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“LET US HEAR THE CONCLUSION OF THE WHOLE MATTER: FEAR GOD, AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS: FOR THIS IS THE WHOLE DUTY OF MAN.” Ecclesiastes 12:13

“But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.” I Thessalonians 4:13-14

Jesus Christ is coming again, there will be a resurrection of the dead. There will be a RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH. “For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.” This is verse 15, — So then the live saints have nothing to do with the dead saints. Let’s see what verse 16 says. “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the arch-angel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first.” This doesn’t look like a SLIP IN, SLIP OUT, JOB TO ME. God does not have to steal something that is already His. “Then we which are alive and remain shall be CAUGHT UP together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.” Verse 17 Sometime in my future, and in your future this is going to happen.

The church of today is being BEGUILED WITH ENTICING WORDS OF MEN. Read Colossians 2:4 Satan’s people will spend hour upon hour to come up with something to deceive the people with. He will have false prophets to present the word of God in a way it will be completely misunderstood. Thus leading them to believe something they do not want to believe. Sooner or later they will not want to hear anything else.

“A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land; The prophets PROPHECY FALSELY, and the priests bear rule by their means; AND MY PEOPLE LOVE TO HAVE IT SO: and what will ye do in the end thereof?” Jeremiah 5:30-31 There very well could be a lot of things we like to hear, but after all is said and done, if those things are wrong, it will be much harder to make SPIRITUAL ADJUSTMENTS than it would be if we made them now. Let’s just suppose the good old RAPTURE DOCTRINE we have heard so much about is wrong, WHAT WILL WE DO IN THE END THEREOF?

YOU WILL FIND SOME SCRIPTURES QUOTED QUITE FREQUENTLY, BUT THIS IS TO BE SURE THE READER IS WELL INFORMED ON THIS SUBJECT. SCRIPTURES QUOTED ARE FROM THE KING JAMES VERSION OF THE BIBLE AND MANY WORDS ARE CAPITALIZED AND UNDERSCORED FOR EMPHASIS FOR THE READER.

There seems to be a great difference in the church today concerning the coming of Jesus, the rapture, the rise of the Anti-Christ and the judgement of God. The Bible gives us a very simple answer to all of this. In the paragraphs that follow, we believe you will be enlightened to the real truth concerning these subjects. We are not going to quarrel with anyone, but give simple facts, using Bible scripture to make it very plain to be understood by the reader. One thing for sure, JESUS IS COMING AGAIN—there will be an ANTI-CHRIST—there will be a JUDGEMENT OF GOD. It will pay the reader to be informed and much prepared for what is just ahead for the whole world.

“Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master’s crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider.” Isaiah 1:2-3. With the time being as it is and with world conditions as they are, it is time to believe truth and embrace such. It is time to let truth set us free. St. John 8:32. As we begin this message, let us look at II Thessalonians, Chapter 2, verse 1-2: “Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.”

Why so much warning from the apostles? II Thessalonians 2:3 says, “Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;” The apostles knew what was going to happen in the last days. It is a shame modern day preachers and teachers will not follow what the early apostles taught us. “Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry ye out, and cry: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink. For the Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered.” Isaiah 29:9-10.

In the New Testament it is called strong delusion. II Thessalonians 2:11. This is happening today in the ministry. Why? There are many who are looking for an easy way out. Please, please read all of II Thessalonians, chapter 2. Much information is given to the honest saint. “Wherefore the LORD said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:” Isaiah 29:13.

The coming of the Lord and the gathering takes place simultaneously. What is the Apostle Paul talking about? He is telling us about the coming of the Lord Jesus and our gathering unto Him. The gathering unto Him no doubt is the first resurrection or what most people call the rapture. But look at this part of the message in II Thessalonians 2:2: “That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.” There was a misunderstanding here and the Apostle Paul knew it. He proceeded to explain

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what would happen and how. Remember, the two events of verse one take place at the same time or very close to it. Look at verse 3. There is a falling away first, then the man of sin is revealed. The more we see the falling way, the more we see the man of sin is being revealed. God is making this very plain as the word is fulfilled. Let us go back to St. John's gospel, chapter 16:8, Jesus speaking concerning the Holy Ghost. "And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgement."

This reprovng is going to keep (hold back) not only sin, but will keep the Anti-Christ from rising until the Holy Ghost stops reprovng or lets up on the reprovng. Even now, we are seeing the falling away from the real truth concerning the end-time. I Timothy 4:1 Remember, it is not the church being raptured before the Anti-Christ. The church will not be raptured before the rise of the Anti-Christ, even in the apostles time, Anti-Christ's were already in the world. "And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is NOT OF GOD: and this is that spirit of ANTI-CHRIST, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world." I John 4:3 Preachers teaching the rapture before Anti-Christ are in error because of the misleading of a seducing spirit in the year of 1830.

Here is just one report on the history of this event: From the book "The Rapture" by Oscar Lewis: In one of the Irvingite meetings in 1830 a woman, professing to be under the influence of the Spirit of God, gave a message to the effect that the church would not go through the great tribulation, as had always been supposed, but would be raptured out of it. Since the Irvingites believed all such messages were inspired, and took them at face value, of course they had to believe this one along with the rest, although it contradicted what they understood the Scriptures to plainly teach. Later many of them came to question the origin of those "messages" and then to attribute them to demons — because of the accompanying "manifestations" — and so to reject them entirely. Then an era of sanity followed, and "Irvingism" died, the good perishing along with the bad.

But this particular "message" to the effect that the church would be raptured before the Tribulation had fallen into soil favourable to its rapid growth, and so took hold in the fleshly desires of men, where it found a ready audience — like as today. This pernicious doctrine soon reached the ears of the leaders of The Plymouth Brethren, who accepted it, along with much other error, and began to propagate it extensively. This woman was the first voice to ever be raised — and that in a "spirit message" — in the teaching of such a doctrine. No Christian writer through eighteen centuries had ever hinted at, or set forth, such a doctrine. It remained for the "Irvingite" woman to be the first to teach it. This beginning was about 1830, during the ministry of Chas. H. Spurgeon, Dr. Tregelles, and George Mueller, all of whom opposed it.

So Pre-Tribulation-Rapturism is a new doctrine without the support of even a single text of Scripture. Every Bible writer from Daniel to the Revelator stands in solid opposition to this doctrine. And not one of the early church fathers or writers sanction or set it forth. But once this flesh-pleasing doctrine was advanced multitudes soon ran to a supposed shelter from the coming tribulation, and today this deception is everywhere, and to oppose it is to lay oneself liable to the severest criticism and also to outright ostracism. The writer recently asked, "How did it ever get such a start and hold upon so many"? The answer was: "The same way as has Russelism, Christian Science, Unity, Mormonism, Spiritualism and all the Cults taken hold upon people as they have — simply by believing what they were taught; supposing it was Scriptural."

