

What Everyone Should Know about Roman and Hebrew CALENDARS!

ROMAN Calendar

Ever heard Brother Stair say "Don't overlook the obvious." This is most certainly true as we investigate the accuracy of our Roman Calendar. It may surprise you to find the truth that our calendars are precisely accurate.

You've probably heard it said over and over by many prophecy gurus that no one can know the exact times, the day nor hour, the year etc. because our calendar could be up to 50 years off base. They are lying, and they are lying to hedge their poor date setting and total lack of discernment. Or they are just plain ignorant.

Here is how you may test to find that our understanding of the calendar is precisely accurate.

The prophet Jeremiah prophesied a punishment upon Israel of 70 years, to be served in Babylonian captivity. The punishment began in 606 B.C.

The prophet Ezekiel, during the captivity, prophesied that it would be extended an additional 390 years. The additional punishment began in 536 B.C.

A small portion of Israel repented and returned to the land of Israel, but most preferred the pagan society of conquered Babylon. Due to the unrepentant nature of Israel at the time, and the fact that most did not even desire to return to the land of Israel at the end of the first 70 years (Jeremiah 25:11), they heaped upon themselves even more punishment. First, an extension of 390 years (Ezekiel 4:3-6), and that was multiplied because of the Torah's requirement to increase the final punishment by 7 times. Lev 26:18 And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.(Also see Leviticus 26:21, 24, & 28).

The remaining 390 years would now be multiplied 7 times! The additional punishment would now end in A.D. 1948

The first 70 years began on the first day of the Babylonian month of Nissan and ended on the first day of Nissan. So the remaining 2485 years also began on the first day of Nissan 536 B.C.

2485 years or, 2521 prophetic years (360 days each) is a total of 907,560 days. With the 'wonder of addition' we arrive at the date of May 14, 1948. Anyone over the last 2000 years could have known the exact day this prophecy was going to be fulfilled - but it was only revealed to us in these last times. On that exact date Israel was miraculously restored it's nation status once the prescribed time was completed.

Isa 66:7 Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child.

Isa 66:8 Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.

Read the original headlines of that day in the commemorative edition of the Palestine Post!

If our calendar was even one day off, this prophecy would have missed the mark! But we know exactly what time it is! To the very day!

This also means we can know the exact day of Messiah's birth, death, and resurrection. We also know when Daniel's 70th week would begin and end. The bible prophets are dead-on-accurate and so is our discernment of the times.

If our calendar is correctly understood in relation to bible prophecy, and May 14th, 1948 was the fulfillment of the times of desolation of Israel - then we know that Daniel's 70th week, the last seven years of history, would be the last seven of six thousand years as outlined in the scriptures.

By adding up the ages of the patriarchs and historically verified periods in the scriptures we know that after October 1st, 2000 - six thousand years will have come to an end. Within days after that date, the Hebrew new year will begin for the 6001th year from creation.

What that means is Daniel's 70th week was expected to begin on the first day of Babylonian month 'Tishri' in 1993 with the signing of a 7 year (peace & safety) covenant with Israel.

That 7 year (peace & security) covenant with Israel was signed on September 13th, 1993 and ends on October 1st, 2000!!!

Now if our calendars are correct would we not have expected the abomination that causes desolation to occur exactly 3.5 years later, say on March 13th, 1997? Guess what? It did occur exactly on that date - but the prophecy gurus won't tell you that!

The tribulation began on March 13th, 1997 - but did not manifest!

What are we talking about? We knew that the tribulation would begin counting down in March of 1997 - and that at the same time it would not openly manifest. How did we know to expect this? For the simple reason that Yeshua Messiah promised to cut back the number of days the great tribulation would be manifested. He told us so on the Mount of Olives (Mat 24:22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.)

The last 2000 years...

It was the Roman year 754 and Hebrews everywhere were preparing to celebrate 4000 years since BERESHITH (the beginning of time). Daniel's prophecy of 70 weeks had seen 64.5 of them fulfilled by then. The Roman Emperor Augustus made an unprecedented decree to perform the first global census. Quirinius, Roman Governor of Syria, was enjoying his second term in office. Herod was living out his last days as 'King of the Judah' and Roman appointed governor of Palestine.

The events of this year would be recorded by Roman and Hebrew historians alike. The Roman records would be sent to Rome where they were archived. Many of those 2000 year old documents are still there today. These records of the census were read and referred to by Justin Martyr then Eusibius. They were also there in Rome (in greater condition and volume) in the sixth century. A

Catholic abbot named Dionysius Exiguus felt convicted that the calendar year title should give honor to the Messiah and not to the Roman Empire. In his research to determine the beginning of this 'Christian Age' he accessed those records in Rome. He found that the great Census was ordered in The Roman year 754 in which Messiah was born. He therefore set this year to zero. This is why today's date reads 1998 and not 2752. It was so well established historically and mathematically that the designation of preceding years 'B.C.' (before Christ) was not even entertained for yet another 1000 years! In fact, still today there is no absolute scientific, mathematical, or historical reason to consider any other year for the birth of Messiah other than 1 B.C. or Dionysius' year zero.

In all accounts of changes made to our calendar from Julian times the total amount of corrections certainly falls very short of a single year in length - excluding Julian's first year, only a few days difference exists. Besides that they were CORRECTIONS not errors - thus making the current system very precise.

We know that their corrections were justified and 'correct' because of the confirmation we can derive from the rebirth of the nation of Israel by a known prophecy and the beginning of Daniel's 70th week and the abomination in the midst thereof.

Here is more absolute proof!

No historian can truthfully deny that Tiberius Caesar became the Roman Emperor on August 19th, A.D. 14. This is an unbreakable rock solid historical fact and calculation. Luke tells us that Yeshua Messiah began His ministry in the "fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar" and that He was almost 30 years old!

That is a clear statement that Yeshua Messiah was born in the year 'zero' (1 B.C.) The Feast of Tabernacles was just a matter of weeks away - and if Messiah was born on the Feast of Tabernacles 1 B.C. then he was about to turn 30 years old!

Still need more proof?

Post 16th century astronomers made inaccurate conclusions about the number of lunar eclipses occurring around 1 A.D. Because of their crude methods and instruments they only discovered one eclipse in 4 B.C. Modern methods prove that there were several lunar eclipses. Why is this important? Because the only reason the birth year of Yeshua Messiah was moved back was to match 'current knowledge' to the records of Flavius Josephus who said Herod died during a lunar eclipse in an unspecified year of Roman rule. Herod could of died in the year/s following Messiah's birth A.D. 1-4 when several lunar eclipses occurred - however this 4 B.C. error perpetuates today. If that date were correct then Messiah should have returned in the fall of A.D. 1996! But because He did not we know the 4 B.C. date to be false.

The final nail...

We already established that Yeshua's ministry began in A.D. 28. Six months later at Passover in A.D. 29 The Jews questioned Yeshua, "It took forty six years to build this House, and you will raise it up in three days?" The Herod's Temple (reconstruction or remodeling of the 2nd Temple) started construction 46 years earlier in 18 B.C. Flavius Josephus appealing to Hebrew records in Jerusalem confirms that temple reconstruction began at that time. This reinforces the historical fact of a 30 year old Messiah in A.D. 29 whose birth was in 1 B.C..

So please don't tell us that no one knows what year it is. We know. You do too!

Hey wait a minute.

Just in case you might be thinking that Messiah will come on January 01, 2000. Forget it - it won't happen. Even by Catholic standards the millennium does not actually begin until 2001. Look to the fall Feasts when the 6001st Hebrew new year begins in the Common Era of Fall 2000. It is the Feast of Trumpets that no one can know the day or hour of in advance. One of the biggest guffaws of all time will be the pooh-poohing of the Messiah's no-show return on the world's new year celebration. They will conclude that they have passed the critical date and throw caution and knowledge out the window. Many Christians will be humiliated because of their ignorance. Some will fall into despair and lose their faith. That is when statements like "since our forefathers...", will reach an all time climax. But beware that "...if the servant had known at what time the thief was coming..."

There's Nothing Wrong With The Roman Calendar but the Hebrew Calendar has a 240 Year Error!

HEBREW Calendar

Many have asked why doesn't the Hebrew calendar reflect that we are almost at the very end of 6000 years of prophesied biblical history.

The current Hebrew calendar reads the year from Adam as 5759 instead of 5999. Also Zola Levitt gave the following statements in a recent prophecy conference. He said "In addition, most Bible commentators agree that Adam was born about 6,000 years ago. If we assume that he was born in exactly 4000 B.C. on our calendar, then we have spent 5,998 years to the present day. (We deduct one year when adding A.D. years to B.C. years since 1 B.C. and 1 A.D. were the same year.) What we now call 1999 is really 5998.

There is a difference of 240 years!

So how did the Hebrew scribes include such an error in their date keeping? The fact is that they deliberately lied and altered the times to despise Yeshua Messiah! Even the Jewish Encyclopedia admits to the 240 year error; however, the listed source of the error is subject to question as we shall soon see.

After Yeshua Messiah had ascended to His Father, the spread of His followers in the faith grew steadily to the great displeasure of the Pharisees. They sought every opportunity to disprove and slander Yeshua's Messiahship.

An alternative Messiah was found...

The Pharisees were looking for a hero, conquering Messiah, a charismatic military leader to free them from Roman rule. Along came such a man named Bar Kokhba, in A.D. 132, who would revolt against Emperor Hadrian. However, after 3.5 years the Romans eliminated the rebellion killing nearly 1 million Jews.

They deliberately rewrote history to their own liking!

When Bar Kokhba's was presented as the Messiah by Rabbi Akiba, at the beginning of his revolt it was A.D. 132 - about 4131 years from Adam. After A.D. 135 the scribes of the Seder HaDoroth changed the date back to 3892 - thus the 240 year difference which continues today.

To discredit the tale of Yeshua the Messiah they needed Bar Kokhba to appear to fulfill the 70th week of Daniel's prophecy. They claimed that the 3.5 years between A.D. 132 and A.D. 135 were the last 3.5 years of the 70 weeks of years (490 years).

But they made another mistake...

When they changed the date they ended up changing the beginning of the 70 week prophecy from 445 B.C. to around 356 B.C. The prophecy began with the decree to start rebuilding Jerusalem - which was fulfilled in 445 B.C. by King Artaxerxes officially giving Nehemiah orders to start reconstruction. The historical records during the time between Nehemiah and Alexander the Great are considered to be the least supplied by the scribes. Their new beginning date of 70 weeks is hidden in a historical fog. Rabbis today admit the error, but they do not press for official correction.

The correct Hebrew Calendar says it is now 5998 or 5999!

Messiah first manifested exactly 4000 years after Adam. What are you willing to wager that He will manifest again exactly 6000 years after Adam? Both arrivals were prophesied, in both cases the religious experts did not and do not recognize the times. There were only 6 days of work for the Creator to accomplish, then came a day of rest.

The scriptures say that our existence of a thousand years is like just one day to our Creator. 6000 years, or that 6th day is almost over.

Satan deceives the whole world!

Yes even the so called elect have been fooled. Satan has always meddled with the times of The L-rd's Feasts, the times and years, the Law and ordinances of the One True G-d, perverting them into worthless forms of idolatry. Today, the 'end times' seems to present nothing but confusion - and who is the author of confusion?

The first 4000 years

Adam to Flood (1656 years) Adding the ages of the fathers' at the time of birth of the stated son from Genesis 5: Adam 130, Seth 105, Enos 90, Cainan 70, Mahalaleel 65, Jared 162, Enoch 65, Methuselah 187, Lamech 182. Noah according to Gen. 7:6, is 600 at the flood.

Flood to Abraham (427 years) Adding the ages from Genesis 11. Shem 2, Arphaxad 35, Shelah 30, Eber 34, Peleg 30, Rue 32, Serug 30, Nahor 29. Terah lived 205 years.

Abraham to the Exodus (430 years), Galatians 3:17 "Now I say this; The Law of the Levitical Priesthood, which came into existence 430 years after the (Abrahamic) covenant was already ratified by Yahweh - does not do away with, nor abolish the promise. "

Exodus to Temple (480 years) 1 Kings 6:1 "In the 480th year after the children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the moon Ziv; the second moon of the year - he began to build the House of Yahweh."

Temple to Nebuchadnezzar (406 years) I & II Kings

36 Years left in Solomon's reign 6, Jahu (11:42) 22, Johash (12:1) 17, Rehoboam 14, Johahaz (13:1) 2, Abiyahm (15:1) 1, Johash (13:10) 1, Asa (15:9) 14, Amazah (14:1) 1, Nadab (15:25) 26, Jeroboam (14:23) 23, Baasha (15:33) 37, Azarah (15:1) 1, Elah (16:8) 1, Zechariah (15:8) 4, Zimri (16:15) , Shallum (15:13) 7, Omri (16:23) 11, Menahem (15:17) 3, Ahab (16:29) 2, Pekahiah (15:23) 16, Jehoshaphat 1, Pekah (15:27) 1, Ahaziah (22:51) 15, Jotham (15:32) 4, Joram (2K 3:1) 11, Ahaz (16:1) 7, Jehoram (8:16) 3, Hoshea (17:1) 1, Ahaziah (8:25) 29, Hezekiah (18:1) 55, Manasseh (21:1) 31, Josiah (22:1) 3, Jehoiaikim (23:36).

Nebuchadnezzar to Messiah (601 years) Jeremiah 25:1 Flavius Josephus

The historian gives evidence that the Babylonian exiles returned to Israel in 536 B.C. This would place the start of the 70 year captivity in 606-605 B.C.

1656 Years + 427 Years + 430 Years + 480 Years + 406 Years + 601 Years = 4,000 Years

We believe that there may be a misplacement of about 3 years in the chart above which is based on research by Larry Pahl - because of strong evidence of a 1 B.C. birth of Messiah rather than a 4 B.C. date. Since we have past 1997, the maximum limit for belief in a 4 B.C. date for Messiah's birth we have to look for where the error possibly occurred.

If we were to add the necessary 1009 leap days that 4000 years requires we could convert that to an additional 2.76 years. When that is added to 4 B.C. we get a date around the Feast of Tabernacles in 1 B.C. Either that or there is an error of almost 3 years somewhere before the reign of Nebuchadnezzar in the above chart.

$(4000 / 4) + (4000 / 400) - (1) + (-4) = (-1.24)$

Remember that A.D. 1.24 would be in Spring compared to 1.24 B.C. which would be in the Fall.

If this is plausible the birth of Messiah would be placed in 1 B.C. which is supported by the most credible evidence.

Recurring Theme in Psalms

Tells Us What We May Expect To See in 1999

Thus saith the Lord, No rapture in 1999! In Mat 24:29-31 The Lord, Yeshua 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: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

In speaking of the rapture, Paul says, in 1 Cor 15:51-52, Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the LAST trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. There will be no rapture in 1999, because Jesus tells us it is IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE TRIBULATION OF THOSE DAYS. Paul tells us it will be at the LAST trump. So what may we expect in 1999???

The year 1999 will prove to be a time of great tribulation for the saints scattered abroad throughout the whole world. It looks like the awesome destruction of nuclear war comes to the world in 1999.

