaken”.*
- *The “Battle Of Armageddon” takes place.*
- *‘Hell’s Evil Duo’ is captured and thrown into the Lake of Fire.*
- *“Satan is bound” and sent to the “Abyss” for one-thousand years.*
- *A “Remnant of Israel shall be saved”.*
- *The gathering and sorting of Tribulation Survivors.*
- *The “Resurrection [and Judgement] of the Righteous” takes place.*
- *The establishment of governance and worship is established, “On Earth as it is in Heaven”.*
- *God will cleanse the Earth by Fire, “Like” the “Days Of Lot”.*

The Apostle John said, “*Blessed is he who waits until the 1335th day*”. Let’s do a little math: 1260 days for the Great Tribulation + 30 days for the “*Abomination of Desolation*” + 45 days to establish on Earth, “*Thy Kingdom come...*”.1335 days exactly as prophesized!

FULFILLED: THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

So, what will we do in “*Thy Kingdom come...*”, our job, our title, our responsibilities? No one can know until Jesus himself delegates these things to all of His faithful. In this life we are each given certain “*gifts of the spirit*” and we are expected to win souls for God’s Kingdom using these gifts. ‘What if’, in God’s future Kingdom, we will still have these same gifts, and perhaps are given new spiritual gifts from the Holy Spirit. I believe there is a yet future intention for us to help the Tribulation survivors, these are the “*Sheep*” in our Lord’s “*Parable of the Sheep and Goats*”, those who enter the Millennial Kingdom in their physical bodies. Perhaps we will be expected to help them maintain and grow in faith. Let’s not forget their future offspring as well, I refer to the future generation(s) as, ‘*Millennials*’. They will have no first-hand experience with ‘former things’, the bad nor the good, and they too may need help to establish their faith and help in maintaining their faith for the next 1000 years.

As we read the “*Parable of the Talents*” below, I believe Jesus is clearly addressing the issue of ‘*Works*’. It appears that in this life we have each been given “*talents*”, which could mean gifts, abilities, etc., as well as personal wealth. In this Parable however, a “*Talent*” is specifically a reference to “*money*”. God clearly expresses that He has specific expectations for each of us, and His expectations are directly proportional to our “*talents*”. Do know, we are “*Saved by God’s Gift of Grace*”, yet our eternal rewards are based on our “*Works of Faith*”.

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods [Blessings and abilities given to us from God] to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them and made another five talents. And likewise, he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground and hid his lord’s money [This makes clear, a Talent is not literal money, but has value like money]. After a long time, the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them [Judgement]. So, he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents... He also who had received two talents came and said, ‘Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them... His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord [In God’s Kingdom come].’ Then he who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours. But his lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed and at my coming, I would have received back my own with interest. Therefore, take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. ‘For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away [The “saved” are spared from the “Lake of Fire”, however, their eternity would have been much better if they had “Works of Faith” accomplished for God’s Kingdom, that will be tried, tested, and rewarded]” (Matthew 25: 14-29)

- *“... To one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability...” In this life God has given us both gifts and challenges, I call this ‘Life’s Degree Of Difficulty’. God gives us only what we are able to handle. God knows us because He created us. God’s expectations are perfectly aligned with and proportionate to the gifts He has given us.*
- *“...Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord...” We are to win souls for God’s Kingdom! Whatever my gifts are and whatever my challenges, God expects favorable results. To be made “a ruler over many things” is a blessing for sure. To hear God say to you (to me), “Well done good and faithful servant” are words more precious than all of the riches in this world!*
- *“... For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away” God uses a reference to ‘earning interest’, like a bank today receives interest when a person borrows money. In this Parable if we give back to God more than we received, in turn, we will be given even more in God’s Kingdom, and that ‘return on the invest God makes on our behalf is forever! Some will receive no reward and even their original gifts are taken back. That too, is eternal.*

FOR THOSE LEFT BEHIND: HOW TO FIND YOUR WAY HOME

Daniel's 'Missing Week' (Seven Years), is also known as "*The time of Jacob's trouble*", and the "*Seven-Year Tribulation*". To be specific, according to Daniel the Prophet, this will be 2595 literal days, as analyzed previously! The Tribulation is triggered by the 'secret return' of Jesus for His Church. The Tribulation will come to its conclusion when Jesus returns at His "*Second Coming*", it is at that time Jesus will establish God's Kingdom on Earth for 1000 years. These two monumental, forever to be celebrated events, are like 'bookends' to the Seven-Year Tribulation.

The Rapture: "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only" (Matthew 24: 36)

The "Second Coming": "Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God" (Revelation 19: 11-13)

Perhaps half of the left-behind Christians, those who know Jesus in name only, not with their heart, will become angry with God, because God did not choose them to be a part of the "*Bride of Christ*", and were not taken at the Rapture. In their own minds they are righteous and therefore, God made an error in judgement. The Sin of Pride exacerbates their anger, and some will willingly worship the Antichrist and take his Mark. A sin that comes with eternal consequences.

Perhaps the other half of the left-behind Christians will realize they were not ready in the moment Jesus returned for His Bride and they will now realize they have life's ultimate challenge just ahead. They were perhaps caught up with the cares of this world when that glorious moment came and went. God has not given up on them, so they should not give up on God. These will be disappointed in themselves but will be revitalized in their faith. They will now realize the clock is already ticking down and soon, Jesus the King will return (again), not in secret but this time in glory for all eyes to see His appearing. Some of these will die as Martyrs, some will survive the Tribulation. They will know they must be loving and kind towards those less fortunate than themselves, and they will know they must help others come to have faith in King Jesus, and of His soon return. Start counting sunsets!

The seven years on Earth that follow the Rapture of the Church will be the bloodiest, most horrific period of evil the world will ever have known. Jews and Christians will come against the unrelenting hatred of Satan and his two henchmen, the Antichrist and False Prophet. At the same time, God's "*Twenty-One Judgements*" will be "*poured out*" upon an unrepentant world. Like Israel when the "*Angel of Death*" came upon the Egyptian families, those who had faith in God and placed the blood of the lamb on the door posts to their homes, were spared from God's wrath. So too, for those who repent and receive the Gospel of Jesus the King, they will be protected from God's wrath. There will be many during the Tribulation who find God's mercy and will be spared, and many others will die as Martyrs for Christ holding fast to their faith. What an honor.

Be warned... God's Gift of Grace expires when the Rapture takes place, all who are saved after this time must not only repent and express their faith, they must show their faith by their works, this is accomplished by helping those less fortunate than themselves. Those left-behind Christians who survive the Tribulation, must now realize they will not be seen by God as the "*Bride of Christ*", rather, they will be seen as the "*Sheep*" in the "*Parable of the Sheep and Goats*". Acts of kindness towards others will be required, as the Apostle James so eloquently says,

"Someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. (James 2: 18)

For those of you who are reading this 'after the fact', meaning Post Rapture, it is my hope you will hold on to your faith with great conviction and with great certainty, the "*Gospel*" Jesus proclaimed, will be fulfilled in less than seven years post Rapture. Stay strong, keep your faith, and never take the "*Mark of the Beast*". "*Fear not man who can kill the body, fear God who can kill the body and the soul*".

PERSONAL NOTES:

Part B:
When Jesus Returns . . . His Bride

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Jesus said to them,

*“When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven”
(Luke 11: 2)*

*“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and
believe in the gospel” (Mark 1: 15)*

*“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a
witness to all the nations, and then the end will come”
(Matthew 24: 14)*