Let us remember this—It must take a Pentecostal manifestation of some kind to deceive Pentecostal people. According to this article, this is just what happened. None of the rapture ministers, nor any of the rapture preachers, that I know of, have refuted this. If we read the word of God with an open heart, we would not have to resort to this. I can personally say, I have always resorted to scripture for what I preach and write. I have known since I was a very young Christian, the Anti-Christ would rise before the rapture of the church. "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are RAVENING WOLVES." Matthew 7:15.

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;" I Timothy 4:1-2 Let's break this down to understanding. The Holy Ghost spoke expressly (very plain). The apostle made it very clear he was listening to the Spirit of God: these enticing spirits are going to sway the minds of men into doctrines that are not scriptural. One of them is concerning the rapture and Anti-Christ Tribulation. (Notice I said Anti-Christ Tribulation.) The Tribulation of Anti-Christ has nothing at all to do with the wrath of God. The Anti-Christ Tribulation is deception in the church. He will speak lies in hypocrisy—he will say he is God, he will demand worship, he will give the mark (666). "And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." Revelation 13:17 You must have the mark or the number of his name in your right hand or forehead before you buy or sell (verse 16). The Anti-Christ has nothing at all to do with the opening of the seals, vials or trumpet judgements of God. What we have at the beginning of this great falling away is false prophets in sheep's clothing. Let no man deceive you.

The reason for this is to let the reader know what has happened. Modern day preachers and teachers on this subject have been deceived by a spirit that is not of God. Remember what the Apostle Paul said in II Thessalonians, Chapter 2, where he talked about being deceived by a spirit. Then in I Timothy 4:1, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;" Then what? The spirit spoke expressly (erased all doubt). They leave the true teaching of the word, giving heed or giving attention to such doctrines, then teaching such doctrines, verse 2.

FALSE PROPHETS: Matthew 7:15; 24:11

FALSE CHRISTS: Matthew 24:24

FALSE APOSTLES: II Corinthians 11:13

FALSE TEACHERS: II Peter 2:1

False Prophets: “Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.” Matthew 7:15 “And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.” Matthew 24:11

False Christs: “For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.” Matthew 24:24. It looks as though the very elect are going to be challenged by false doctrines in the last days, and it will be done by lying signs and wonders. We must remember, once the spirit of deception enters into someone, the people who are following this individual are subject to the same deception, or spirit.

False Apostles: “But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we. For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.” II Corinthians 11:12-13.

Read it again, then open your heart and see what is going on in the church world today: False apostles, false prophets, false teachers, false Christs, seek that office and obtain it by transforming themselves. II Corinthians 11:12-13. Verse 12 says they desire occasion or opportunity.

- They become deceitful workers.
- They pose as true men of God.
- They glorify themselves in the presence of others.
- They exalt themselves to great knowledge. At the same time, they seek to keep their followers in low esteem.

False Teachers: “But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily (secretly or sly like a fox) shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.” II Peter 2:1.

These scriptures let us know that some people and even ministers are not going to accept truth, (even though they know it) but will live the life of self-destruction. Even until the coming of the Lord Jesus. Let us go back to II Thessalonians, chapter 2, verse 4. The apostle tells us, the Anti-Christ or the man of sin, son of perdition, will exalt himself above all that is called God. Sitting in the temple of God. Showing himself that he is God. Eventually this individual will demand to be worshiped by all nations, tongues, kindred. Revelation 13:7

In II Thessalonians 2:5 he says, “Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?” Oh! Friend, wake up to the truth of scripture. Don’t be tossed to and fro with doctrines of devils. One thing for sure, we cannot say we haven’t been warned concerning these things. If it is not in your Bible, do not accept it. You must read and study the scriptures for yourself. Check out what the preacher or whoever they are says, with your Bible, regardless of the confidence you have in them. Now verse 6: Paul says, “And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.” Question: If the apostle knew the church would be raptured before the Anti-Christ Tribulation, why did he take such pain in telling them so much about the Anti-Christ - verse 12: man of sin?

Again, I must remind the reader the “falling away” - or apostasy II Thessalonians 2:3 which means — abandoning or turning away from what one believed in. Seducing spirits are ready to introduce doctrines that are not scriptural to those who depart from the true faith of Jesus. I Timothy 4:1

The Apostles death — Foxe’s Book of Martyrs:

- James was beheaded.
- Thomas was killed with a dart.
- Mark burned, being drawn into the fire with ropes.
- Andrew was crucified on a cross proclaiming, with a willing mind, joyfully and desirously, I come to thee.
- Matthew, also Levi, were speared.
- Peter was crucified upside down.
- Paul was beheaded by Nero.

None of these men went around preaching rapture—but rather just the opposite. Read the Bible. “Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever: That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD: Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits:” Isaiah 30:8-10

This is what the lukewarm church of today is looking for. No one wants sound doctrine, no one wants holiness and righteousness. Give us the God of blessing only. If He is a God of judgement cause Him to cease from before us. In other words, give me blessing only. Forget the armour, dedication and submission to God’s will.

The falling away and departing from the faith does not mean people will quit going to church. This happens while the church is still on earth. There would be no need to teach false doctrines if the church has already been raptured. The seducing spirits and doctrines are brought in for the purpose of deceiving the very elect, if possible. There would be no need to try to deceive sinners. They are already lost because they have never been born again. It is very possible that false teaching will cause more people to be lost than any of the works of the flesh. There are churches today who have as many as twenty thousand members. Hundreds have five thousand or more. To have this many people deceived at one time would be a disaster in the church. If all you hear is the prosperity doctrine in a church, you can mark it

down, something is wrong. I believe any minister of the Gospel who only teaches this, and does not warn the people, are in danger of losing their soul. These preachers, teachers, and prophets who dwell on the GET RICH message, should at least tell them, IT IS HARD FOR A RICH MAN TO ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. Matthew 19:23-24; Mark 10:23-24; Luke 18:24 Jesus said this, I didn't. So then the more one accumulates in this life, the harder it will be for them to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Not that they cannot go in, but it will make it more difficult. Some of the preachers are saying you cannot go in unless you are rich.

Let's see if they are right or not:

- "He that trusteth in his riches shall fall." Proverbs 11:28
- "Riches profit not in the day of wrath." Proverbs 11:4
- "Let not the rich man glory in his riches." Jeremiah 9:23
- "Riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt." Ecclesiastes 5:13.
- "Riches are deceitful." Matthew 13:22; Mark 4:19; Luke 8:14
- "They that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare..." I Timothy 6:9
- "They are not to trust in uncertain riches..." I Timothy 6:17

Now read this:

- "Riches of His goodness." Romans 2:4
- "Riches of His glory." Romans 9:23
- "Riches of His grace." Ephesians 1:7; 2:7
- "Unsearchable riches of Christ." Ephesians 3:8
- "Riches in glory." Philippians 4:19
- "Riches of full assurance." Colossians 2:2

These are the riches the church should seek. We are told to put on the whole armour of God, that we might be able to withstand in the evil day. Ephesians 6:13 Not lay up treasures for ourself, but be rich toward God. Luke 12:21 If you are bored by now, look at Revelation 3:17 as John is writing to the church at Laodicea. "Because thou sayest, I AM RICH, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:" What a mess—this church could see its riches—but could not see it was wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked. Ladies and gentlemen, we have arrived. Believe it or not.