There is a recurring theme in the Psalms. J.R. Church discovered that the Psalms seem to correlate with the calendar year like Psalm 99 would indicate what would happen in 1999. There is definitely something to this. However there is much more. There is a recurring theme in the Psalms of every 5th Psalm.

This year 1999 will bring the tremendous destruction of WWIII and Y2K. The whole world will see the manifest power of an Almighty God who is going to bring judgment upon the nations. The following is a summary of Psalm 99 that appeared on the Prophecy Fulfillment World News Update 1/1/99:

Psalm 99 - The People Will Tremble - What to expect in 1999 The earth will be moved. It will be shaken. The whole earth may stagger like a drunkard. The LORD is great in Zion. Israel will be defended by G-d Himself. The people of Israel will be recognizing Yeshua as the Messiah more than ever before. The people of Israel will begin to openly praise, Yeshua, thy great and terrible name; for it is holy. Yeshua will begin to execute judgment and righteousness in Jacob. God will speak to them in the cloudy pillar. This bright fire cloudy pillar will blind and confound the enemies of Israel. Those in Israel, who receive the Ruach Ha Kodesh by their faith in Yeshua the Messiah, will leave the Orthodox Jewish religion. They will finally in truth, no longer in outward sham, keep His testimonies, and the ordinance that He gave them. They will finally realize that it was Yeshua in that pillar of cloud and fire. Thou answeredst them, O LORD our God. Yeshua Messiah, thou wast a God that forgavest them. G-d will take vengeance by using their inventions. (This may speak both of the Y2K and the blinding fire cloud which will wipe out 83% of the forces that Russia will lead to march against Israel.) In their trembling people will again begin to know God is a holy God demanding holiness. Without holiness no man will see G-d. The LORD our God, will be exalted and will be worshipped at His holy hill, the Temple Mount in Jerusalem; for the LORD our God is holy.

The following are various verses from this recurring pattern through the Psalms for the year 1999. The theme groupings are:

Things we may expect to see God do in 1999

Instructions for the people of God

Warnings to the wicked

Things we may expect to see God do in 1999

Hear this, all ye people; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world: Both low and high, rich and poor, together. The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity. This their way is their folly: yet their posterity approve their sayings. Selah. Think about it. Retirement plans will all become folly in 1999. All that is being saved up for an inheritance will turn to folly and be wiped out this year. What good does wealth do in the face of an all out strategic nuclear war?

For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not descend after him. They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches will be confounded with perplexity in 1999. None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him: Man that is in honour, and understandeth not, is like the beasts that perish.

I will show forth all thy marvellous works. The world will see Almighty God rise up in judgement in 1999. O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongeth; O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, show thyself. The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved. The LORD is great in Zion; and he is high above all the people. Let them praise thy great and terrible name; for it is holy.

See here in the scriptures for 1999 about Y2K. Thou answeredst them, O LORD our God: thou wast a God that forgavest them, though thou tookest vengeance of their inventions. Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud. See how the Lord will take vengeance of their computer inventions with Y2K.

LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph? How long shall they utter and speak hard things? and all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?

The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them. Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand. Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at thy presence. For thou hast maintained my right and my cause; thou satest in the throne judging right. Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou hast destroyed the wicked, thou hast put out their name for ever and ever. O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end: and thou hast destroyed cities; their memorial is perished with them. But the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment. And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness. When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them: he forgetteth not the cry of the humble. The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken. The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgai. Selah. Think about the destruction coming to America in 1999 because that nation in its prosperity forgot God. The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. Arise, O LORD; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight. Put them in fear, O LORD: that the nations may know themselves to be but men. Selah. Think about it.

When I wept, and chastened my soul with fasting, that was to my reproach. I made sackcloth also my garment; and I became a proverb to them. They that sit in the gate speak against me; and I was the song of the drunkards. Behold, God is mine helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul. He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: cut them off in thy truth. For he hath delivered me out of all trouble: and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies. Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God: defend me from them that rise up against me. Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men.

For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul: the mighty are gathered against me; not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O LORD. They run and prepare themselves without my fault: awake to help me, and behold. Thou therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen: be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. Selah. Think about it. God is going to rise up in judgement so that all the world will know that He is an angry Almighty God. I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God. They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored that which I took not away.

O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee. Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord GOD of hosts, be ashamed for my sake: let not those that seek thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel. Because for thy sake I have borne reproach; shame hath covered my face. I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children. But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O LORD, in an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation. Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters. Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me. Hear me, O LORD; for thy lovingkindness is good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies. And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in trouble: hear me speedily. Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it: deliver me because of mine enemies. Thou hast known my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonour: mine adversaries are all before thee.

The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread, and call not upon the LORD. Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual desolations; even all that the enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctuary. Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy congregations; they set up their ensigns for signs.

Anti-Semitism will be rampant world wide in 1999. The world war and all calamities will be blamed on the Jews. But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision. Because of his strength will I wait upon thee: for God is my defence. The God of my mercy shall prevent me: God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies. Slay them not, lest my people forget: scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield. For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips let them even be taken in their pride: and for cursing and lying which they speak. For God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah: that they may dwell there, and have it in possession. The seed also of his servants shall inherit it: and they that love his name shall dwell therein. O God, why hast thou cast us off for ever? why doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture? Remember thy congregation, which thou hast purchased of old; the rod of thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed; this mount Zion, They have cast fire into thy sanctuary, they have defiled by casting down the dwelling place of thy name to the ground. They said in their hearts, Let us destroy them together: they have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land. We see not our signs: there is no more any prophet: neither is there among us any that knoweth how long.

O God, how long shall the adversary reproach? shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever? Remember this, that the enemy hath reproached, O LORD, and that the foolish people have blasphemed thy name. Consume them in wrath, consume them, that they may not be: and let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth. O God, the heathen are come into thine inheritance; thy holy temple have they defiled; they have laid Jerusalem on heaps. The dead bodies of thy servants have they given to be meat unto the fowls of the heaven, the flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the earth. Their blood have they shed like water round about Jerusalem; and there was none to bury them. We are become a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and derision to them that are round about us. How long, LORD? wilt thou be angry for ever? shall thy jealousy burn like fire?

Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! when the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad. The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that have not known thee, and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy name. For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling place. Selah. Think about it. God will arise to the defense of Israel.

The Lord hath said, I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant, Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations. I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him: With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him. The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him. And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him. But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted. They break in pieces thy people, O LORD, and afflict thine heritage. He shall cry unto me, Thou art my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation. Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth. My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him. His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven. Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me. It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven.

Think about it. There will be hell to pay for those who fail to love and bless the Jews. Selah. Think about it. The apostate christians and all those who fail to love Israel and the Jewish people will see Almighty God arise in defense of Israel and to keep his covenant

with David regardless of how the Jews may have failed in keeping their end of the Davidic covenant. For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance.

Thy servant is warned: In keeping of thy commandments there is great reward. He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar: they kept his testimonies, and the ordinance that he gave them. Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah. Think about it. In 1999 you will see Jews, the people of Jacob, finally seeking the face of God by turning to Yeshua. This year many Jews will make public profession that Yeshua is Messiah. And in his temple doth every one speak of his glory.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah. Think about it. The Jews this year in 1999 will finally recognize that Yeshua is the King of Glory.

This year in 1999 the Jews will recognize Yeshua as Messiah and the LORD of hosts.

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD is upon many waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars; yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon. The voice of the LORD divideth the flames of fire. The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness; the LORD shaketh the wilderness of the desert.

The Lord will bring judgement. Great destruction will come and the Lord will execute judgement as the LORD who sitteth King for ever. The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.

They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed. This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry. The face of the LORD is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all. The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am. Verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Selah. Think about it. Surely every man walketh in a vain show: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them. Remove thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the blow of thine hand. When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity. Selah. Think about it. In 1999 God is going to make people see their vanity and the hopelessness of their state apart from Him. There will be no peace or security apart from God.

Thou art my King, O God: command deliverances for Jacob. Through thee will we push down our enemies: through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us. For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me. But thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us. In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever. Selah. Think about it. The world in 1999 will see God fight gloriously to deliver Israel. The world will also see the armies of the United States totally defeated, for God no longer protects the United States but is bringing that nation to judgement for turning away from God. The United States will be destroyed and the Americans taken into captivity and be a laughing stock and byword among the heathen.

But thou hast cast off, and put us to shame; and goest not forth with our armies. Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy: and they which hate us spoil for themselves. Thou hast given us like sheep appointed for meat; and hast scattered us among the heathen. Thou sellest thy people for nought, and dost not increase thy wealth by their price. Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and a derision to them that are round about us. Thou makest us a byword among the heathen, a shaking of the head among the people. My confusion is continually before me, and the shame of my face hath covered me, by reason of the enemy and avenger.

All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee, neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant. Our heart is not turned back, neither have our steps declined from thy way; Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter. Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? arise, cast us not off for ever. Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and forgettest our affliction and our oppression? For our soul is bowed down to the dust: our belly cleaveth unto the earth. Arise for our help, and redeem us for thy mercies' sake.

But God shall shoot at them with an arrow; suddenly shall they be wounded. So they shall make their own tongue to fall upon themselves: all that see them shall flee away. And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider of his doing. The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O LORD: thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints. For who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD? who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD? God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him. O LORD God of hosts, who is a strong

LORD like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee? Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

Instructions for the people of God

I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations. For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens. Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance. In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted. For thou art the glory of their strength: and in thy favour our horn shall be exalted. For the LORD is our defence; and the Holy One of Israel is our king. Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy. The LORD is my defence; and my God is the rock of my refuge.

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer. Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law; That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked. Unless the LORD had been my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence. When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.

In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul. But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him.

Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah. Think about it! Save me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy strength. Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth. For strangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul: they have not set God before them. Selah. Think about it. Christians and Jews world wide will know they are in great tribulation. Everyone will hate true bible believers.

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD. I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety. I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High. The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee. Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his doings. Have mercy upon me, O LORD; consider my trouble which I suffer of them that hate me, thou that liftest me up from the gates of death: That I may show forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will rejoice in thy salvation.

There were they in great fear: for God is in the generation of the righteous. The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. Thy commandments are more to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer. Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength. Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him. The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.

Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD. Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate. I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me. I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, even from good; and my sorrow was stirred. My heart was hot within me, while I was musing the fire burned: then spake I with my tongue,

And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee. Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish. I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because thou didst it. Remove thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the blow of thine hand.

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were. O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter. Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? arise, cast us not off for ever. Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and forgettest our affliction and our oppression? For our soul is bowed down to the dust: our belly cleaveth unto the earth. Arise for our help, and redeem us for thy mercies' sake.

Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy. I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God. They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored that which I took not away.

O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee. Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord GOD of hosts, be ashamed for my sake: let not those that seek thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel. Because for thy sake I have borne reproach; shame hath covered my face. I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children. Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity: Who whet their tongue like a sword, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words: That they may shoot in secret at the perfect: suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.

They encourage themselves in an evil matter: they commune of laying snares privily; they say, Who shall see them? They search out iniquities; they accomplish a diligent search: both the inward thought of every one of them, and the heart, is deep. But God shall shoot at them with an arrow; suddenly shall they be wounded. So they shall make their own tongue to fall upon themselves: all that see them shall flee away. And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider of his doing. The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O LORD, in an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation. Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters. Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

Remember this, that the enemy hath reproached, O LORD, and that the foolish people have blasphemed thy name. O deliver not the soul of thy turtledove unto the multitude of the wicked: forget not the congregation of thy poor for ever. Arise, O God, plead thine own cause: remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee daily. Forget not the voice of thine enemies: the tumult of those that rise up against thee increaseth continually. Hear me, O LORD; for thy lovingkindness is good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies. And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in trouble: hear me speedily.

By reason of the enemy and avenger all this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee, neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant. Our heart is not turned back, neither have our steps declined from thy way;

Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, when the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about? None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him: (For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever:) That he should still live for ever, and not see corruption.

But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble. Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defence, and the God of my mercy. For God is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth. I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving. This also shall please the LORD better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs. The humble shall see this, and be glad: and your heart shall live that seek God. For the LORD heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners.

O remember not against us former iniquities: let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us: for we are brought very low. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake. Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is their God? let him be known among the heathen in our sight by the revenging of the blood of thy servants which is shed. Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee; according to the greatness of thy power preserve thou those that are appointed to die; And render unto our neighbours sevenfold into their bosom their reproach, wherewith they have reproached thee, O Lord.

Let the heaven and earth praise him, the seas, and every thing that moveth therein. So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: we will show forth thy praise to all generations. My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them. Who passing through the valley of weeping make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools. They go from strength to strength, O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah. Think about it. The world will come to know it is in the time of Jacob's trouble or the great tribulation in 1999. The God of Jacob is our only refuge in the time of Jacob's trouble.

Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed. For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

Warnings to the wicked

Thus saith the Lord, O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing (deception)? Selah. Think about it.

The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate. Yet they say, The LORD shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard it. Understand, ye brutish among the people: and ye fools, when will ye be wise? He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see? He that chastiseth the heathen, shall not he correct? he that teacheth man knowledge, shall not he know?

The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity. Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law? And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; yea, the LORD our God shall cut them off.

Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

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Yeshua is the given Hebrew name of Jesus of Nazareth, the one and only Messiah, and creator and redeemer of the whole world. Yeshua is the name of G-d come in the flesh. Yeshua is the name that He was known by all the apostles and first century saints. Every time you see the word salvation in the scriptures it is Yeshua. There are 2 situations in which you should KNOW to use His real given Hebrew name. #1 Whenever speaking of Messiah to a Jew. #2 Whenever you are in spiritual warfare to overcome demonic principalities.

To meditate on God's names is a source of peace, joy and powerful prayer life. What can we tell God that He does not already know? We need to know Him better. His names tell us about who He is. They show His Majesty, His Power, His Glory, and His Infinite Love for His people.

The revelation of God to man is one of authority and of redemption. He requires righteousness from man, but saves the unrighteous through sacrifice; and in His redemptive dealings with man all the divine persons and attributes are brought into manifestation. The Tenach reveals the justice of God as fully as His mercy, but never in opposition to His mercy. The flood, may be seen as an unspeakable mercy to unborn generations. From Genesis to Malachi He is revealed as the seeking God who has no pleasure in the death of the wicked, and who heaps up before the sinner every possible motive to persuade him to faith and obedience. In the Brith Hadasha we see the sacrifice perfected in the Blood of Yeshua Messiah. As Abraham said, and as history has recorded, and as the redeemed KNOW, indeed G-d has provided Himself a Lamb. Yeshua Messiah will soon return as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE NAMES OF GOD

Hebrew: ----- English Meaning

Elohim ----- God - The One and Only True God

Yahweh:----- LORD - He that is who He is, The eternal I AM

Adonai:----- Lord - Master

El Shaddai ----- God Almighty - The All-sufficient One

El Elyon ----- Most High - Possessor of heaven and earth

El Olam ----- Everlasting God - God over eternal things

El Gibbor ----- Mighty God - The Only All Powerful God

Yahweh Jireh ---- The LORD will provide

Yahweh Rapha ---- The LORD who healeth

Yahweh Nissi ---- The LORD is my banner, The LORD is my victory

Yahweh Shalom --- The LORD our peace, The LORD gives peace

Yahweh Tsidkenu - The LORD Our Righteousness

Yahweh Shammah - The LORD is present

Yahweh Sabaoth - The LORD of Hosts, LORD Almighty, King of Glory

This is by no means an exhaustive list. It is just a starting point for what some have said are over 800 different names of God in the scriptures. It is a starting point.