God's prophetic time clock is in the evening time. It is ticking toward the midnight hour. The church of Jesus Christ is soon to have a rude awakening. Decision time is now, what are your plans concerning the Kingdom of God at this moment? Do you believe you can go on as you are or are you going to put on the armour of God? — Add to your faith. — II Peter 1:5 — Present your body a living sacrifice. Romans 12:1.

"They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people SLIGHTLY, SAYING, PEACE, PEACE; when there is no peace. WERE THEY ASHAMED when they had committed abomination? NAY, THEY WERE NOT AT ALL ASHAMED, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD. Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ASK FOR THE OLD PATHS, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. BUT THEY SAID, WE WILL NOT WALK THEREIN." Jeremiah 6:14-16.

Once seducing spirits have made THEMSELVES SECURE in those who have departed from the faith, they will then hold them under their control, and will not allow the whole truth to be revealed concerning the end-time and the Anti-Christ Tribulation. "Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace; and one built up a wall, and, lo, others DAUBED IT WITH UNTEMPERED MORTAR: Say unto them which daubed it with untempered mortar, that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rend it. Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said unto you, WHERE IS THE DAUBING wherewith ye have daubed it?" Ezekiel 13:10-12. The evidence is very clear concerning what is going on in the ministry today. But where are the watchmen of this hour? Most have turned their eyes, in order not to be criticized and ridiculed for the truth of the Gospel of Christ. Ezekiel 13:14.

Have you noticed one mistake several of the rapture preachers make? I know some will preach the rapture doctrine and say, Jesus could come at any moment, then on the same broadcast tell how God has spoken to them to build a large facility of some kind. I guess they don't realize it will take two or three years to build it. Walls are still being built with untempered mortar.

In fact, I have in my possession a brochure from a minister who has said the Lord just recently directed him to move his entire headquarters to Texas, which will surely take several months to construct all the buildings; and if the ministry is used to evangelize the world, it will take more time. It is very puzzling to hear the preachers say the rapture could take place anytime. I really think these preachers are smarter than this. But smart people are supposed to think about what they are saying. I'm not writing this book to fight anyone, but I personally feel the church needs more than a physical healing. We need to also prepare ourself for the things that are just ahead. If the rapture was going to take place at any time or before this minister could finish the project, why would God put him to all the trouble to raise millions of dollars? These things really disturb me. I'm sure the Holy Ghost is grieved by what is going on. These men are very bold about what they are saying. Some will try to leave the impression that they are the only one who is filled with the Holy Ghost, which leaves one with the impression only they have the authority on the word of God. "Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the

woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:" Genesis 3:1-4 This conversation didn't last long, Eve and her husband were soon eating the forbidden fruit. In verse 3, Eve told the serpent very plainly – God hath said, ye shall not eat of it, nor even touch it, lest ye die. In verse 4, the serpent called God a liar. "And the serpent said unto the woman. Ye shall not surely die". No sooner said than done.

Now, here is the question, who are we going to believe concerning the rapture of the church? God or Satan? If we accept God's word, we will begin to prepare ourself for what lies just ahead. It is not going to be pleasant. I'm not saying all these preachers are lost. I stand in judgement of no one. God will judge in due time. Mark it down, you, the reader, will sooner or later be there. All preachers will be there. I will be there. That's why I want to be as honest with you, the reader, as I can. Me and every other preacher will be responsible for what we say and write.

Building large schools and counseling centers will not help the church if the truth is not taught, and deliverance is not brought to the people. Just because a ministry is large does not mean it has all the truth, or will embrace all truth when presented. When truth is withheld for fear of losing offerings or maybe someone would change their will, it is a sad case and not pleasant in the eyes of God. Satan knows the church must be PREPARED for the last days and be instructed in the light of...PROPHETIC TEACHING....and he has his devices to hold back the preparation of God's people. I personally do not think God is honoring all the big building programs going on today. He wants truth more than anything else.

Many times Satan has said...DON'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN, KEEP QUIET; YOU WILL ONLY GET A LOT OF PEOPLE MAD AND UPSET. JUST LET THE MODERN TRADITIONAL TEACHING (even though it is false) OF THE ANTI-CHRIST AND RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH ALONE....but Satan is a liar and the father of lies. St. John 8:44 What does the Bible say about liars? "A false witness shall not be unpunished; and he that speaketh lies shall not escape." Proverbs 19:5 Please read Psalms 101:7; Revelation 21:27; Revelation 22:15. Many more scriptures could be given but those will do for now. The reason for you to ...BELIEVE AND ACCEPT...the truth of the scriptures now, is so you will not be sent strong delusion in the future. God himself will send this, and while in this deluded state you will believe a lie and be lost. Any time a spirit will tell you not to preach or teach something that is written plain in the word, that is not the voice of God, but is from a demon spirit. "HE FEEDETH ON ASHES: A DECEIVED HEART HATH TURNED HIM ASIDE, THAT HE CANNOT DELIVER HIS SOUL, NOR SAY, IS THERE NOT A LIE IN MY RIGHT HAND?" Isaiah 44:20

Often we hear about the tribulation period, the great tribulation, or some other kind of tribulation. I was asked after service one night if I believed in the rapture of the church before the tribulation. I answered by saying, which tribulation? The Brother looked at me with astonishment, he said, "I didn't know there was but one". Many church people only talk about one tribulation. Most preachers only talk about one tribulation, which is the Anti-Christ. That is the one the church going people believe in. But I told the man there were two wraths ahead. The wrath of Satan and also the wrath of God. Satan is in command with his church, when the fifth angel pours his vial upon the seat of the beast. Revelation 16:10

We must realize that the church will not be taken before the tribulation of the Anti-Christ – but will be taken out before the tribulation of God's judgement. Revelation, chapter 2 and 3 gives the message that John received for the seven churches in Asia. These churches were set up by the early apostles and Holy Ghost church leaders. Each individual church has its own good and bad. Most writers talk about the seven church ages that the seven churches represent. Each church representing so many years of the entire church age. Nothing could be further from the real truth than this. The scriptures teach us, the Holy Ghost, which is the Spirit of Truth, will guide you into all truth. St. John 16:13 The Holy Ghost is not given us to pervert the word. "And the burden of the LORD shall ye mention no more: for every man's word shall be HIS BURDEN; for ye HAVE PERVERTED the words of the living God, of the LORD of hosts our God." Jeremiah 23:36 "...But there be some that trouble you, and WOULD PERVERT the Gospel of Christ." Galatians 1:7

We must be doers of the word, not hearers only, deceiving our ourselves. James 1:22 We are warned time and time again to be very careful how we handle the word of God. Just because a certain doctrine is popular, doesn't mean it is truth. There is such as, blind leaders of the blind and both fall into the ditch. Luke 6:39; Matthew 15:14 So to conclude the seven churches of Asia represent seven church ages is in error from the scripture. The truth is – there were actually seven churches in Asia. The wrong doing and the good that was in each church was revealed to the Apostle John. They were rebuked for the wrong, commended for the good. The candlestick was to be removed if they didn't repent from the wrong. The candlesticks are those who have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. Also, they are of full age and strong meat belongeth to them. Hebrews 5:14 They are the ones who hear what the spirit saith to the churches. Revelation 2:7 They will be "come outers" as the spirit leads them.

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the

unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.” II Corinthians 6:14-18

I really believe by the scripture, God was getting ready to move the pure Holy Ghost people out of the churches of Asia, that were worshiping Him in spirit and truth. Such teaching as these churches were representing certain periods of time until the end is false teaching. Some prominent evangelists in America have already fallen for some deception of the beast system. They are teaching that the Anti-Christ – Beast System will never touch America, Mexico, Central America, and other countries will never feel the pressure and power of the system. Again, if any man hear, let him hear. I must speak where the word of God speaks, without adding or taking away. I pray for these who speak to millions every day on radio and television that they will not feed the itching ears of those who will not endure sound doctrine, just for the sake of getting an offering.

The beast out of the earth of Revelation 13:11-12, exerciseth the power of the beast out of the sea. In verse 15, we are told he had power to give life to 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 should be killed. Here is where a portion of God’s last day revival could spring from. Many who have lost victory, could very well see the truth and turn back to God. Providing God has not turned them over to be reprobates, and given them strong delusion. This will happen to many during the end-time. II Thessalonians 2:11

I think most preachers (especially Pentecostal) are underestimating the POWER of the DEVIL, and the force he will have in the end-time. It is time to get in touch with the Holy Ghost. If you stay true to God and allow the spirit to lead you to all truth, you can make it. No doubt about it, THE END IS NEAR, nothing can be done about it. The economy and inflation trouble is world-wide, the distress and perplexity of nations Luke told us about is touching every nation and kingdom on earth. America is not exempt. Babylon’s system of government will take us all the way to the mark of the BEAST. The false prophets Jesus and the apostles told us about are here and they have on their sheep’s clothing.

Although we see all these things coming to pass, the complete end is not yet. The tribulation of the Anti-Christ is just ahead. As I have already said, multitudes will die because of their testimony for Jesus Christ. Revelation 13:7 Israel must be grafted back in by the Holy Ghost, not by sight as many would have you believe. “And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of GRACE and of supplications; and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his first born.” Zechariah 12:10 The pouring out of the spirit of grace is the same as building again the tabernacle of David in Acts 15:16. The returning is in the spirit, not by sight. The looking is the same as in Hebrews 12:2. As they looked to Jesus, who is the author and finisher of our faith. The mourning is their sorrow for the first rejection of Him. “He came unto his own, and his own received him not.” St. John 1:11 The bitterness is their conviction and repentance toward God. A revival will be among both Jew and Gentile at this time. Acts 15:17 You must read these scriptures with the spirit. When this happens, the gentiles will be at their fullness, they have come into the perfect will of God. Ephesians 4:11-13; Romans 11:25 They have also obtained the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Philipians 3:14

This does not rule out the good, and acceptable, will of God in Romans 12:2 or the 30 and 60 fold fruit bearers of Matthew 13:23. But it simply means those who are the elect, and those who are on strong meat, and no longer are babes in Christ and have reached their maturity in the Lord. These will spearhead God’s last day revival. Bible scholars and those who want to prove the doctrine of the rapture, before the tribulation, never use Mark 13:27. “And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.” If they use this scripture, they have to try to explain why the elect of God are taken from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven — after the tribulation of those days, (which they cannot do).

Associated Press Article:

RAPTURE FAILS TO MATERIALIZE

IRVING, Texas (AP) - The world didn’t end Tuesday, but modern-day prophet Willie Day Smith, who said he and millions of other Christians would vanish and be taken to heaven that day, could not be found. The occasion was the Christian “rapture,” which in the lore of Bible prophecy is the time when the faithful are summoned to heaven to be with Jesus. It wasn’t known whether Smith was summoned anywhere, but on Tuesday reporters visiting his home in this Dallas suburb found locked doors, drawn shades and two cars in the driveway. No one answered knocks at the door and the reporters could not determine whether he was at home.

“It’s interesting that April 1 is April Fools’ Day and the Bible talks about being fools for Christ,” said Smith, 47, shortly before his target date. “The census will be taken April 1. It would be interesting to see what takes place when all those people have disappeared.” Smith broke with his Southern Baptist background to become a non-denominationalist proclaimer to the end. His message is spread on widely distributed tape cassettes, in print and on daily broadcasts carried on 30 stations across the country. ???

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who HOLD THE TRUTH IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS;” Romans 1:18 Pentecostal people are quick to point a finger at other people, but never look among our own ranks for false teachers. The door will soon be shut. They that are ready will go in. “Do not err, my beloved brethren.” James 1:16 If Satan can steal the word of salvation, sanctification, Holy Ghost, etc. etc., he can also steal end time truth from unsuspecting Christians.

In trying to prove and establish the pre-tribulation rapture, one must add to or take away Holy Ghost scripture. It is impossible to do it any other way. Eloquent and great swelling words spoken by the intellect of man, and their self-learning, are qualifications for sooth-saying. A lot of people are on DEATH ROW SPIRITUALLY simply because they have continued to believe the Anti-Christ lie concerning the rapture.

In the year of 1988, a minister in Arkansas was on many radio stations in the United States. He supposedly had the rapture figured out. It was supposed to take place in the fall of 1988. He said he used calculators to figure it all out. His message was so convincing, many people were supposed to come to the Lord Jesus. All this was good, but our neighbors who fought and argued most of the time, went to church faithfully until the rapture date. Then, when it didn't happen on the set date, they soon were back to their old ways. This and many more cases could be told, but space does not allow. This man gave 88 reasons the rapture would take place in 1988, thousands of books were sold. In 1989, he wrote another book. The title – “88 reasons why it didn't happen”. My heart aches when I see people get rich by the seducing spirits that are now in the world. I wrote the gentleman a letter in early 1988 asking him to write me on January 1, 1989. I haven't heard from him yet. I'm sorry if what you have just read offended you, but I happen to have this man's name and address as of this writing.