Note: We write G-d and L-rd without vowels as a sign of respect.

In the original Hebrew there were no vowels, and no difference between upper and lower case (capital and small letters). Hellenistic Christians choose to mark the respect by inserting the vowel, and capitalizing the first letter, neither of which are in the original. Jewish people mark the respect by capitalizing the first letter (which is not in the original), and indicating the vowel is not there in the original. One extra thing about this method is that if G-d is never written in full, no-one can deface the word!

G-d's personal name is spelt Yod Heh Vav Heh in the Hebrew. This approximates to Y H V H. The vowels were not written until about the thirteenth century C.E. G-d's personal name was only spoken in the temple on Yom Kippur after the High Priest had entered the Holy of Holies, and resulted in those hearing falling prone and reciting the second phrase of the Shema, "Blessed be His name (HaShem) whose glorious kingdom shall be for ever and ever." During the Babylonian captivity His personal Name was never spoken of at all, there was no access to the temple. Upon return to Jerusalem 70 years later, no-one was sure how to pronounce His name, so the word Adonai was substituted, which means 'L-rd'. Alternatively haShem was used which means 'the Name', especially when the word Adonai immediately preceded G-d's personal name.

When the vowel points were added, over a thousand years later, the vowels were not actually known. The vowels for Adonai were used instead. In England at about that time, and for some time later, there was a great persecution of the Jews, and they were driven out of the country, killed, or forced to abandon Judaism. When the English versions of the Bible were becoming popular (Wycliffe, Tyndale et al.) there was no significant Jewish presence to speak of in England. So the gentiles, in ignorance, assumed that G-d's personal Name had the vowels of Adonai in it. It would be like taking the consonants of your first name and using the vowels of your last name.

Some people still believe these were the correct consonants. However it is likely that they are not the right consonants, and no-one can be sure. To avoid being disrespectful by using a nonsense word to refer to G-d, most Jewish people will not refer to Him as Jehovah or Yahweh, the English equivalents of this nonsense word. Some regard the idea of referring to the Almighty One by a nonsense word as blasphemous, and there is a good case for viewing things this way.

Some "Messianic or Christian" groups claim that G-d is a single Personage and that Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are G-d's three "titles" or "offices." That G-d must have both unity and diversity is clear. The Allah of Islam, or the Jehovah of Jehovah's Witnesses, or the G-d of some aberrant "Messianic or Christian" groups would be incomplete in Himself. He would be unable to love or communicate before creating other beings capable of interacting with Him in these ways. (For G-d to be just, true, holy, and pure would not require the existence of other beings in order for these qualities to be expressed, as would be the case for G-d to express, let alone, be love.)

The quality of love and the capacities for fellowship and communion, by their very nature, require another personal being with whom to share them. The Bible says that "G-d is love." This could only be true if within the Godhead there is diversity as well as unity. The actual word "trinity" does not occur in the Bible. The concept of the diversity of G-d is clearly expressed there, providing the unity and diversity that makes possible the love, fellowship, and communion within the Godhead.

The Bible presents a G-d who did not need to create any beings to express love, communion, and fellowship. This G-d is complete in Himself, existing eternally in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, distinguishable from each other, yet at the same time eternally one G-d. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit loved, communed, and fellowshiped together and took counsel together before the universe, angels, or man were brought into existence. Truly the Godhead, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, love. The One "G-d is love" (1 John 4:8, 16) - and He alone.

Love is G-d's principal weapon in His battle with Satan for the souls and destiny of mankind. For the battle rages not only for man's mind but above all for his love. Every sin, therefore, has its root in man's failure to respond to G-d's love in the fullness of the capacity of love which He has given us. As the first and greatest commandment declares: (Mark 12:30) And thou shalt love the Lord thy G-d with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this [is] the first commandment. (Deuteronomy 6:5)

We don't have the ability within ourselves to keep this commandment, for "love is of G-d." It is G-d's love to us that woos and wins our hearts and awakens in us a love for Him: "We love him because he first loved us." The great act (and thus the proof) of G-d's love is that G-d became a man in order to personally pay the penalty demanded by His justice against our sin. He could only do this because He is a personal and triune Being.

The idea that G-d is a single Personage (Unitarianism), and not Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, existing eternally in one G-d, invaded the church around 220 A.D. Though the idea is condemned by the vast majority of Christians, this idea survives to this day in some groups.

Yeshua said, "The Father loveth the Son and hath given all things into his hand"(John 3:35). G-d's love is not just toward mankind but first of all within the Godhead. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit can't be mere offices, titles, or modes in which G-d manifests Himself, for such cannot love, consult, and fellowship together. Not only is the Son presented as a the Only Savior, but the Father and the Holy Spirit are presented as well. The Bible presents each as having His own personality: each wills, acts, loves, and cares, and can also be grieved or become angry. Unitarianism robs the Godhead of the essential qualities of self-existent and self-sufficient deity.

Godhead? Is that a biblical term? Yes, indeed. It occurs three times in the b'rit chadashah, (New Testament): in Acts 17:29, Romans 1:20, and Colossians 2:9. In contrast to theos, which is used consistently throughout the New Testament for G-d, in these verses (theios, theiotes, theotes), which the KJV, in contrast to other versions, carefully designates by the special word Godhead. That very term indicates a plurality of being.

Paul wrote, "In him dwelleth all the fulness if the Godhead bodily"(Colossians 2:9). This statement makes no sense if, as the "Yeshua only or Yahweh only" advocates teach, Messiah is the only G-d, and the Father and Holy Spirit are merely "offices" or "titles." Paul would then be making the meaningless statement that in Messiah dwelt all the fullness of Messiah.

Did Paul mean that in Messiah dwells all the fullness of deity, as non-KJV translations render it? That would detract from the deity of Messiah. For if Messiah is intrinsically G-d, then what is the point of saying that "in Him dwells all the fullness of deity"? But if Messiah is the Son and there are also the Father and the Holy Spirit in the Godhead, then it does mean something: that when the Son became man He brought that fullness of the Godhead with Him into flesh.

The Antichrist comes in the place of the true Messiah. Lacking the marks of crucifixion, he must therefore promote another view of Messiah that denies that Yeshua is the one and only Messiah. He must therefore deny that G-d has literally become a man and that this union between G-d and man continues eternally in the Person of Yeshua of Nazareth, who died for our sins and is now resurrected. This common "antichrist" doctrine takes many forms and is found in many religions. Such delusions have all been part of a centuries-long preparation for the time when Antichrist will be accepted by the world as its savior.

Like Jews, Muslims find the trinity particularly objectionable. One of Islam's most important teachings concerns the "absolute oneness of Allah." Yet the Koran repeats the Genesis statement: "Let us make man in our image." Islam has no explanation for this contradiction.

The very first verse in the Bible presents G-d's diversity as a plural being. It declares: "In the beginning G-d created the heaven and the earth." Yet instead of the singular Eloah for G-d in the Hebrew, the plural Elohim, is used. It literally means "In the beginning, G-ds created...." It is also Elohim (G-ds) who say later in the chapter, "Let us make man in our image...."

This plural noun (Elohim) is found over 2500 times in the Old Testament. Yet a singular verb, bara, is used in Genesis 1:1 and in almost every other place that Elohim is found. So we have both singularity (in the verb) and plurality (in the noun). The same is true all through the entire Tanakh (Old Testament). If G-d was a single Personage, then the single form, Eloah, would have been used, not Elohim. That fact is inescapable.

At the burning bush incident we read: "And G-d (Elohim) said unto Moses, I am that I am..."(Exodus 3:14). Here G-ds speak, but they don't say "We are" but "I am." Again that peculiar singularity and plurality at the same time in the same Being! So it is in Exodus 20:2 - "I am the L-rd thy G-d (Elohim)...." And Leviticus 11:44- "I am the l-rd your G-d (Elohim)...." Each time G-d uses Elohim (G-ds) of Himself (90 percent of the time) instead of Eloah (G-d)(10 percent), He reveals to us the plurality of His Being. And when He uses a singular verb and pronoun along with Elohim, He is clearly telling us that He is a unity.

Nor is the word Elohim the only way in which G-d's plurality is presented. Consider, for example, Psalm 149:2 "Let Israel rejoice in their Maker" (literally "makers"); Ecclesiastes 12:1; "Remember now thy Creator" (literally "creators"); and Isaiah 54:5 "For thy Maker is thine husband" (literally "makers, husbands"). Unitarianism has no explanation for this consistent presentation of G-d's plurality all through the Tanakh (Old Testament).

Most Jewish people are not aware that the plural noun G-ds is found in the very center of Israel's famous confession of the oneness of G-d. It reads in Hebrew: "Shema yisroel adonai elohenu adonai echad" (Deutonomy 6:4). From this scripture Rabbi Maimonides taught Jews to recite daily, "I believe with a perfect faith that the Creator, blessed be His name, is ONE."

Maimonides, however, perverted the Scripture, apparently deliberately. To express "ONE" he used the Hebrew word yachid, which means single and absolute one. Yet Moses used echad, which could mean a unity of several into one. For example, it is used in Genesis 2:24, where man and woman become "one flesh"; in Exodus 36:13, when the various parts become one tabernacle"; in 2 Samuel 2:25, when many soldiers "became one troop"; and elsewhere.

G-d is telling us something important about Himself by His choice of Hebrew words. Had G-d wanted to show that He is an absolute one; He would have chosen yachid, but instead He chose echad. Maimonides made a serious mistake in changing G-d's Word. As a result, millions of Jews have been led astray and still are to this day.

The rabbis surely knew that Adonai had repeatedly declared, "I am the L-rd thy G-d, the Holy One of Israel, thy Savior...and besides me there is no savior." Then who else, if He was to save His people, could the Messiah be except the L-rd G-d of Israel come down as a man? The full wonder of this fact, so essential to our salvation, shattered the skepticism of doubting Thomas and caused him to exclaim, when confronted by the resurrected Messiah, "My L-rd and my G-d"(John 20:28).

Yet the rabbis accused Yeshua of blasphemy because He said "that G-d was his Father, making himself equal with G-d"(John 5:18). They knew that He was claiming to be "the G-d of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob," even though many today deny that Yeshua ever made such a claim. This "blasphemy" became the charge with which the Sanhedrin condemned Him to death: "For a good work we stone thee not, but for blasphemy...thou being a man, makest thyself G-d"(John10:33; Mark 14:64)

They were blind to the prophecy of Zechariah that Israel would pierce Adonai - and they fulfilled that prophecy, for Yeshua is G-d, a conclusion one cannot escape. When Messiah returns visibly in power and glory at His second coming, the surviving Jews (whom He rescues from the Antichrist at Armageddon), will recognize Him by the marks of Calvary: "They shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him"(Zechariah 12:10). Adonai, the G-d of Israel, is speaking. When was He pierced? The Hebrew word means the piercing to death as when King Saul begged his armor bearer, "Draw thy sword, and thrust me through"(1 Samuel 31:4). Zechariah's prophecy is both remarkable and clear; G-d Himself will come as a man to rescue Israel when, in the last days, they will be surrounded by the armies of the world and will stand on the brink of destruction. Nor does he come as an ordinary man, but as One who was thrust through to death and has come back to life.

When Israel sees Him, they will know Yeshua by the marks of crucifixion that His resurrected body still bears. In that moment all Israel will be convinced at last that Yeshua of Nazareth, whom they crucified and have rejected for so long, is the Messiah long promised by their own prophets. They will repent and believe in Him (Zechariah 12:10-14:9).

Just as Israel's misunderstanding of G-d's diverse nature in the Godhead caused her to reject her Messiah, so that same misunderstanding will allow her to be deceived into accepting the Antichrist. He comes not as a member of the Godhead - in the name of the Father and under the anointing of the Holy Spirit - but "in his own name."

The New Testament presents the Godhead, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit who are distinct, yet One G-d. At the same time we repeatedly have the clear statement that there is only one true G-d. Messiah prays to the Father. Is He praying to Himself? "The Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world"(1 John 4:14). Did He send Himself? Worse yet, did one "office" pray and send a "title"? Messiah said, "I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter...even the Spirit of truth" (John 14:16,17).

Throughout the New Testament, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are each separately honored and act as G-d, yet only in perfect unity with one another. G-d is one in purpose, power, and divine attributes - yet He is manifest as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, proving His diversity as well. The Old Testament also presents the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in the Godhead. Take for example the following: Isaiah 48:12,13 &16 Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I [am] he; I [am] the first, I also [am] the last. Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens... from the time that it was, there [am] I: and now the L-rd G-D, and his Spirit, hath sent me.

The one speaking refers to Himself as "the first and the last" and the Creator of all, so He must be G-d. But he speaks of two others in the same passage who must also be G-d: "the L-rd G-d, and his Spirit, hath sent me." By whom could G-d be "sent" on some mission - and where? This can be none other than the Father and the Holy Spirit, sending the Son into the world to be our Savior. One cannot escape the fact that all through the Bible G-d is presented as a plurality and yet as one, as having both diversity and unity. This concept of G-d is unique among all the world's religions. To reject the triune nature of G-d is to reject the G-d of the Bible - and to come, ultimately, under the delusion that will cause the world to obey and worship the Antichrist when he comes. It is a mystery that G-d can exist in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and yet be one G-d; but, both Scripture and logic demand this fact. It is also a mystery how G-d could have no beginning and create everything out of nothing, yet it must be so. There is much else that we cannot explain - love, beauty, truth, or what a human soul or spirit is - but we don't reject it on that basis. G-d has revealed with the Godhead the diversity of His nature to us so that we can believe in and know Him. We dare not reject what He says or lower Him to the level of our finite minds.

The G-d of the Bible is the Creator of the universe, separate and distinct from it and not subject to the laws He made to govern it. And this truth is the only hope for mankind. For the G-d of the Bible can, in fact, reach into the dying universe and re-create it and restore it to be totally new. Reincarnation can only recycle that which is steadily sinking into oblivion. Resurrection, on the other hand, represents an influx of G-d's power from outside bringing immortality to that which otherwise would be eternally dead.