The preacher that is moving all his ministry to Texas, said it is a “vision the Lord gave him so long ago and is now coming to life”. We do not know how long ago, but he has been going along with the rapture doctrine all along. Ladies and gentlemen, it is really mind boggling at what is going on today.

The Apostle Paul did not preach the rapture to the people. “Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia. After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.” Acts 16:6-7. Verse 9 says Paul had a vision in which a man of Macedonia prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. Verse 10: And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go. So he could not go there and preach the rapture. Let's use some common sense when reading the scripture.

“I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the Isle that is called Patmos, for the WORD OF GOD, and for the TESTIMONY OF JESUS CHRIST.” Revelation 1:9 The apostle was on the Isle for the purpose of God, which was the vision he was to receive concerning the prophecies for the end-time. Many preachers, teachers, and Bible scholars have spent years to bring certain messages and interpretations concerning the RAPTURE AND TRIBULATION using his experience to do so. As John is finishing the book, he writes, “For I testify unto EVERY MAN that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, IF ANY MAN shall ADD unto these things, GOD SHALL ADD unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And IF ANY MAN shall TAKE AWAY from the words of the book of this prophecy, GOD SHALL TAKE AWAY his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.” REV 22:18-19

Question, who would this be talking about? Surely not for John himself, or any of the other apostles, because they were soon to be martyred for their own testimony of the Lord Jesus. Who then, could it be for? There is no doubt it has to be for the last days; even the present time.

1 Timothy 4:1 - Matthew 24:24

This brings us to some very serious matters and questions.

WHERE DOES THE BIBLE SAY...???

Question 1: When John was caught away in the Holy Ghost, that it was the rapture of the church?

It is amazing what has been done in Revelation 4:1. “After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.” This has been used over the years to try to prove the rapture before any tribulation. Using the words, Come up hither, saying that it means, the rapture of the church. This is not the church getting ready to see a vision (or the rapture), it is the apostle himself. It is John who is about to see a vision, (not the church). It is John who is in the Spirit, (not the church). “I WAS IN THE SPIRIT ON THE LORD'S DAY, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,” Revelation 1:10 The Holy Ghost was now preparing John for the vision which was to follow. How could anyone, especially one who has ever been in the SPIRIT get anything else out of this? Using the excuse that God is a loving God, and would never let anything happen to His own, is not sound doctrine. Jesus said, we would suffer persecution the same as he did.

As you read this, at the present time, thousands have already given their life for Jesus Christ. There is no place in history where I have found that any of them taught rapture, especially the writers of the scripture. “Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that anti-christ shall come, even now there are many anti-christs; whereby we know that it is the last time. They went out from us, but they were not of us: for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us:.....” 1 John 2:18-19. Never let it be said, these apostles didn't know what they were talking about, their writings also should not leave us ignorant of things that are happening today.

Also, in the near future, when the mark of the beast is here, many more will give their life for the Lord Jesus Christ. In the latter part of the vision, THE APOSTLE JOHN (not the church) still in the Spirit (Revelation 1:10) saw something — “And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were BEHEADED for the witness of Jesus, and for THE WORD OF GOD, and which HAD NOT worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they LIVED AND REIGNED WITH CHRIST A THOUSAND YEARS.” Revelation 20:4 Who lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years? Figure this one out.

Question 2: That the seven churches that were in Asia (at the time of this vision) are seven church ages from that time until the rapture?

This is taught today by most prophecy writers. Why do they do this? Only to try to prove their theory — did I say theory? — on the rapture. I have never read this in the scriptures, even in the book of Revelation. Be honest about it, you have not read it either. Why then, do you embrace the rapture doctrine? Revelation 22:18-19 ... READ IT AGAIN.

Question 3: Where does the Bible say, AMERICA will not be under the influence of the Anti-Christ system?

“And it was GIVEN unto him to MAKE WAR with the saints, and to overcome THEM: and power was given him over all KINDREDS, AND TONGUES, AND NATIONS.” Revelation 13:7 Can we exclude the U.S. with this scripture? Can we say the Anti-Christ will never come any closer to the U.S. than South America? By being ignorant, or a deceptive spirit, would do this. But it is being done by many big time preachers. Many will shout and rejoice because of this rapture doctrine. Time will soon expose the false and true. We need to be sure our name is written in the book of life. Revelation 13:8. PLEASE READ REVELATION 17:15. LET NO MAN DECEIVE YOU.

Question 4: Does the Bible say, the Anti-Christ will rule for seven years?

The answer is NO. It is taught by many that he does, but what does the word of God say? “And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?” Revelation 13:4 From the looks of this verse, people are going to think they have really joined hands with a winner. But the beast and his system is a loser from the start. Jesus Christ and the blood-washed saints are the only winners when it is all finished. Revelation 13:5 gives some information of this time period. “And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.” This, my friend, is not seven years as many are teaching, it is three and one half years (3 ½). Of course I know the time element doesn’t really mean a lot. But the adding and taking away from the real truth of scripture does. Especially in God’s eyes. Bro. Childers, you are just too picky. One thing for sure, I’m going to be picky enough to the extent, I have no intention giving up over forty years of ministry, and winding up losing my soul for blasphemy of the word of God. THE IN-CROWD doesn’t mean that much to me, it shouldn’t to you either.

“But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken. AND THEN SHALL THEY SEE THE SON OF MAN COMING in the clouds with great power and glory. And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.” Mark 13:24-27. Can I have a minute of your time now? This happens after verse 22. False Christs and false prophets rising trying to seduce the very elect. When? After that tribulation what happens? (compare with Revelation 6:12-13 – the sixth seal). What next? The son of man is seen coming. What happens? The elect that the devil (false Christs and false Prophets) WAS UNSUCCESSFUL in deceiving are gathered. From where? The uttermost part of the earth. To where? The uttermost part of Heaven.

Question 5: Does the Bible say, the tribulation of Anti-Christ will be nuclear, missile, or atomic warfare? IT DOES NOT. It is a deception of the people of the earth, from start to finish.

Question 6: Where does the Bible say, the Anti-Christ Tribulation is the vials and trumpets of Revelation?

IT DOES NOT. The vials and trumpets are the judgement of God on the world; they are after the Anti-Christ Tribulation and the rapture.

Question 7: Does the Bible say, the church will be in Heaven seven years while Anti-Christ rules on earth?

NO, IT DOES NOT. The Anti-Christ only rules for 3 ½ years.

All these things are being taught world-wide by many different ministers, from many denominations, and independent organizations. Some are graduates from large Bible schools. Some have Bible schools and colleges themselves. Scripture is not available to prove the things they teach. Scriptures are twisted to make it look good. But it could possibly be to their own destruction. II Peter 3:16. PLEASE READ. In the time we are now living, when we see what is going on around us, we simply must not chase every wind and doctrine, being tossed to and fro to the place we will lose our soul.