Such is the G-d whom we must know personally in order to be saved. And such is the G-d whom the Antichrist denies. It is this One G-d, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Who made man in His image and Who alone could come as a man and still remain G-d. He alone could rescue mankind from sin, and self, and from eternal separation from His love and presence. To deny the diversity in the revelation of the Godhead is to deny the majority of the price which G-d paid at Calvary to save the redeemed. Yeshua, by separation from an infinite closeness with the Father from all eternity past, albeit for a finite time of three days and three nights, literally suffered hell for all the redeemed. However the reason to believe the doctrine of the diversity of the Godhead is that the Father also suffered in this separation and also the Holy Spirit suffered that hell of separation from Yeshua. To reject the Biblical doctrine of the Godhead's diversity is to trash the majority of the great price, beyond our understanding, which was paid at Calvary. G-d redeemed those who would come to really KNOW Him and according to 2 Pet 1:11, provided that an entrance unto the redeemed abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our L-rd and Saviour Yeshua Messiah, Jesus Christ. 2 Pet 2:20 ... they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Yeshua Messiah... The only way to escape the pollutions of the world is through the knowledge, and relationship to the REAL Yeshua. The Messiah, Yeshua, is G-d come in the flesh, the Creator. He is the only way of access and relationship to the One True G-d of Israel.

If you KNOW the real Yeshua as G-d, the Creator come in the flesh as our redeemer, we are brothers. None of our peanut brains can understand the Godhead or trinity this side of glory anyhow.

However, if you think you know the Father, YHVH, Yahweh, without knowing the REAL Yeshua, G-d the Creator come in the flesh to accomplish redemption, you have received the most deadly deception, which will not permit you to be among the redeemed. REPENT! Become a United Pentecostal if you must, but get to KNOW the real Yeshua, who is G-d come in the flesh to redeem you, and Who provides the ONLY Way, you can in TRUTH, know Yahweh. There is no other Way for the redeemed. Any other Yeshua, who is not equal with G-d, Who is not G-d the Creator, is not capable of redeeming you. Unless you believe that Yeshua is ONE with the Father, Yahweh, you will die in your sins. Give up the idolatry of such religious knowledge that prevents you from KNOWING the One True G-d and Yeshua Messiah that He has sent.

Give up your intellectual idol yeshua. The Jews killed the real historic Yeshua, because He told the truth that He was equal with His Father, Yahweh. John 5:18. The real Yeshua will not conform to the religious knowledge and idolatry of our finite human understanding. REPENT! No man can come to the real Yeshua, except by the Father and the Holy Spirit drawing him. Don't make the real Yeshua a liar by idolatrous religious knowledge. The real Yeshua, Who redeems those who KNOW Him, said "Before Abraham was, I AM." The Jews knew what He meant because they took up stones to cast at Him. The real Yeshua told Moses, to tell the people of Israel that His name was I AM. In John 8:24 Yeshua said in no uncertain terms, that you shall die in your sins: for if you believe not that Yeshua is I AM, you shall die in your sins. The most deadly form of idolatry is that religious knowledge that rejects the real, true, Yeshua, the I AM, Who is beyond the capacity of human knowledge without the help of the Holy Spirit. Without the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, The Spirit of HOLINESS, helping you overcome the pride and idolatry of human religious intellect, you can not know the real Yeshua.

Only the real Yeshua will redeem you, forgive your sins, and let you know and worship, the Father, Yahweh, in spirit and in truth. Yeshua is the Judge. When the real Yeshua opened the eyes of the man who was born blind, he worshipped Him. What about you? We are all born blind spiritually. We must be born again, by the Spirit of Truth, that we may worship the real Yeshua, and through Him come to KNOW, our Father Yahweh. When Yeshua said, "I and my Father are one. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him." (John 10:30-31) They made their Messiah, Redeemer, and L-rd, a liar and a blasphemer, in order to keep the idol of their religious knowledge.

IF YOU LOSE YESHUA, YOU LOSE GOD, and win the lake of fire.

If you have a faith which is not built on Who the historical Yeshua is, G-d who has come in the flesh, not as an appearance, not as a spirit or angel, not as a teacher or prophet, not as an anointed man, but THE ONE who truly has come as G-d, Almighty Yahweh Creator, in the FLESH..., you lose everything. The genuine incarnation of the divine person becoming humanity is Who Yeshua IS. That is the REAL YESHUA. Many deceivers were already in the world who did not acknowledge that Almighty G-d, Creator, Yahweh, has come in the flesh were in the world in John's time and that is the reason for his second epistle. No one can fully understand the Godhead, with the greatest human intelligence. However, if you allow the idol of your religion, or your intellect, keep you from, by the Spirit of Truth, knowing the Real Yeshua, you can not and will not be redeemed. Any spirit that denies that

Yeshua Messiah, is The One True Almighty G-d, come in the flesh, is antimessiah. There can be no compromise, tolerance, or fellowship with those following this antichrist spirit of religious intellectualism.

2 John 1:7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Yeshua Messiah is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

2 John 1:8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

2 John 1:9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Messiah, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Messiah, he hath both the Father and the Son.

2 John 1:10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:

2 John 1:11 For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.

Isaiah 53

Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the L-RD revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of G-d, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the L-RD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased the L-RD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the L-RD shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Faith, Summary: The essence of faith consists in believing and receiving what G-d has revealed, and may be defined as that trust in the G-d of the Scriptures and in Messiah Yeshua Whom He has sent. Saving FAITH, receives Him as L-rd and Savior and impels to loving obedience and good works. Faith is belief plus the Holy Spirit.

It is time that we REPENT of our religion to allow the Spirit of Truth, to let us KNOW our redeemer, and by Him really KNOW our Father, Yahweh?

ESSIANIC JEWISH TERMS, and Their Meanings

Abba - Dad/ Daddy

Adonai - the L-rd

Adonai Echad - the L-rd is one

Adonai haElyon - the L-rd Most High

Adonai Shalom - the L-rd of Peace

Adonai Tzidkeynu - the L-rd our Righteousness

Adonai Tzvaot - the L-rd of Hosts

Adonai Yeshuateynu - The L-rd our Salvation

Adonai Yeera - the L-rd our Provider

Alaykhim shalom - and unto you be peace (response to greeting)

Am Yisrael Chai - The people of Israel live *

Amha aretz - ordinary people

Amidah - Prayer

Av - Father

Avinu Malkeynu - Our Father and Our King *

AVraham - Abraham

Avraham avinu - father Abraham

Bar - son (Aramaic)

Baruch haShem - Bless the Name (of G-d)

Barucha - Blessing (often of the meal, i.e. after the meal)

Bat - daughter

bat kol - voice from heaven

Beit LEchem - Bethlehem (house of bread)

Ben - son (Hebrew)

Brit Chadashah - New Covenant

Brit Milah - circumcision

Bubbemeises - old wives' tales
 Challah - bread set aside for priests, today for fellowship
 Chametz - leaven/ yeast
 Chavah - Eve
 Cohan/ Cohen - priest
 Cohanim - priests
 Cohen haGadol - high priest
 Davvening - praying
 Drashot - sermons/ teachings
 EliSHEva - Elizabeth
 Eliyahu - Elijah
 Eretz - Land
 Eretz Mitzrayim - the land of Egypt
 Eretz Yisrael - the land of Israel
 Erev - Evening
 Gan Eden - Paradise
 Gey Hinnom - Hell
 Goy - a gentile
 Goyim - gentiles (literally nations)
 Goyishe - gentile (adjective)
 halakhah - Jewish customs
 Halel - psalms of praise
 Hallelujah - Praise G-d
 Hava N'Gilah - let us rejoice
 haShem - the Name (G-d's personal name - Yod Vav Heh Vav) *
 Hatikvah - Hope (The Israeli national anthem)
 Jacob - James
 Judah - Jude
 Judah from Kiriot - Judas Iscariot
 K'ruvim - Cherubim
 Kadosh - holy
 Kadoshim - Holy ones (can refer to angels or saints)
 Kehilah - Congregation/ church
 Kinneret - the Sea of Galilee
 Kol - Voice
 Korban - sacrifice
 Kvetching - complaining
 L'Chaim - To life (often used as a toast)
 L'Shana Tova - Happy New Year *
 Leviim - Levites
 Magdalit - Magdalene
 Magen Avraham - Shield of Abraham *
 Magen David - Shield of David (often rendered Star of David) *
 Mamzer - bastard (born of unmarried parents)
 Marana ta - our L-rd come
 Marta - Martha
 Mashiach/Moshiach - Messiah/ Christ
 Matzah - unleavened bread
 Mayim - water
 Mazel-tov - congratulations
 Melchi-Tzedek - Melchizedek/ king of righteousness
 Melech - King
 Menorah - lampstand
 Mentsh - a real person, moral, energetic
 Meshugga - crazy
 Messianic Jews - Hebrews (letter to the...)
 Midrash - paraphrase of a book *
 Mikveh - Baptism
 Minyan - quorum of ten or more men for Jewish worship
 Miriam/ Miryam - Mary
 Mitzryim - Egypt

Mitzvah - commandments/ good deeds
 Mitzvot - commandments/ good deeds
 Moshe - Moses
 Motzaei Shabbat - end of the Sabbath (Saturday night)
 New Covenant - New Testament
 Nudnik - pest/ nuisance
 Olam - universe/ world
 Olam haba - the world to come
 Olam hazeh - this world
 Old Covenant - Old Testament
 Oyveh - boy are we in trouble (woe is me)
 Parokhet - curtain
 Pesach - passover
 Prushim - Pharises
 Rabbi - teacher
 Ramatayim - Arimathea
 Rivkah - Rebecca
 Rosh Hashana - New year's day (Literally 'head of the Year') *
 Ruach haKodesh - Holy Spirit
 SaTAN - the devil
 Seder - dinner, usually a special festival dinner
 Sekhel - common sense
 Shabbat - Sabbath (Friday Evening to Saturday Afternoon)
 Shabbat Shalom - Peace of the Sabbath (a Sabbath greeting) *
 Shalom - peace
 Shalom alaykhim - peace be unto you (greeting) see
 Alaykhim shalom
 Shammash - servant/ deacon
 Shaul - Saul/ Paul
 Shavuot - Pentecost
 Shem - Name
 Shimon - Simon (Often used of Peter)/ Simeon
 Shivah - mourning
 Shlomo - Solomon
 Shmai - the call to prayer
 Shmoose - talk at ease/ unguardedly
 Shofar - ram's horn (frequently translated 'trumpet')
 Shomron - Samaria
 Shoshanah - Susanna
 Shoshi - short for Shoshanah
 SmiKHAH - ordination
 Sukkot - Tabernacles (Jewish Thanksgiving festival)
 T'fil-lin - Phylacteries
 T'shuvah - repent
 Tallis - prayer shawl
 Tallit - prayer shawl
 Talmid - disciple
 Talmindim - disciples
 Tanakh - Hebrew Scriptures/ Old Testament
 Toma - Thomas
 Torah - Books of the Law/ Pentateuch
 Treif - non-kosher
 Tsuris - troubles
 Tzdukim - Sadducees
 TzeDAkah - give to charity
 Tzedek - righteousness
 Tzion - Zion
 Tzitzit - fringes of the prayer shawl
 YA'a-kov - James
 Yehudah - Jude/ Judah/ Joda/ Judea
 Yerushalayim - Jerusalem

YeshaYAHu - Isaiah
Yeshivah - religious school
YeSHUa - Jesus
YESHua - Joshua
Yishai - Jesse
YITZ-chak - Isaac
Yochanah - Joanna
Yochanan - John
Yochanan the Immerser - John the Baptist
Yom Kippur - Day of Atonement
Yosef - Joseph

hmai Yisrael Adonai Eloheynu Adonai Echad
- Hear O Israel, the L-rd our G-d, the L-rd is One (the call to prayer)
Hiney lo yanum v'lo yishan Shomer Yisrael
- He that keeps Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps
Hiney ma tov oomah nay im shevet achim gam yachad
- Behold how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity

everse list
Baptism - Mikveh
Christ - Messiah
Church - congregation/ shul/ kehilah
James - Jacob
Jehovah - never used: reckoned as in poor taste, or even blasphemy *
Jesus - Yeshua
Jesus Christ - Yeshua haMashiach
L-rd Jesus Christ - Yeshua haMashiach hu Adonai
Jude - Judah
Law - Torah
L-rd - Adonai
Mary - Miriam
New Testament - Brit Chadashah (literally New Covenant)
Old Testament - Tanakh/ Hebrew Scriptures
Trumpet - Shofar (the ram's horn)

Technical Section

(For those who like to dig)

There are blessings in the technical knowledge; however, knowledge can be the enemy of faith.

Old Testament (Tenach)

Revelation of God through His names

Primary names of God.

English: God. Hebrew: <El, Elah, or Elohim>, Gen 1:1- "In the beginning God..."

<Elohim> (English form "God"), is the first of the primary names of God. Elohim is a plural noun in form but is singular in meaning when it refers to the true God. The emphasis in Gen 1:26 is on the diversity in God. Gen 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

The emphasis in v. 27 is on the harmony and unity of God.. Gen 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

In Gen 3:22 we again see the plural form of the word suggesting the unity and diversity of God. Gen 3:22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: ...

English: LORD. Hebrew: <YHWH (Yahweh)>, Gen 2:4 - "...in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens," LORD (Heb <YHWH>) is the second of the primary names of God.

(1) The original meaning of the name "LORD" (perhaps pronounced Yahweh, in English <Jehovah>) is the <self-existent One;> literally (as in Exo 3:14), <He that is who He is,> therefore, <the eternal I AM.> .

(2) It is meaningful that the first appearance of the name <Yahweh> in Scripture follows the creation of man. It was God <(Elohim)> who said, "Let us make man in our image" (Gen 1:26); but when man, as in Gen 2, is to become dominant over creation, it is the LORD God <(Yahweh Elohim)> who acts. This clearly indicates a special relation of God, in His <Yahweh> character, to man, and all Scripture emphasizes this.

(3) <Yahweh> is distinctly the redemption name of God. When sin entered the world and man's redemption became necessary, it was <Yahweh Elohim> who sought the sinning ones (Gen 3:9 - 13) and clothed them with coats of skins (Gen 3:21), a clear picture of the righteousness provided by the LORD God through sacrifice. The first revelation of Himself by His name <Yahweh> was in connection with the redemption of the covenant people out of Egypt (Exo 3:13 - 17).

As Redeemer, emphasis is laid upon those attributes of <Yahweh> which the sin and salvation of man bring into application. These are (a) His holiness (Lev 11:44 - 45; 19:1 - 2; 20:26; Hab 1:12 - 13); (b) His hatred and judgment of sin (Deu 32:35 - 42; cp. Gen 6:5 - 7; Exo 34:6 - 7; Ps 11:4 - 6; 66:18); and (c) His love for and redemption of sinners, which he always carries out righteously. (Gen 3:21; 8:20 - 21; Exo 12:12 - 13; Lev 16:2 - 3; Isa 53:5 - 6,10). Salvation by <Yahweh> apart from sacrifice is unknown in Scripture.

(4) LORD is also the distinctive name of God as in covenant with Israel (Exo 19:3; 20:1 - 2; Jer 31:31 - 34).

English: Lord. Hebrew: <Adon or Adonai>, Gen 15:2 - And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?

"Lord" (Heb <Adon, Adonai >).

(1) The primary meaning of <"Adon, "Adonai,"> is <Master,> and it is applied in the O.T. (Tenach) Scriptures both to God and to man. The latter instances are distinguished by the omission of the capital. As applied to man, the word is used of two relationships: master and husband. Both these relationships exist between Messiah and the believer.

(2) Two principles belong in the relation of master and servant: (a) the master's right to implicit obedience; (b) the servant's right to direction in service (Isa 6:8 - 11). Clear distinction in the use of the divine names is illustrated in Exo 4:10 - 12. Moses feels his weakness and incompetency, and "Moses said to the LORD [Yahweh] , O my Lord, <[Adonai] ,> I am not eloquent," Since service is in question, Moses appropriately addresses Yahweh as Lord. But now power is in question, and it is not the Lord <(Adonai)> but Yahweh (LORD) who answers (referring to creation power) -"The LORD said to him, Who gave man his mouth? . . . Now go, and I will help you speak." The same distinction appears in Josh 7:8 - 11.

Compound names of God with <El>

English: God Almighty. Hebrew: <El Shaddai>, Gen 17:1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

"Almighty God." (Heb. <Shaddai>) is the name of God characteristically used by the patriarchs prior to the giving of the law at Sinai. Its most frequent occurrence is in the Book of Job, where <Shaddai> occurs thirty-one times. The name <Yahweh> largely replaces it from Exo 6 onward, where attention is centered more particularly on Israel as God's covenant people.

(1) <El Shaddai> is the name of God which sets Him forth primarily as the strengthener and satisfier of His people. It is sad that <Shaddai> was translated "Almighty." The primary name, <El> or <Elohim,> sufficiently signifies almightiness. "All-sufficient" would be better to express this characteristic use of the name in Scripture.

(2) Almighty God <(El Shaddai)> not only enriches but makes fruitful. The first occurrence of the name is (Gen 17:1 - 8). To a man ninety-nine years of age, and "as good as dead", He said: "I am the Almighty God <[El Shaddai] > . . . I will make my covenant between me and thee and will multiply thee exceedingly."

(3) As bestower of fruitfulness, Almighty God <(El Shaddai)> chastens His people. The moral connection of chastening with fruit-bearing, while being made quite clear in the (Brith Hadasha) is much more difficult to see in the O.T. (Tenach). The best O.T. example may be Ruth 1:20 And she said unto them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me. Hence, Almighty is the characteristic name of God in Job. The hand of <Shaddai> falls upon Job, the best man of his time, not in judgment but in purifying unto greater fruitfulness (Job 5:17 - 25).

English: Most High, or Most High God. Hebrew: <El Elyon>, Gen 14:18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.

"Most high," or "most high God " (Heb <El Elyon>). <"Elyon"> means simply <highest; El Elyon> is "God the highest."

(1) The first revelation of this name (v. 18) indicates its distinctive meanings. Abram, returning from his victory over the confederated kings (Gen 14:1 - 17), is met by Melchizedek, king of Salem . . . the "priest of the most high God " <(El Elyon),> who blesses Abram in the name of <El Elyon,> "possessor of heaven and earth." This revelation produced a remarkable impression upon the patriarch. Not only did he at once give Melchizedek "tithes of all" the spoil of the battle, but when the king of Sodom offered of that spoil to Abram, his answer was: "I have lifted up mine hand unto the LORD [Yahweh] , the most high God <[El Elyon] ,> the possessor of heaven and earth, that I will not take from a thread even to a shoelatchet," etc. (Gen 14:22 - 23).

(a) The LORD (Yahweh) is known to a Gentile king (Melchizedek) by the name "most high God " <(El Elyon);> (b) a Gentile is the priest of <El Elyon> and (c) His distinctive character as most high God is "possessor of heaven and earth."

Appropriately to this Gentile knowledge of God by His name "Most High," it is written that "the Most High divided to the nations [Gentiles] their inheritance when he separated the sons of Adam," etc. (Deu 32:8). As "possessor of heaven and earth," it was the prerogative of the Most High to distribute the earth among the nations according to whatever principle He chose. That principle is declared in Deu 32:8. The same thing is taught by the use of the name in Daniel, (Dan 3:26; 4:17,24,25,32,34; 5:18,21).

(2) As "possessor of heaven and earth," the most high God has and exercises authority in both spheres: (a) the heavenly authority of <El Elyon> (Dan 4:35,37; Isa 14:13 - 14;); (b) the earthly authority of <El Elyon> (Deu 32:8; 2 Sam 22:14 - 15; Ps 9:2 - 5; 21:7; 47:2 - 4; 56:2 - 3; 82:6,8; 83:16 - 18; 91:9 - 12; Dan 5:18).

English: Everlasting God. Hebrew: <El Olam>

Gen 21:33 And Abraham planted a grove in Beersheba, and called there on the name of the LORD, the everlasting God.

"Everlasting God" (Heb <El Olam>).

(1) The Hebrew <Olam> is used in Scripture: (a) of secret or hidden things (e.g. Lev. 5:2, "hidden"; 2 Ki. 4:27, "hid"; Ps 10:1, "hidest"); (b) of an indefinite time or age (Lev 25:32, "at any time"; Josh 24:2, "in old time"). Hence the word is used to express the eternal duration of the Being of God (Ps 90:2, "from everlasting to everlasting"); it is also the Hebrew synonym of the Greek <aion,> age.

(2) The ideas, therefore, of things kept secret and of indefinite duration combine in this word. Both ideas have been used to establish the questionable doctrine of the dispensations or ages. The "Everlasting God" <(El Olam)> is, therefore, that name in which He is the God whose wisdom has divided all time and eternity. It is not merely that He is eternal, but that He is God over eternal things.

English: Mighty God. Hebrew: <El Gibbor>

Isa 9:6 ... and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Mighty God (Heb <El Gibbor>) is first used in Isaiah 9:6. Gibbor is used 157 times. Only in Neh 9:2, Ps. 24, and Isa. 9:6 is it used for the Mighty God and not the mighty men or giants.

Compound names of God with <YHWH>

English: LORD God. Hebrew: <YHWH (Yahweh) Elohim>, Gen 2:4; LORD God (Heb <Yahweh Elohim>) is the first of the compound names of God. LORD God is used distinctively: (1) Of the relation of God to man (a) as Creator (Gen 2:7 - 15); (b) as morally in authority over man (Gen 2:16 - 17); (c) as creating and governing the earthly relationships of man (Gen 2:18 - 24; 3:16 - 19,22 - 24); and (d) as redeeming man (Gen 3:8 - 15,21). (2) Of the relation of God to Israel (Gen 24:7; 28:13; Exo 3:15,18; 4:5; 5:1; 7:5; etc.; Deu 1:11,21; 4:1; 6:3; 12:1; etc.; Josh 7:13,19 - 20; 10:40,42; Jud 2:12; 1 Sam 2:30; 1 Ki 1:48; 2 Ki 9:6; 10:31; 1 Chr 22:19; 2 Chr 1:9; Ezra 1:3; Isa 21:17).

(2) In God's redemptive relation to man, various compound names of <Yahweh> are found which reveal Him as meeting every need of man from his lost state to the end. These compound names are: (a) <Yahweh-jireh,> "the LORD will provide" (Gen 22:13 - 14), i.e. will provide a sacrifice. (b) <Yahweh-rapha,> "the LORD who healeth" (Exo 15:26). That this refers to physical healing the context shows, but the deeper healing of soul is also implied. (c) <Yahweh-nissi,> "the LORD is my banner" (Exo 17:8 - 15). The name is interpreted by the context. The enemy was Amalek, a figure for the flesh, and the conflict that day illustrates the conflict of the war of the Spirit against the flesh. Victory was wholly due to divine help. (d) <Yahweh-shalom,> "the LORD our peace," or "the LORD send peace" (Jud 6:24). Almost the whole ministry of <Yahweh> finds expression and illustration in that chapter. <Yahweh> hates and judges sin (vv. 1 - 5); <Yahweh> loves and saves sinners (vv. 7 - 18), but only through sacrifice. The (Brit Hadash) makes this so much more abundantly clear. (e) <Yahweh-tsidkenu,> "the LORD Our Righteousness" (Jer 23:6). This name of <Yahweh> occurs in a prophecy concerning the future restoration and conversion of Israel. Then Israel will hail Him as <Yahweh-tsidkenu> - "the LORD Our Righteousness." (f) <Yahweh-shammah,> "the LORD is present" (Ezek 48:35). This name signifies <Yahweh's> abiding presence with His people (Exo 33:14 - 15; 1 Chr 16:27,33; Ps 16:11; 97:5).

English: Lord GOD. Hebrew: <Adonai YHWH (Yahweh)>, Gen 15:2 And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?

English: LORD of hosts. Hebrew: <YHWH (Yahweh) Sabaoth>

1 Sam 1:3 And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, were there.

LORD Almighty (Heb <Yahweh Sabaoth>). <Sabaoth> means simply <hosts> , but with special reference to warfare or service. In use the two ideas are united; <Yahweh> is LORD of (warrior) hosts. It is the name, therefore, of the LORD in manifestation of power. "The LORD Almighty - he is the King of glory" (Ps 24:10), and accordingly in the O.T. this name is revealed in the time of Israel's need. It is never found in the Pentateuch, or directly in Joshua or Judges, and occurs but rarely in the Psalms; but Jeremiah, the prophet of approaching national judgment, uses the name about 80 times; Haggai employs it 14 times; Zechariah calls upon the LORD Almighty about 50 times; and in Malachi the name occurs about 25 times. The meanings and uses of this name may be thus summarized: (1) The word "hosts" is related to (a) heavenly bodies (Gen 2:1; Neh 9:6; Isa 40:26); (b) angels (Luke 2:13); (c) saints (Josh 5:15); and (d) sinners (Jud 4:2; 2 Sam 10:16; 2 Ki 5:1). As LORD Almighty, God is able to marshal all these hosts to fulfill His purposes and to help His people (Gen 32:1 - 2; Jud 5:20; 1 Sam 11:8 - 11; 1 Ki 22:19; 2 Ki 6:16 - 17; Isa 10:16; 14:24 - 27; Jer 27:6 - 8; 43:10 - 13; Acts 4:27 - 28). No wonder the Psalmist derives such confidence from this name (Ps 46:7,11). And (2), this is the distinctive name of Deity for Israel's help and comfort in the time of her division and failure (1 Ki 18:15; 19:14; Isa 1:9; 8:11 - 14; 9:13 - 19; 10:24 - 27; 31:4 - 5; Hag 2:4; Mal 3:16 - 17; James 5:4).

This revelation of God by His names is always made in connection with some particular need of His people. There can be no need of man to which these names do not answer. The names of God show that man's true resource is in God. Even human failure, and even sin when the gift of repentance comes, brings man to new and fuller understanding of the divine fullness.

The O.T. Scriptures reveal the existence of a Supreme Being, the Creator of the universe and of man, the Source of all life and of all intelligence, who is to be worshiped and served by men and angels. This Supreme Being is One, but, in some manner not fully revealed in the O.T., is a unity in plurality. This is shown by the use of the plural pronoun in the interrelation of God as evidenced in Gen 1:26; 3:22; Ps 110:1; and Isa 6:8. That the interrelation of God includes that of Father and Son is directly asserted in Ps 2:7;

likewise the Spirit is distinctly recognized in His personality, and to Him are ascribed all the divine attributes (Gen 1:2; Num 11:25; 24:2; Jud 3:10; 6:34; 11:29; 13:25; 14:6,19; 15:14; 2 Sam 23:2; Job 26:13; 33:4; Ps 106:33; 139:7; Isa 40:7; 59:19; 63:10.

Holy Spirit (Tenach), Summary: (1) The personality and Deity of the Holy Spirit appear from the attributes ascribed to Him and from His works. (2) He is revealed as sharing the work of creation and, therefore, as omnipotent (Gen 1:2; Job 26:13; 33:4; Ps 104:30); omnipresent (Ps 139:7); striving with men (Gen 6:3); enlightening (Job 32:8); enduing with constructive skill (Exo 28:3; 31:3); giving physical strength (Jud 14:6,19), executive ability, and wisdom (Jud 3:10; 6:34; 11:29; 13:25); enabling men to receive and utter divine revelations (Num 11:25; 2 Sam 23:2); and, generally, empowering the servants of God (Ps 51:12; Joel 2:28; Mic 3:8; Zech 4:6). (3) He is called holy (Ps 51:11); good (Ps 143:10); the Spirit of judgment and fire (Isa 4:4); the Spirit of the LORD, of wisdom, understanding, counsel, power, knowledge, the fear of the LORD (Isa 11:2), and of grace and supplication (Zech 12:10). (4) In the O.T. the Holy Spirit acts in free sovereignty, coming upon men and even upon a dumb beast as He wills; nor are conditions set forth by compliance with which any one may receive the Spirit. The indwelling of every believer by the abiding Spirit is a new covenant blessing consequent upon the death and resurrection of Messiah. And (5) the O.T. contains predictions of a future pouring out of the Spirit upon Israel (Ezek 37:14; 39:29), and upon "all flesh" (Joel 2:28 - 29). The expectation of Israel, therefore, was twofold - of the coming of Messiah-Immanuel, and of such a pouring out of the Spirit as the prophets described.

The incarnation is suggested in the theophanies, or appearances of God in human form (Gen 18:1,13,17 - 22; 32:24 - 30), and distinctly predicted in the promises connected with redemption (Gen 3:15) and with the Davidic Covenant (Isa 7:13 - 14; 9:6 - 7; Jer 23:5 - 6). The revelation of God in the Brith Hadasha so illuminates the revelation of the Tenach that it is seen to be, from Genesis to Malachi, the foreshadowing of the coming incarnation of God in Yeshua the Messiah. In promise, covenant, type, and prophecy the Tenach points forward to Him.

The revelation of God to man is one of authority and of redemption. He requires righteousness from man, but saves the unrighteous through sacrifice; and in His redemptive dealings with man all the divine persons and attributes are brought into manifestation. The Tenach reveals the justice of God as fully as His mercy, but never in opposition to His mercy. The flood, may be seen as an unspeakable mercy to unborn generations. From Genesis to Malachi He is revealed as the seeking God who has no pleasure in the death of the wicked, and who heaps up before the sinner every possible motive to persuade him to faith and obedience. In the Brith Hadasha we see the sacrifice perfected in the Blood of Yeshua Messiah. As Abraham said, and as history has recorded, and as the redeemed KNOW, indeed G-d has provided Himself a Lamb. Yeshua Messiah will soon return as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah.

Back to: Great Joy In Great Tribulation

ATTHEW

The right place to begin any study of end time or last days prophecy is to see how Our Lord answered His apostles when they asked Him about these things. Matthew was the only gospel writer besides John who heard the words directly from the Lord. John's record is not included in his gospel account; however, in Revelation, the Lord gave John much more detail on what He had told them in the Olivet Discourse. It is good to remember that John likely wrote the Revelation after Rome had destroyed Jerusalem. Mark likely received his account from Peter. Luke likely used the accounts of Matthew and Mark to prepare his account of the Olivet Discourse. Of the three accounts in the gospels, Matthew's account not only is most detailed but likely most literal. It is often said that Matthew was writing to the Jews. He was writing to the Church, which with very few exceptions such as Luke, was almost all Jews at the time when he wrote it. Matthew wanted to make it clear that faith in Jesus involved no departure from the Old Testament, but was the goal to which the Old Testament pointed.