Recently one of the famous television preachers went to II Thessalonians 2:2-3 in a different version of the Bible other than the King James version. He said, “the falling away when studied through is actually, catching away.” It is very obvious what is happening. When they want to get their point over, they will go to the Bible version that will help them do it. Would you please get your King James version and read Revelation 7:9-14 and tell me that if after the rapture, the gospel is limited to Jews only. How did all these people, out of all nations, kindred, people, tongues stand before the throne of the Lamb (they came out of great tribulation). Tell me, when did the American church people become so special? John’s visions all through Revelation were of tribulation saints only. Nothing is mentioned of those who never had to suffer. Ever wonder why the book of Revelation is so quiet about this? (Answer) There was nothing to write. Where are the interpreters and expositors of the scriptures on this subject? There aren’t any. If the Anti-Christ Tribulation is not going to be for the United States, why all the ballyhoo to the American people? Why do the preachers keep telling the people to be ready for the rapture or suffer the consequences of the tribulation? I really don’t understand the thinking of these people.

The Apostle Paul writing to the Galatian Church....”O FOOLISH GALATIANS, who hath BEWITCHED you, that ye should not obey the truth?...” Galatians 3:1 Here it was the law that the deceivers were trying to get them to go back to. But there are many ways to be bewitched. In these last days, it is different, Satan is using tactics to keep

people from preparing for the tribulation of the Anti-Christ. Most say you shouldn't worry about anything like that after you are saved, but that is not according to the word of God. In Romans, we are told to "present our bodies a living sacrifice, HOLY, ACCEPTABLE, unto God.... And be not conformed to this world." Romans 12:1-2 These instructions are given to us, if we want to prove the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God.

In Ephesians, we are told to "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Ephesians 6:11 For some reason, people do not want to make a real commitment to serve God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength. We mentioned the word bewitched. The meaning is – to CHARM, to FASCINATE, and to CAPTIVATE. (Webster) Once an individual is charmed and fascinated enough by someone, they are a prime subject to be captivated by that someone. Once captivated, it is all but over. This is happening on a large scale in the church today. Millions in America today, are depending on someone else to read the Bible for them. They have been made to believe the preacher is so right, nothing could possibly go wrong. GOD PLEASE HELP US. God will send strong delusion; that they should believe a lie. II Thessalonians 2:11-12 This is because they rejected the truth, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering (rapture) unto Him, verse 1. Please read all of II Thessalonians, chapter 2 very carefully.

WILES OF THE DEVIL The word wile means – to LURE, ENTICE, A TRICK OR STRATEGY INTENDED TO ENSNARE, OR TO DECEIVE. Most of the BEWITCHING and WILES today are concerning the rapture doctrine and money. Much deception is getting people to give large offerings, telling them they will be out of debt in 60 days or less. Bro. Childers, don't you believe in miracles? Probably as much or more than any other preacher in America. But I do not believe or accept any work of witchcraft, sorcery, or divination tactics of the devil. I am being a little careful here, I don't want to cause too much confusion along this line. You will soon know what is going on, if you have not already been rocked to sleep by what is happening. **IT IS GOING TO WAX WORSE AND WORSE.** II Timothy 3:13 Read it. The church in America is very deep in trouble. The reason being, the ministry is weak, therefore, the entire church is weak.

"For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. (not really caring about the spiritual welfare of the people). Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, (turning away from what is right or good), to draw away disciples after them (wanting a following)." Acts 20:29-30; I Thessalonians 5:6; Romans 13:11

You don't serve God just to escape His wrath or the Anti-Christ Tribulation, but because of the new birth and you love Him. It is stupid to think such things. This revelation of truth is not to allow you to live according to the flesh, and then get saved any time you choose. The Laodicean church had riches and goods, (which was not wrong) but their possessions got bigger than their vision of getting the will of God done. Then it became a sin. It would have been better to never have been blessed with these possessions, than to do what they did.

The same thing is happening today. All of a sudden we are blessed with riches. So here comes the compromise—no more consecration, commitment, no more Holy living, etc. etc., on and on. The Pentecostals of today are in severe danger simply because they have this same thing happening to them. **THEY PROFESS** to have great vision to do something for God, but the real vision is to add to their possessions. In doing so they are perverting the word of God to fit their own doings. Even going to the new versions of the Bible completely leaving the King James version, while professing themselves to be wise, they are becoming fools. Romans 1:22 God help the church in America to awaken to what is happening to their souls. Perverting the Gospel is running high in America. Pervert means—change to suit ones own purpose.

Again, we must mention the rebellious spirit that has captured most church people in American today. Remember this, anytime there is a falling away II Thessalonians 2:3 or a departing from the faith I Timothy 4:1, there must be a rebellion against the true doctrine of the word. For the time **WILL COME**, (future tense) when they, (church people) will not endure sound doctrine. II Timothy 4:3 Why the rejection?

The life of riotous living has taken the place of Godly living. So, because of itching ears, they have heaped to themselves, teachers, that tell them what they want to hear. "Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever: That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD: Which say to the seers, **SEE NOT**; and to the prophets, **PROPHECY NOT** unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, **PROPHECY DECEITS**:" Isaiah 30:8-11. My dear friend, it is here, truth has been rejected concerning the **RAPTURE** of the church and the tribulation of the **ANTI-CHRIST**. The real truth of it has been rejected by the ministry. There had to be a rejection of the apostles doctrine, before any of the happenings in the churches in Asia. I do not like to see what is happening in the church today, but I cannot help it. Neither can anyone else. God said it, therefore it has to happen.

I feel I must mention one other thing that is very serious. That is concerning 144-thousand sealed in their foreheads Revelation 14:1 Nothing is said in the entire chapter of Revelation 14 or Revelation 7 that this is preachers who preach the Gospel to the nations of the world after the rapture. If it is not written, why do they preach and teach it? Good question. Let the reader know one thing. We need proof, I mean real scriptural proof of the rapture before the Anti-Christ Tribulation, before we will accept it. As of now, it has not been presented, neither can it be.

The rapture people are living in a **FANTASY WORLD**. The great theory of rightly dividing the word of truth has got them really believing they are right. They will never have to suffer for the Lord Jesus Christ. Tell me, when did they graduate from the Words of the Lord whom they say they serve? Jesus said, "...The servant is not greater than his Lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you..." St. John 15:20 "...**BEING PERSECUTED, WE**

SUFFER IT;” I Corinthians 4:12 “PERSECUTED, BUT NOT FORSAKEN;...” II Corinthians 4:9 Many scriptures are in the word of God, telling of suffering, persecution, tribulation, etc. etc....too numerous to mention here.