It can not be over emphasized how important the Olivet Discourse is to a solid understanding of end times prophecy. Study it carefully. Seek an understanding of the order of events which the Lord gives. Refer often to what Jesus answers as his apostles ask: Matthew 24:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what [shall be] the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

Luke 21:7 And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign [will there be] when these things shall come to pass?

Mark 13:3-4 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately,

Tell us, when shall these things be? and what [shall be] the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?

We are asking just what the apostles asked. Lord, tell us when shall these things be? Lord, what shall be the sign of thy coming? Daniel and the other prophets who have spoken of the end of the world have left us confused. Lord, help us to understand as we look at what You had Matthew record for us.

Matthew 24:4 - 25:46

And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all [these things] must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these [are] the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because

iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here [is] Christ, or there; believe [it] not. 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.

Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, [he is] in the secret chambers; believe [it] not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

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: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer [is] nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, [even] at the doors. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

But of that day and hour knoweth no [man], no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noe [were], so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two [women shall be] grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed [is] that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. But and if that evil servant shall say in

his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite [his] fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for [him], and in an hour that he is not aware of, And shall cut him asunder, and appoint [him] his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

NOTE THAT THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS IS NOT INCLUDED HERE. NOT BECAUSE IT IS NOT IMPORTANT. WE MUST BE WORKING FOR THE LORD WITH ALL OF THE TALENTS HE GIVES US. May we AGREE THAT THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS WAS NOT PART OF THE ANSWER GIVEN To the specific question raised IN THE OLIVETE DISCOURSE?

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five [were] foolish. They that [were] foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, [Not so]; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth [his] sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his righthand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and

ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed [thee]? or thirsty, and gave [thee] drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took [thee] in? or naked, and clothed [thee]? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done [it] unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done [it] unto me. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did [it] not to one of the least of these, ye did [it] not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

The above account of the Olivet Discourse recorded by Matthew is more detailed than that of Luke and Mark. It would be good to reread the full context of Matthew's account of the Olivet Discourse before we look at the details.

Matthew 24:4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

THIS IS SO VERY IMPORTANT. JESUS BEGINS HIS ANSWER THIS SAME WAY IN ALL ACCOUNTS. TAKE HEED - PAY ATTENTION, THIS IS IMPORTANT. TAKE HEED THAT NO MAN DECEIVE YOU. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS YOUR TEACHER. DON'T TAKE ANY MAN'S WORD FOR THE ANSWER TO THE VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION OF WHEN SHALL THESE THINGS BE. TAKE HEED - PAY ATTENTION TO THE ONLY ABSOLUTELY RELIABLE TEACHER YOU HAVE. THE WORD OF GOD IS ABSOLUTELY TRUE AND THE HOLY SPIRIT IS YOUR ONLY ABSOLUTELY RELIABLE TEACHER. DON'T TRUST ANY MAN TO ANSWER THESE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS. DON'T TRUST THE TELEVANGELISTS. DON'T TRUST YOUR FRIENDS. DON'T TRUST ME. DON'T EVEN TRUST YOUR PASTOR. DON'T EVEN TRUST YOUR FAMILY.

HOW YOU ANSWER THE QUESTION OF WHEN THE RAPTURE WILL OCCUR IS SO IMPORTANT THAT IT WILL AFFECT MOST OF THE DECISIONS THAT YOU MAKE INCLUDING HOW DILIGENTLY YOU SEEK GOD AND HOW RIGHTEOUSLY YOU LIVE. THE GREAT NEW TESTAMENT HEROES OF THE FAITH LIVED EXPECTING THE LORD TO RETURN IN GREAT POWER AND GLORY TO DELIVER THEM FROM THE GREAT TRIBULATION WHICH THEY EITHER WERE IN, OR WERE EXPECTING TO EXPERIENCE. MAY I SUGGEST THAT YOU TAKE A NEW LOOK AT HOW YOU ANSWER THIS QUESTION LAYING ASIDE ALL PRECONCEPTIONS, AND EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAVE BEEN TAUGHT, LOOKING ONLY AT THE SCRIPTURES, AND TRUSTING THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH TO GIVE YOU THE TRUTH YOU SEEK. MAY I ALSO SUGGEST THAT ONE LOOSES NOTHING BY PREPARING TO LIVE SUPERNATURALLY IN GREAT TRIBULATION. MAY I ALSO SUGGEST THAT WHEN ANTICHRIST IS GIVEN FULL POWER TO WAGE WAR ON THE SAINTS, THAT SUPERNATURAL LIVING BY FAITH WILL NO LONGER BE OPTIONAL. IT WILL BE THE ONLY WAY FOR THE SAINTS TO LIVE.

Matthew 24:5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

What are names of some false christs? Years ago people were pretty much limited to Satan, or Lucifer, and Antichrist. Today we have Sun Young Moon, Djwhal Khul, Lord Maitreya, thousands of "Ascended Masters", thousands of "Spirit Guides", Masters of Wisdom, the Master Mind, Krishna, Dalai Lama, Joseph Smith, Buddha, Gaia, Zen, Tao, The Force, Yin/Yang, Sanat, and thousands more. No previous generation has had as many false christs from which to choose. The New Age Movement is a return to dark age mystic occultism and its thousands of false christs and its philosophy that "that ye shall be as god," in fact, makes everyone a false christ unto themselves and to each other. The New Age Movement and New World Order is the end time movement of Satan, the Antichrist, and his False Prophet.

Matthew 24:6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all [these things] must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

There are more wars going on today than can hardly be counted, more than ever in recorded history. They are small scale but some of them will surely escalate. Watch out when Vladimir Zhirinovsky takes control in Russia. His speeches are Russian translations of those used by Hitler. Russia still has over 20,000 strategic nuclear weapons. Peace, peace, they say yet the world has never been in more perilous threat of total destruction. How could Jesus tell us not to let it trouble us? The key is where your affections are set.

Colossians 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

Colossians 3:2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

Colossians 3:14 And above all these things [put on] charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

I John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things [that are] in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

I John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

The true Christian sees the effect of a strategic nuclear blast as identical to the Rapture. Either means to be instantly with the Lord. Only Christians can look squarely at the true peril that exists in the world today without fear.

Matthew 24:7 - 8 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these [are] the beginning of sorrows.

Here are some interesting and sobering statistics on earthquakes. There was only 1 major earthquake recorded world-wide between 1900 - 1910 which was the San Francisco quake of 1906. In the next 2 decades there were 4 major quakes. There were 5 in the 1940's. There were 13 in the 1960's. There were 56 in the 1970's. Between 1980 and 1989 there were 74 major earthquakes. The earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, famines, and pestilences are the beginning.

Matthew 24:9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

This is one of the verses which make it almost impossible for many Christians to consider the possibility of a post tribulation rapture. Most Christians in America have no idea how Christians have been and are being persecuted around the world. Everyone should be aware of the antichristian bias growing in America. Since Jesus returned to the right hand of the Father, starting with Stephen, Christians have suffered and been killed for Jesus name's sake. Is it settled in your mind and heart that you will be hated by the majority of people? Do you know you are called to suffer and possibly be killed for being a Christian? Many Christians who believe the rapture occurs before the tribulation will be taken by surprise by this truth. Jesus was faithful to give the warning us but most of us just plain

don't want to hear it and want to heap to ourselves teachers who will tickle our ears by telling us what we want to hear. We need to hear the truth. Don't let hard truth discourage you. Maranatha! - the Lord Jesus Christ is coming.

Matthew 24:10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

Does it offend you when someone tries to tell you to get prepared for tribulation?

Corrie ten Boom said, "There are some among us teaching there will be no tribulation, that the Christians will be able to escape all this. These are the false teachers Jesus was warning us to expect in the latter days. Most of them have little knowledge of what is already going on across the world." There should be an overwhelming compulsion for teachers, preachers, and pastors to tell people to prepare for tribulation. You loose nothing by being prepared. Praise God if you are raptured first; but, don't fail to be prepared. How do you prepare for tribulation? The answer is faith, and faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. We need to make the study of the word of God high priority.

Matthew 24:11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

There are indeed more false prophets today than at any other time in history. How do you tell a false prophet? The false prophet will contradict the word of God, or glorify himself rather than God. Many false prophets will display supernatural power; however, if Jesus is not clearly glorified by any apparent miracle have no part of it.

Matthew 24:12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Do we see iniquity abounding? How could it get so bad so fast? Do we see the love of many growing cold? Is much of the love in the church feigned affection? Love and truth go together. Would you be acting in love to know that the church will go through the great tribulation and not say anything about it because you knew people did not want to think about such a possibility? Is your popularity more important than the truth?

Matthew 24:13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

What does it mean to endure to the end? Does this mean to endure the rapture? Will you consider that the end, the Lord's return, and the rapture are simultaneous events which occur at the end of great tribulation? If you will consider this you will then see it the same way that the apostles understood it to be. The earliest date of pre-tribulation rapture teaching is the mid 19th century. Paul and all of the apostles believed the rapture would occur at the end of great tribulation simultaneous with the Lord's return in great power and glory. The Lord's return will not be a secret. Every eye shall see Him.

Matthew 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Do you know that satellite communication technology has made this a reality in our generation?

Matthew 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

The abomination of desolation is something which we need to try to understand. Daniel speaks of it in chapters 9 and 12. The abomination of desolation will likely be when Antichrist goes to Jerusalem and proclaims himself to be god and demands worship as god from everyone in the world including Jews, Christians and Moslems.

Matthew 24:16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

When we do see Antichrist proclaiming himself to be god and demanding worship, then if we are in the cities we should flee to the low population areas. The wilderness is the place to be when Antichrist demands that the world worship him as god.

Matthew 24:17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

Matthew 24:18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

Matthew 24:19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

Matthew 24:20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

Get out of the cities quickly and don't take time to pack anything. At this time you will have to live by faith totally trusting God to meet your every need. Why should this frighten us? Why could we not view this with excitement and joy knowing that God will provide for our needs supernaturally and that He will soon be returning in great power and glory? When is the last time that you heard anyone in any church prayer meeting praying that our flight not be in the winter? Why would Jesus say such a thing if we were to be raptured before the tribulation? One might say this all pertains to the Jews when Rome sent Titus to destroy the Jerusalem in 70AD. That is true, but like so much of prophecy, there are former and latter fulfillments. Jesus was speaking to the Church as it was then and as it is now. This will become more clear as we look at subsequent scriptures here and in Daniel.

Matthew 24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

This is great tribulation. It applied in 70AD; however, it is more applicable to us when we see Antichrist proclaiming himself to be god and demanding to be worshipped as god.

Matthew 24:22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

This verse strongly indicates strategic nuclear warfare.

Matthew 24:23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here [is] Christ, or there; believe [it] not.

Matthew 24:24 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 24:25 Behold, I have told you before.

Matthew 24:26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, [he is] in the secret chambers; believe [it] not.

Matthew 24:27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Matthew 24:28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

Antichrist will have power to wage war on the saints. Christians will be deceived and misled by people who claim to know that Christ has returned. **THE LORD'S RETURN WILL NOT BE IN SECRET. THE LORD'S RETURN WILL BE IN GREAT POWER AND GLORY.** Do not follow anyone doing miracles who does not do them in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the glory of God.

Matthew 24:29 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:

Matthew 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Matthew 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Remember the questions which Jesus was answering. Tell us, when shall these things be? and what [shall be] the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign [will there be] when these things shall come to pass? when shall these things be? and what [shall be] the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?

1) After the tribulation of those days the sun and moon will be darkened and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken.

2) Then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven causing everyone but those who know Messiah Jesus Christ to mourn as everyone sees the Lord returning with power and great glory.

3) He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet to gather the Christians to join in His glorious parade to put an end to the armies of Antichrist who have been waging war on His saints. **RAPTURE TIME!** There are quite a number of events which are to happen before we get to this **RAPTURE TIME**.

Matthew 24:32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer [is] nigh:

Matthew 24:33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, [even] at the doors.

Matthew 24:34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

We find fig tree parables in Judges 9:10-11 and Proverbs 27:18. There is general agreement that the fig tree symbolizes the nation of Israel. Israel once again became a nation in 1948. End time prophecy revolves around the nation of Israel. This does not mean that the Church or the Holy Spirit will not be present during the great tribulation. Paul and the other apostles were Jews but they were also part of the Church. When any Jew comes to know Messiah Yeshua as Lord and Savior that Jew becomes part of the Church. When Israel blossoms as a nation; however, has tremendous end time prophetic

significance. The generation to witness this event is the generation to witness the fulfillment of all end time prophecy. How many years are represented by a bible generation? The year of Jubilee was every 50 years and other scriptures would indicate a bible generation to be 40 years. If one were to assign 1948 as the blossoming of the fig tree, Israel, adding 40 gives significance to 1988

or adding 50 gives significance to 1998. Fixing dates is not what we are to do. However, the Lord has told us to take heed, to watch, to know that His return is near. Without fixing any specific dates, we still have every reason to believe that we are the generation to witness the fulfillment of all end time prophecy and witness the Lord's return in great power and glory. Heaven and earth shall pass away but the word of God shall not pass away. No generation in history has ever had as much incentive to search the scriptures and study His word as our generation.

Matthew 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no [man], no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

Here is why we are not to fix specific dates. However, since almost 20% of the New testament is devoted to this subject we must know that it is extremely important. Jesus wanted His Church, the saints, to know various signs during the great tribulation which would encourage them to endure to the end while Antichrist was waging war on them. These various signs would let His Church know that they had less then 7 years in which to endure this war of Antichrist. If you hear anyone fixing a specific day or hour steer clear of such a person. The tribulation will begin so gradually that no one will know when it started. However, we have many signs which will let us know we are well into the great tribulation. It is quite possible that the great tribulation has already started.

Matthew 24:37 But as the days of Noe [were], so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Matthew 24:38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

Matthew 24:39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

How were things in the days of Noah?

1) There were demonic unions of fallen angels and humans. (Gen. 6:2-4)

The core of the New Age Movement is demonic. Most of the people who are sucked into the connections with their "Ascended Master", "Spirit Guide" or whatever else they want to call it do not realize they are demons.

2) Great wickedness to the point that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. (Gen. 6:5) It would seem that we are rapidly approaching this way of evil again.

3) They were marrying and giving in marriage. The marriage rate equaled the divorce rate. Musical partners without commitment. Except for Noah and his family no one was aware of God's imminent judgment.

This is how it will be at the Lord's return. Noah was a preacher of righteousness and was ridiculed and persecuted by all as he prepared the ark. Noah endured 100 years of persecution and ridicule and tribulation while completing the ark. So will the Christians and Jews be ridiculed and persecuted as they prepare for the Lord's return during the great tribulation. Did Noah escape the flood or did God tell him how to prepare to be protected through it? The Christians and Jews will be the only people who will not go along with the demonic evil of the New World Order under Antichrist.