Where do we stand? Are we saved, sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost? Are we accepting part truth or whole truth? Are we making preparation for the near future, or have we been brainwashed into thinking everything is O.K.? Are we ready to be DELIVERED UP FOR OUR TESTIMONY of Jesus Christ? Without the real armour of God, principalities and powers will overcome us. Ephesians 6 Remember this, eloquent speakers and big name preachers will not always tell you the truth. Vain imaginations and false hope will not save the soul. We have no other alternative, God’s word does not lie. The destiny of our soul is in our own hands. God wants to restore us in the power of the Holy Ghost. We must return to the GLORY, HONOR and RESPECT THE CHURCH ONCE HAD.

If the 144-thousand are to preach as they say, immediately after the rapture of the church; answer this—where are they now? Have they already been sealed, filled with the Holy Ghost? Have they already been placed in the earth where they are to preach? Remember, their message is supposed to go to every nation, tongue, kindred, and people. Please read Revelation 7:9-17, it is a must. In other words, these are supposed to accomplish in three and a half (3½) years what the church could not do in 2000 years? I sincerely hope by now you are beginning to think on these things.

Let me emphasize here, IT WAS THE MINISTRY THAT DECEIVED THE CHURCHES IN ASIA. LIKEWISE TODAY, false apostles had crept in the church of Ephesus.

- Jews, that were of the synagogue of Satan were in Smyrna.
- The doctrine of Balaam, the Nicolaitans were in Pergamos.
- The church at Thyatira allowed Jezebel, the professed Prophetess, to enter in and seduce the people to commit fornication.
- The Sardis church was asked to repent for their imperfection.
- The synagogue of Satan Jews at Philadelphia were to be dealt with harshly.
- The rich church at Laodicea had to repent quickly, or lose out completely.

The church was satisfied with their condition, but Jesus was not. I’m sure the apostles did the best they could when they set up the churches, but they allowed all these things to happen anyway. It was completely against the will of God. An evangelist was on T.V. recently. He admitted Apostle Paul did not teach rapture before the Anti-Christ Tribulation, but he had a book you could send for, with a generous offering you could find out why Paul did not teach what the church teaches today. OH, IF WE ONLY KNEW HOW THE HEART OF GOD IS BEING GRIEVED TODAY!

Matthew 24 The big question answered. “And Jesus answered and said unto them. TAKE HEED THAT NO MAN DECEIVE YOU. (who deceived who?) For MANY shall come in my name, saying, I AM CHRIST; and shall deceive many.” Matthew 24:4-5 Then he tells us in the next few verses what to look for concerning calamities on the earth. In verse 11, He says, “And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.” Now is it prophets deceiving the people? It could be people wresting the scriptures to their own destruction. II Peter 3:16. I have talked about this before, but I want to refresh us a little in closing.

There is now a plan in the making to silence the ministry. In Canada, at this writing, a law is being passed. If you mention ADULTERY, or HOMOSEXUALITY as sin, you are subject to the law of the land. “But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do you premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour. THAT SPEAK YE: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.” Mark 13:11 Then a lot more is said before we go to verse 29 of Matthew 24. Check it out. “Immediately after the tribulation of those days...” What days is Jesus talking about here? Go back and read the entire chapter. It is a must, if you want to learn anything. Matthew 24:15 speaks of the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the Prophet. (Which all the prophetic writers say is the same as the beast of Revelation 13.) In Matthew 24:21, Jesus is still talking, “For then shall be GREAT TRIBULATION, etc. etc.” Remember this is Jesus talking, so we must not call Him a liar. So then in Matthew 24:29 he says, “IMMEDIATELY AFTER the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:” “AND THEN SHALL APPEAR THE SIGN of the Son of Man in heaven...” Matthew 24:30 Now in the next verse, the ELECT is being gathered together from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other, Matthew 24:31. Who are the elect? It is likely to be said by the pre-tribulation rapture people that it is only the Jews, but let’s find out if that is right.

In Mark 13:27, it says almost the same as Matthew’s gospel. Only goes a bit further, he says the elect goes to heaven. Anyone in their right mind would know who that is. From the four winds of the earth, just Jews who have regathered back to Jerusalem? Quit trying to kid me. Please get your Bible right now – Romans 8:33, Colossians 3:12, I Timothy 5:21, II Timothy 2:10, Titus 1:1, I Peter 1:2, I Peter 2:6, I Peter 5:13, II John 1:13, Matthew 24:24, Mark 13:22, I Thessalonians 1:4. Any of these groups mentioned above were, and are the elect of God. The same as you, the reader, you are one of God’s elect, if you stay true to the end. The elect are not Jews only as many would have you believe. St. Mark and Luke’s gospel are similar to Matthew 24. Then we go to Revelation 6:12-13, “And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is taken of a mighty wind.” Almost Matthew 24 again.

Then in verse 15, we see a sad story – KINGS, GREAT MEN, RICH MEN, CAPTAINS, MIGHTY MEN, BONDMEN, FREE MEN start running from the judgement of God. There is no hiding place down here. It is over. THE WRATH OF THE LAMB IS COME. WHO SHALL BE ABLE TO STAND? From here on out we see the judgement taking place. These people were completely fooled concerning the rapture of the church.

By reason of transgression, TRUTH IS CAST TO THE GROUND; (neglected or cast aside) and it practiced and prospered. No surprise here. But God is now anointing men to pick up that truth and present it to the church. God is Blessing. In conclusion, let me exhort you to put your soul only in the true teaching of God's word. The devil is after your soul. If he can get you to compromise the word of God, you could be lost forever. My sincere desire and prayer is, you will be honest with yourself and prepare for what is soon to happen. God bless you, in Jesus Name.

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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

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Vietnam Four churches in the Binh Phuoc province were destroyed by armed officials in the latest round of persecution and harassment of ethnic minorities. When a Mnong community in Tho Son village built a church without official permission after the collapse of their old church, 50 armed police and soldiers arrived to demolish the building.

Indonesia Attacks and counterattacks left 97 dead as violence erupted this past summer between Muslims and Christians on Ambon Island. Fear continues that extremist Muslims have designated the island as the site of a "holy war" in hopes of stirring up religious violence throughout Indonesia.

Sudan Human rights leaders were told that bombers, helicopter gunships, tanks, and artillery were used against unarmed civilians to clear a 62-mile swath of territory around abundant oil fields. Witnesses said 1,200 government soldiers killed scores of civilians, abducted hundreds, and burned more than six thousand homes. Seventeen churches and traditional shrines were also reduced to ashes.

China Chinese authorities arrested more than 30 Protestant house church leaders on August 23 in Henan province in a further crackdown on unregistered religious groups.

Columbia More than 25 evangelical pastors have been killed and up to three hundred churches closed in the past six months as Columbia's violence escalates.

India Christian groups and social activists protest in New Delhi, India against the killing of Christian missionary Aruldoss. Officials say the killing was linked with a religious conversion. Christian activists blamed groups close to ruling Hindu nationalists for inciting violence against Christian missionaries. Hindu groups deny the charges but accuse missionaries of coercing people to convert to Christianity.