Matthew 24:40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Matthew 24:41 Two [women shall be] grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Matthew 24:42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

The Lord is returning in great power and glory. Conditions in the world are as it was in the days of Noah. Unrestrained evil, with Antichrist waging total war on the saints. The saints should be watching and doing what the Lord tells them. Noah was a great example for us. Noah worked building the ark for 100 years suffering tremendous ridicule and persecution. Jesus is giving important instruction to His Church as it was then and is now. Tribulation has been great, however it had started so gradually no one knew for sure when it had actually started. Now it is time for His return. In speaking to His Church, He tells us that one will be taken and the other left. Why? There is a sad truth that there are people in the Church who have not been saved. How can this be? There are hypocrites and pretenders in the church. There are people in the church who are there because that is what good people do. There are those in the church who think if they do enough good works they will be acceptable to God. Why are you acceptable to God? Do you know absolutely that you are going to be one of those who goes up to be part of the Lord's parade returning in great power and glory? He is returning to destroy the armies of Antichrist and confine the Antichrist and the False Prophet to the Lake of Fire. Are you going to be one of those who are taken up to meet Him and be in His powerful glorious parade? What is it that makes you certain of your place in the parade? Have you been born again? Will you endure to the end? If you are not absolutely certain, what will you do? Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

Matthew 24:43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

Matthew 24:44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

Matthew 24:45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

Matthew 24:46 Blessed [is] that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

Matthew 24:47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

Matthew 24:48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;

Matthew 24:49 And shall begin to smite [his] fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;

Matthew 24:50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for [him], and in an hour that he is not aware of,

Matthew 24:51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint [him] his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

The great tribulation will test the faith of believers. The believers will have to live by faith and their love for one another will be tested as well as their faith. We are called to endure to the end. Will the saints hoard or share? Will brother betray brother? Those who are living in faith and love as they should be will be very happy when the Lord returns. Those who smite and hurt and betray their brothers during the war on the saints will not be happy when the Lord returns. God hates hypocrisy. If you are a hypocrite you would be better off getting out of the church.

Matthew 25:1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

Matthew 25:2 And five of them were wise, and five [were] foolish.

Matthew 25:3 They that [were] foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

Matthew 25:4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

Matthew 25:5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

Matthew 25:6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

Matthew 25:7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

Matthew 25:8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

Matthew 25:9 But the wise answered, saying, [Not so]; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

Matthew 25:10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

Matthew 25:11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

Matthew 25:12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

Matthew 25:13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

An oil lamp is useless without oil. A Christian without the Holy Spirit is useless. An oil lamp with or without the oil looks good until it is time to give light in the darkness. Churches are full of people who may appear to be holy. In the darkness of the great tribulation the people in the church who do not have the Holy Spirit will be useless. How do we get filled with the Holy Spirit? Get the filled with the word of God. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Holiness and the Spirit of Truth. We are called to holiness and truth. The bible is our best source of truth and the ways of holiness. God knows the true conditions of our heart. What motivates us to do whatever we do? Our motives are more important than our actions or appearance. If our motives are right our actions and appearance will be right. Are you motivated to do what you do for the Glory of God or for your own vain glory? We need to seek the fullness of the Holy Spirit and we all leak a lot. Holiness is a personal thing. We can not give or share holiness. Each must pursue holiness himself. We can encourage others to pursue holiness but it is a matter of the heart. Only God knows the heart of anyone. What is the condition of my heart? I don't like to look because Jeremiah 17:9 says "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" Yet a true mark of holiness is recognizing this deceitful and desperately wicked condition of the heart. The pursuit of holiness is personal and internal. It is what keeps us hunting the beam in our own eyes rather than trying to help our brother to take the speck

out of his eye. However, the more we submit to the convicting work of the Holy Spirit and agree with God regarding the sinful state of our heart motives the more freedom the Holy Spirit has to work His mighty powerful works through us. This is the way of the overcomer when Antichrist wages total war on the saints during the great tribulation. One will put a thousand to flight and two will put ten thousand to flight. The victory is sure.

Matthew 25:31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

Matthew 25:32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth [his] sheep from the goats:

Matthew 25:33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

Maranatha! The Lord Jesus Christ is coming to judge the living and the dead. Our Blessed Hope is His return. The war that Antichrist wages on the saints is won by the saints because Our King Jesus wins it for us single handed. Blessed is he that endures to the end. The following verses instruct us in how to endure to the end. We must be careful to pay attention to what our King wants us to do.

Matthew 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Matthew 25:35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

Matthew 25:36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

Matthew 25:37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed [thee]? or thirsty, and gave [thee] drink?

Matthew 25:38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took [thee] in? or naked, and clothed [thee]?

Matthew 25:39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

Matthew 25:40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done [it] unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done [it] unto me.

Many church people will have their love grow cold during the great tribulation. Many church people will have been so deluded expecting to be raptured without any suffering that they will have taken the mark of the beast and actually joined the world ecumenical religion of the Antichrist in the war on those narrow-minded fundamentalists who refuse to go along with all the good programs of the New World Order. The true church of Jesus in the great tribulation will have nothing but their faith in Jesus. They will have been stripped of all their possessions. Many will have been imprisoned. Since they will not be able to buy and sell they will have need of food, clothing, and shelter. The wise Christians who have been preparing for the tribulation must also be prepared to share. How companionate are you? We are to be known by the love we have for one another. If you are preparing for tribulation, the most important part of your preparation is the preparation of a tender compassionate heart for those in need. Anything that you do for someone less fortunate, you do for King Jesus.

Matthew 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

Matthew 25:42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

Matthew 25:43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

Matthew 25:44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

Matthew 25:45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did [it] not to one of the least of these, ye did [it] not to me.

Matthew 25:46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

If we are preparing to take care of ourself in the great tribulation we are making the wrong preparations. If our faith grows, our love will grow. Practice giving. Practice caring. We must be preparing to take care of others. Study the bible every day. We are to be the Church, the body of Christ. The body of Christ should have the eyes and heart of Christ to see those in need and minister to them. Who is hungry? Who is thirsty? Who is in need of a place to stay? There will be many such people in the great tribulation. Our hearts must be prepared to share with those in need. Many souls will be won for the Lord Jesus Christ when the Church shares with the many who will be in need of the basic necessities of life during the great tribulation. Anything we do for anyone less fortunate than ourself we do for King Jesus. Anything we fail to share with someone in need we refuse to share with King Jesus.

REVELATION

This is the New Testament prophetic revelation of Jesus Christ which was given to John for the Church to be able to know of the certain victory which we have in Jesus.

he church is instructed regarding those things which will shortly (true meaning = suddenly) take place.

YOU WILL BE BLESSED IF YOU READ, HEAR, AND KEEP THAT WHICH IS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION.

Of the 4 possible methods of interpretation the futurist interpretation is the most logical and best approach. The REVELATION is the New Testament book of Prophecy and Revelation of Jesus Christ. To say it has all happened (preterist = past) is nonsense. To say that nothing in the book of REVELATION is real (idealist) is just about as illogical. To say that REVELATION is a continuous history (historical) makes the book very symbolic and difficult to understand. The historical interpretation method brings about many cockeyed identifications of present personalities with those of the REVELATION. In the middle of such persecution as Luther and Wycliffe were in, it is understandable how they could lean toward such a method of interpretation. However, these 3 methods fail to fit the facts. The (futurist) interpretation is the only logical interpretation which is in line with the instruction given in the Scriptures themselves. Starting with chapter 4, and on through chapter 19, are likely still future and deal with the period just before the Second Coming of Jesus Christ in Great Power and Glory. Every generation of the Church and **ESPECIALLY OUR GENERATION** must seek to gain such an understanding of chapters 4 - 19 so as to be able to **KNOW WITH CERTAINTY** that we are the generation to witness these things. Only such an interpretation will motivate us to do what is necessary to be an overcomer and not capitulate or be caught in the web of Antichrist.

Revelation 1:19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

This clearly tells us that there will be some past information but it also tells us quite clearly that it is not all past information. Most of the information is for the present and the future. If we want to rightly divide the word of truth in the book of revelation seek an understanding which places us as a witness of the things described in chapters 4 - 19 and pray for the Lord to show us how we are to live and prepare to live during such conditions. This is just what Luther and Wycliffe did. They were thus motivated to be the best they could be for the Glory of God. How much more reason do we have to believe that we are the witnesses of the unfolding of Revelation 4 - 19. We don't want to hear this but we must test by the Spirit and the Word for ourselves to see if the pre-tribulation rapture doctrine is not sound doctrine. We must not play like an ostrich and stick our head in the sand. We can understand these things. It is unwise to totally avoid them or not even try to properly understand them.

Revelation 1:3 Blessed [is] he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time [is] at hand.

Revelation 14:13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed [are] the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

Revelation 16:15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed [is] he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

Revelation 19:9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed [are] they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy [is] he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Revelation 22:7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed [is] he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

Revelation 22:14 Blessed [are] they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Learn to let the scriptures interpret themselves. Look at Revelation 1:20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches. How is that for letting the scriptures interpret themselves? We can easily loose sight of the fact that the Bible is its own best source of insight regarding difficult passages. Check out the margin references of a good old KJV. Check them out but be aware of possible human error in the margin references of good reference bibles like Ryrie, Scofield, Thompson, and Dake. Tools like Strong's concordance are most helpful. Pray and discuss it with others who have a peaceable and NOT a contentious spirit. The essential doctrines of Christ and the faith which He delivered by the apostles and prophets must not be compromised. To understand the book of Revelation just ask God. We can be absolutely sure on the integrity of His word in James 1:5 that He will give us the wisdom we seek. It is good to seek confirmation and share what we have received with other believers. What is the quality to look for when seeking to find someone to help in understanding Revelation? In a word it is MEEKNESS according to James 3:13.

CHAPTER 2

Here begins the messages to the 7 churches. Why 7? It is God's number because it signifies fullness or completeness. Which of the 7 churches describes your church? One of them will be an accurate description of your church. Pay close attention who is speaking, who is being spoken to, and what is being spoken about.

Jesus is doing the talking, so listen carefully. When He speaks to the angel of the respective church it is a message to the one who has been given authority over the church or the pastor. Is your pastor a good listener? Will your pastor have ears to hear if you tell him which REVELATION church describes your church and what you think needs to be done to make it a better church? There is no such thing as a perfect church because of the imperfect people like me and you who are part of it. Just as we can find the power in Christ to change ourselves for the better so can our church.

EPHESUS - "meaning desirable"

Here is a church which was working hard for the Lord. It was a church which would not tolerate false teachers. It was a church that knew the truth and tested those who claimed they were sent or inspired by the Lord with the truth of His word. These people knew their Bible. They kept their swords sharp. They would not tolerate liars and hypocrites. But this church had lost its first love. They were not on fire to win the lost for Jesus. Some leader in the church was quenching the Spirit. Others were complacent. This DESIRABLE church of Ephesus was being called to remember its first love. It was to fan the flames of the Holy Spirit. It was to evangelize not socialize. It was to turn away from its desirable path of becoming a Christian social club and be the bold, powerful, witnessing body of Christ. This DESIRABLE church was in danger of being removed. They were a people's church. They hated the deeds of the Nicolaitanes (means = conquerors of the People) who thought there should be two classes of people in the church, clergy and laity or rule by a hierarchy.

SMYRNA - "meaning myrrh"

Jesus knew this church because it was being persecuted by the government. The persecution of the church of Jesus Christ by tyrannical government is to be expected. America's relative freedom from such persecution seems to rapidly be drawing to a close. Myrrh must be crushed to yield its sweet smelling savor. Every crushing blow of a tyrannical government on a church which is faithful and loyal to Jesus Christ produces a sweet smelling savor unto God that never fails to be appreciated and rewarded by God. Such churches are strengthened and become mighty in Holy Spirit power as long as they remain faithful and do not capitulate. They may become poor in worldly wealth but they will be rich in power.

PERGAMOS - "meaning marriage"

The devil and many governments learn that persecuting a true church of Jesus Christ is about as smart as trying to put out a fire by pouring gasoline on it. The smarter tyrannical governments try to "officially charter" the church. They try to protect the church and marry it to the government. The church's power is removed by the spiritual adultery of compromising the evangelical mission of the church. Such words as Pluralism, Ecumenical, Tolerant, are some key buzz words when the true church is being married to the government and not to Jesus Christ. The doctrine of Balaam is that of uniting the church with the world, compromising the standards of the church to bring it into conformity with the world in which it exists. It is a doctrine of lowering standards to become more appealing to a broader group of people. It is a doctrine of excusing and covering sin as opposed to confessing and exposing sin.

THYATIRA - "meaning continual sacrifice"

This church will put on a good show. It may even put on a great pompous show. It is a hotbed of hypocrites. It will bring in any teacher with a flare or pedigree to draw a crowd. It will bring in false teachers to spread false doctrines if they can draw a crowd. It will have few if any standards. It will take no stand. Its discipline could be stated - if it feels good do it. It could also be stated - anything is all right as long as you can keep it quiet and don't get caught. Corruption at the top will be evident to those who know their bible in such a church.

CHAPTER 3

SARDIS - "meaning remnant"

When there is sin it must be rooted out. Doesn't God know that the sin is present? This church has a name, it lives, yet it is dead. Most churches fit this description.

The dead body still has a name but it has no power. The body of Christ is alive. A true church is the body of Christ and can never be dead. Yet it will appear to be dead without the power of the Holy Spirit, without growth, and without good works. A church dies when the last true believer leaves it. Yet a church becomes a true church and body of Christ if it has ANY true born again believers.

No matter how small there is a remnant of true believers. Jesus commands to be watchful and strengthen the things that remain that are ready to die. People are supposed to bloom in the church where they are planted. When you see things that are not right in your church pray and work to make them right. This will often involve confrontation. Most people avoid confrontation because confrontation requires courage. Most people would rather backbite or find a new church.

We are not commanded to go to another church. We are commanded to be watchful and strengthen the things which remain. We must do all we can to bring revival to our church. When a church is ready to die it doesn't need the members to go church shopping. It needs its members praying for revival and confronting sin. Unite in prayer with the remnant. Get believers in other churches to join you in prayer. Grit up your gut and confront sin. Take a bold stand for righteousness and dare them to run you out of the church. The church shopper will never know how it feels to shake the dust from his feet when being run out of a church.

He that overcometh will not have his name blotted out from the Lamb's book of Life. Where is the sin in your church? Go beam hunting not mote hunting. Matthew 7:3-5 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam [is] in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

PHILADELPHIA - "meaning brotherly love"

There is nothing but good things that can be said about this church. They love one another. This is how all men will know that we are in a true church. To improve your understanding of love memorize 1 Corinthians 13 and meditate on what Jesus did for us at Calvary.

Many say this church description in verse 10 proves a pre-tribulation rapture. Actually it is one of the strongest proofs of the fact that the rapture occurs at the end of the tribulation. The only other place where the exact combination of these words occurs is in John 17:15 - I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. To properly understand Rev 3:10 it should be compared with the only other text where John uses these very specific Greek words. The very careful choice and specific meaning of the words is that we not be taken out but that we be watched over, and guarded, and protected in the middle of the great tribulation.