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH...Up Close

More Christians have been killed for their faith in the 20th century than have been martyred in the total history of Christianity. Christians in more than 60 countries around the world are being persecuted according to an official United States State Department report. In Pakistan, Christians have been tortured, imprisoned, attacked on the streets, and had their homes destroyed. In China, church leaders continue to be sentenced to long prison terms in harsh labor camps. In the Sudan, believers are sold into slavery, physically mutilated, deliberately starved, and forced to convert to Islam. In Egypt, Christian girls have been kidnapped, raped, and then forced to marry their attackers. Nearly 200 million Christians around the world live in daily fear of being harmed because of their religious beliefs.

In Revelation 6:9 at the opening of the fifth seal, John said, ".....I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:" The apostle did not see resurrected bodies, he saw souls. In verse 10, ".....they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?" There is no indication here that they were killed by the Anti-Christ, or during the time of the Anti-Christ Tribulation. But it could very well be souls of the early church. Even the apostles and hundreds of other Christians, who died for their testimony during the beginning of the church age.

It is told to them in verse 11, ".....that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow-servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled." In other words, in the future other people were going to give their life for their testimony of Jesus and the word of God. It is evident that these people have been baptized with the Holy Ghost, Jesus said, "But when the Comforter is come....., he shall testify of me." John 15:26

Now in Revelation 20:4 we see a somewhat different picture. John also saw souls, (not bodies) they had also been beheaded because of the word of God and the witness of Jesus. But the vision is different here, John knew these had been in the tribulation of the Anti-Christ, Beast system, because they had not worshiped the Beast, neither his image, neither had received the mark in the foreheads nor in their hands. Completion of verse 4. And they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years, some will say, they were raptured out. How ridiculous can you get, they died for the testimony of Jesus, not raptured. READ IT!!

Some have said, there could be as many as four raptures, or four catchings away (crazy thinking) verse 5 says, "But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection." If this is the first resurrection, it must have been the rapture then, proving once again the rapture and the first resurrection after the man of sin, son of perdition, Anti-Christ Beast system, is revealed in the world. Amen and Amen!

It is hard to understand why modern day preachers WILL NOT teach the truth concerning the rapture and Anti-Christ Tribulation. Have you noticed how they go a long way around scriptures trying to prove their point and then they wind up not doing it? They say, if you don't believe like they do you are not rightly dividing the word of truth.

I just listened to another preacher misquote II Thessalonians 2:3 concerning falling away, he also said it was catching away. "Thus saith the LORD, What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain?" Jeremiah 2:5

Sometimes I think why these preachers are so much against the truth concerning the rapture is that they are trying to prove a point that is impossible. I wonder what they have against the word of God concerning the rapture and tribulation. They spend a lot of time trying to tell God he is wrong. The scribes of Jesus' day were the same way. They did not accept the real truth of the scriptures. Jesus told them you are "Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition..." Mark 7:13

I will tell you now the easy way out is not going to be the rapture before the Anti-Christ Tribulation. When one speaks about seven churches in Asia, the rapture people will say, they represent seven church ages we are to go through, with Laodicea being the last one. That being the case, the message they teach is not right either.

Suppose the church would be raptured in the Pergamos or Thyatira age. (THEY SAY IT COULD HAPPEN ANYTIME FROM THE DAY OF PENTECOST ON). Then we would miss out on the other ages. Of course, with all the money coming in from the people who want to hear GOOD THINGS, there is no way the preachers are going to do the right thing. THE SPIRIT OF GREED IS VERY POWERFUL, especially when you want to stay on top, even in the religious world.

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THE CHURCH (A.D. 54 – 304)

Nero was believed to have set Rome on fire and blamed the Christians. Some of the most hideous forms of persecution took place under Nero's rule. Christians were sewn into the skins of wild animals and thrown before fierce dogs. Others were covered with wax, setting these human candles on fire to help light Nero's garden. Under Emperor Domitian, persecution continued. Domitian issued an order stating, "No Christian, once brought before the tribunal, should be exempt from punishment." During this time Timothy was beaten to death. In A.D. 110, Ignatius, overseer of the church in Antioch, was fed to lions. Over the roar of the hungry animals, he was heard saying, "I am the wheat of Christ: I am going to be ground with the teeth of wild beasts that I may be found pure bread."

CHINA AND THE IRON CURTAIN

A few hundred years later, persecution became evident in Asia. The Boxer Rebellion started in 1899 when a secret society of Chinese, coined "boxers" by the Western press, began a terror against Christian missionaries in China. Officially, the Boxers were denounced, but unofficially supported. Their activity continued through 1900. Humiliated from the outside, the Chinese officials signed a peace treaty with the Boxers in September 1901, but not before 30,000 Christians and 250 missionaries were martyred.

Communism's father, Karl Marx, once stated, "The idea of God is the keynote of a perverted civilization. It must be destroyed." Communism spread rapidly throughout the 1900's. With its spread came the destruction of churches and the imprisonment of Christians. During communism's height, it was estimated that 330,000 Christians were killed each year. Millions of others suffered at the hands of cruel dictators like Enver Hoxha, Nicolae Ceausescu, and Mao Zedong. During this time men like Pastor Richard Wurmbrand emerged from years of imprisonment, torture and solitary confinement to speak of the atrocities and overcoming faith of those who boldly faced death rather than deny Christ.

Today Christians continue to suffer under Communist ideology in countries like China, North Korea, Vietnam and Laos. Believers remain in prison and Christians continue to risk all to simply own a Bible.

Hey, preacher — Hurry up and go over there and tell the born again Christians there is nothing to worry about, THIS SUFFERING IS NOT REAL, YOU ARE JUST IMAGINING ALL THIS STUFF, YOU WILL SOON BE RAPTURED OUT. JUST BELIEVE THE PROSPERITY MESSAGE, YOU WILL BE O.K., O.K.

This book was written for the soul purpose of helping the saint of God have enlightenment of prophetic truth concerning the end time, especially concerning the Anti-Christ Tribulation - and the rapture of the church. It is hard to understand why so many go to great lengths to try to prove something from the word of God when it is impossible to do so. There are so many who want to have a following of people, they will go to any extreme. Different versions of the Bible are used to fit what they say. The enemy of the souls of people is at work in this hour, many are being led away from the truth of God's word. We want the reader of this book to know, we are not fighting anyone. Bible facts do not fight, they simply tell the truth.

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"NOW UNTO HIM THAT IS ABLE TO KEEP YOU FROM FALLING, AND TO PRESENT YOU FAULTLESS BEFORE THE PRESENCE OF HIS GLORY WITH EXCEEDING JOY, TO THE ONLY GOD OUR SAVIOR, BE GLORY & MAJESTY, DOMINION AND POWER, BOTH NOW AND EVER. AMEN." Jude 24-25

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