Now this will help us to see why we must pull all the stops to become a church like the Philadelphia church. One of the main purposes of the tribulation is that the true believers will be shaken and separated from the pretenders. The Philadelphia church was being persecuted by the government as severely as any church. They loved one another in the middle of tremendous persecution. They did not let their love for one another grow cold. They did not allow the pressure of persecution to close the door of evangelism which Christ had opened for them. They kept sound doctrine. They did not quit, or back down, or ease off. They would die rather than to deny Jesus. Because of this they were guarded and kept safe by God in the middle of as great of a persecution as any church ever experienced. No one in this church was raptured, many were killed.

LAODICEA - "meaning the people's rights"

The problem in the Laodicean church was its lukewarmness. They were neither hot nor cold. They were not on fire to win souls for Jesus. Many, perhaps most churches, would be found in this classification. Within the body of Christ, people's rights cause lukewarm attitudes. What are our rights when we become a member of the body of Christ? We have a right to suffer, a right to be persecuted for righteousness, a right to tithe, a right to be humiliated, a right to confess our sins, and a right to be bold to witness for Jesus. Do people take over the church and refuse to let Christ be the Head? There are things that make God angry and there is something that makes Him feel like vomiting. The toughest nuts to crack are the hard shells of the self righteous and the hypocrite. Isaiah 65:5 - Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou. These [are] a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day. Laodicea was rich in worldly wealth. They did not need anything including the power of the Holy Spirit. They had been so blinded by their self-righteousness and their hypocrisy that they had no idea how spiritually wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked they were. When will we stop covering our sins and be honest with God and ourselves? Those who are loved by the Lord are rebuked and chastened. Does this sound contrary to the name it and claim it, health and wealth gospel we have been hearing lately? Is Christ, the Head of your church or is He outside knocking on the door trying to have someone open the door and let Him in?

CHAPTER 4

Have you ever wondered what is going on in heaven? It is tough enough to figure out what is going on here on earth sometimes. Perhaps a trip to heaven will help us have a better perspective. God's throne is the main thing in heaven. Hebrews 4:14-16 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast [our] profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as [we are, yet] without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Just as Jesus took John to the throne in heaven, we all can go BOLDLY, with Jesus to God's throne in prayer at any time. WOW! How about that?

When Jesus took John to heaven he saw God's power represented by the thunder and lightening about the throne. John also saw God's mercy represented by the rainbow.

CHAPTER 5

What was that scroll. It was the title deed to the universe. No man could be found worthy to redeem the world which Adam had lost to Satan by his sin in the garden. Only Jesus is worthy.

Revelation 5:11-13 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, [be] unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. Yes He is worthy. Jesus paid it all. We have been redeemed. Glory to God and to the Lamb.

CHAPTER 6

The first seal discloses the white horse and its rider. This is not Jesus who now holds the scroll and will be found on a great white horse later in REVELATION. This white horse rider who is going forth to conquer is the imposter known as Antichrist. He comes in the name of Christ masquerading as Christ. He comes promising a peace. He promises world peace and a false Millennium. He is a great liar. "But when they say peace and safety then sudden destruction comes" and they that shall follow Antichrist shall not escape.

The second seal discloses the red horse with a very powerful weapon. The liar Antichrist who has come to world power on a lying peace platform now plunges the whole world into unprecedented bloodshed. Could the significance of the RED horse be the REDS. All of Russia's most powerful weapons are intact and aimed at the United States. As Russia grows more unstable and more desperate this could possibly be nuclear rapture time for the American Christians and nuclear hell for the other Americans. There is absolutely no difference for the true believer in Christ between the rapture and a strategic nuclear attack - both mean instantly with the Lord.

The black horse third seal of famine always comes on the heels of war. This will be the worst war ever, since the destruction this time is from the great sword of nuclear weapons. The whole world will be starving and rationing its food.

The pale, corpse colored, horse of Death indicates that one fourth of the world's population will be destroyed by war, famine, and plagues. Hell always follows death for those who are not in Christ. However, Jesus told Martha just before He raised Lazarus, that those who live believing in Him never actually die. They have abundant eternal life because He is the resurrection and the life.

The fifth seal shows that many believers will be slain for the word of God and holding their faith in Jesus. Some say this proves the rapture is before the tribulation but it sounds more like a post tribulation rapture proof text. These saints had been martyred by the rule of Antichrist. They had obviously not been killed by a generation previous to that of the Antichrist's rule. Any previous generation shedding the blood of saints would already be in torment and there would be no cry for God's vengeance. They were told to be patient for a little season until their fellow servants and their brothers (the saints with whom Antichrist was still waging war) should also be killed. Assurance of final victory and of God's vengeance is given to the saints in heaven who had been martyred by Antichrist's war on the saints.

The sixth seal marks a cataclysmic earthquake. Earthquake frequency and amplitude are going off the record books. With such an earthquake, volcanic ash will darken all the skies and allow only the red light spectrum to penetrate this ash cloud causing the moon to turn blood red. The resulting panic and fear will cause many to try to hide in caves and want the rocks of the mountains to fall on them and hide them from the face of God and the wrath of the Lamb.

CHAPTER 7

This chapter gives us additional information about the great tribulation from a salvation perspective. Before any further destruction occurs as a result of God's wrath, angels are sent to seal the saints in their foreheads with the seal of God, not the mark of the beast. There were 144,000 Jewish members of the church who were sealed 12,000 from each of the 12 tribes. After this a great number which no man could number, of all nations, which had come out of great tribulation, were seen before the throne in heaven. They had not taken the mark of the beast and probably had been martyred for the testimony of Jesus. This could possibly indicate a mid-tribulation rapture but before jumping to any conclusion see what else is said about this innumerable bunch of saints.

Obviously people will be saved during the tribulation. That is why the church will go through the tribulation. Whoever is rejecting the gospel and God's grace today will become a victim of the strong delusion spread by Antichrist. Now is the day of salvation. Now is the time to be saved. Now is the time for repentance. Now if ye will hear His voice harden not your hearts. Rejecting the truth of the gospel today makes it almost certain that we will take the mark of the beast and buy the lies of the Antichrist.

CHAPTER 8

When the 7th seal is opened all heaven is silenced for about a half hour. How ominous, from loud resounding praise to sudden silence so intense we can almost feel it. We are now shifting into some heavy and possibly frightening things which we will seldom if ever hear preached in the end times because the churches of the last days will insist on having preachers tell them what they want to hear. Almost everyone will tell us that we don't have to worry about these things because we will be raptured out first. This is just plain wishful thinking and not what the scriptures clearly teach. If there was silence in heaven they were all ready to hear and we too must be ready to hear the truth. No one can ever tell us the day or the hour of the Lord's return. We must know full well all of the horrible judgments of REVELATION so that we can know when we find ourselves in the middle of tribulation that we have less than 7 years to hold. Much more importantly, we must know that there are things coming on this earth which are much worse than death for those who refuse to hear the truth.

If we will not stand to hear the truth of God's wrath and judgment then we will quite likely buy into the great lie and strong delusion being spread by Antichrist. If the coming judgment is such that the angels gasp in horror, how much more should we be alarmed and rush to be cleansed, covered, and protected by the blood of the Lamb. Pre tribulation rapture doctrine will not break

through the hard shells of pride, self righteousness and hypocrisy. It is the knowledge of this horrible coming judgment that can break through these and other hard shells and lead to repentance.

Verse 7 - The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

Verse 8 - And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;

Verse 11 The third angel sounded - And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

Verse 12 - And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

Verse 13 - And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

It is very easy to see why these verses are not to be heard coming from the pulpit unless accompanied by a pre-tribulation rapture viewpoint. Otherwise it would literally scare the hell out of us. Could it possibly be that is why John wrote it? And woe, woe, woe, there are 3 angels still to sound.

CHAPTER 9

Revelation 9:4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. What is this seal of God? Could it be the mind of Christ as opposed to having bought into the Antichrist system that required the mark of the beast on the forehead or right wrist? What do you think?

Revelation 9:5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment [was] as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.

Revelation 9:6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them. If we are ever tempted to take the scanner symbol mark of the beast so that we will be able to buy or sell, we must think of this. The people who take the mark of the beast will not be protected from this plague which will cause people to be in such torment that they will try to commit suicide but the people with this plague will not be able to die.

Revelation 9:16 And the number of the army of the horsemen [were] two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. The kings of the east will go on the march across the Euphrates. This is Red China. The time must be at hand. Today China boasts of the size of their standing army to be 200,000,000 men. This is the exact number that John heard. There were not 200,000,000 people on the planet when John wrote this! It is high time to get hold of a solid understanding of the book of Revelation.

Revelation 9:20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:

Revelation 9:21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts. Here we see both the infinite mercy of God and the blindness of men who rebel against God. These judgments just keep coming in ever increasing waves. The waves of judgment are call after call to repentance. Just like Pharaoh they all harden their hearts. It is also interesting to note the Greek word translated sorceries is pharmakia or drugs.

CHAPTER 10

Revelation 10:6-7 And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer: But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

This is very important because Paul in 1 Thessalonians 4, 1 Corinthians 15 and also the Lord Himself in Matthew 24, and Luke 21, and Mark 13 uses this LAST TRUMPET angel sounding to give an absolute answer to whether the rapture is pre-tribulation, mid tribulation, or post-tribulation. When this LAST TRUMPET sounds is the sign of the end of the age when time to repent, and time itself will be no more. It marks the end of the age of Grace and brings in the Millennial Kingdom of Jesus Christ. It marks when the mystery of God should be finished. The mystery of the ages is Christ in you the hope of glory.

I Corinthians 15:51-52 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

At the LAST TRUMP we shall all be changed in a moment and be raptured.

I Thessalonians 4:16-18 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 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. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

In the Olivette discourse the disciples asked Jesus what would be the sign of His coming and of the end of the age.

THE FOLLOWING WORDS OF JESUS GIVE THE TIMING OF THE RAPTURE, MATTHEW 24:30-31 ALSO SEE LUKE 21:25-28 AND MARK 13:24-27. EVEN IF WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS SCARY, WE MUST BE ENCOURAGED TO PREPARE FOR TRIBULATION. WE LOOSE NOTHING BY BEING PREPARED. PRAISE GOD IF WE ARE RAPTURED OUT BEFORE THE TRIBULATION; BUT, THE WISE SERVANT WILL BE PREPARED, AND BE WATCHING, AND BE

LOOKING UP KNOWING THAT OUR BLESSED HOPE OF THE LORD'S RETURN IN GREAT POWER AND GLORY IS DRAWING NEAR.

Matthew 24:30-31 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Mark 13:24-27 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.

Luke 21:25-28 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Look carefully at all 3 accounts of the complete Olivet discourse. You will see that the Lord's description of the end time scenario is EXACTLY THE SAME AS THE SCENARIO OF THE SEVEN TRUMPETS.

CHAPTER 11

Revelation 11:3 And I will give [power] unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred [and] threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

Revelation 11:5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

Revelation 11:6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

Revelation 11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

Revelation 11:8 And their dead bodies [shall lie] in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

Revelation 11:9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

Revelation 11:10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

Revelation 11:11 And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

Revelation 11:12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

Revelation 11:13 And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

Revelation 11:14 The second woe is past; [and], behold, the third woe cometh quickly.

Revelation 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become [the kingdoms] of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Many have speculated about who these 2 witness are. Since it is appointed unto all men once to die and there are only 2 men mentioned in scripture who did not die they may be Enoch and Elijah. Since Elijah was doing this same sort of work before God took him up in the fiery chariot we can be fairly certain of him. Many say this proves a mid tribulation rapture but since the tribulation begins so gradually their ministry may not start until the middle of the tribulation. The tribulation may have already begun and we would not be certain of it until these 2 prophets begin their ministry. The comforting thing is that we would only have 3.5 years to hold on when these two mighty prophets BEGIN their ministry. We will be raptured at the END of their ministry. When you see these things come to pass look up for your redemption draweth nigh.

Revelation 11:19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail. What kind of temple will the people in Jerusalem build without the ark of the covenant? Contrary to what Indiana Jones may think the last true report of the ark's location is in heaven.

CHAPTER 12

Revelation 12:1-6 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and [to] his throne. And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred [and] threescore days.

Up in heaven John is not bound by time and space and it may be easier to perhaps think of someone showing him a video tape which makes him wonder. There are wide varieties of possible interpretation here. Consider the following possibility. Israel is the leading lady in this video. She is seen clothed with the brightness of the sun and having a 12 star crown representing the 12 tribes

of Israel. Jesus is the great manchild of Israel, far greater than Moses or any of the patriarchs. He will rule all nations with a rod of iron. Then Satan is seen as the great red dragon who seeks to destroy Israel. His last chance to make any word of God be found untrue is to destroy the nation of Israel. Israel is being protected by God and to some extent God has been using the United States with its 5.5 million Jews (almost half of the total) to frustrate his destruction of Israel. God gives Satan unrestrained control of the earth under the Antichrist symbolized by the 7 (meaning = complete or full) heads and crowns. Antichrist may divide the earth into 10 regions but he will have full power and control. Satan tried to destroy the Great Manchild of Israel when he had Herod kill all male babies less than 2 years old.

Revelation 12:7-10 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

Satan is finally kicked out of heaven for good. Lucifer and all of his demons are cast out of heaven and down to earth.

Revelation 12:13-17 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man [child]. And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

If the world thought they saw anti Semitism under Hitler the persecution of the Jews under Antichrist will be no comparison. This is some of the best pre tribulation rapture text that there is. Here all the action centers around Israel and the church is conspicuously absent from this heavenly video. The main message is still that anyone who does not love the Jews is Antichrist and anti God. We should be cautioned about being over dogmatic about the interpretation of such a heavenly video.

CHAPTER 13

WE ARE GOING TO GET INTO SOME THINGS IN THIS CHAPTER THAT WE WILL BE DOGMATIC.

Revelation 13:3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. The beast is the Antichrist. He will recover from a wound that appears to be deadly. He thus counterfeits the resurrection of Christ and the world is captivated by him.

Revelation 13:4 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? Those at the highest echelons of the New Age Movement, and New World Order are openly worshipping Lucifer but the majority are just caught up in the Antichrist web with its many tentacles and facets.

Revelation 13:5 - 6 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. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. Antichrist will have absolute power for 3 and 1/2 years. The great tribulation will start so gradually it will take him 3 and 1/2 years to come to full power. This juggernaut of Antichrist may be building momentum now. The U.S. attorney general has said that anyone who believes that the bible is literally true is a cultist. We only have to look to Waco to see how cultists may expect to see justice.

Expect to hear much more outrageous blasphemies than the new cultist definition in the days to come. The coming world order will be a world of Antichrist lovers and God haters.

Revelation 13:7 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. This is a strong verse relating to the timing of the rapture. Who can explain how Antichrist could wage war on a raptured saint? It would be illogical and God's word may be beyond our logic but it is never illogical. The only possibility is that the rapture occurs at the end of the tribulation.

Revelation 13:8-9 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. If any man have an ear, let him hear. If God has given us ears, we are to hear this. The purpose of the tribulation is a shakedown for marginal believers. We will make a final decision to either serve God or the Antichrist. The tribulation will shake everyone off the fence for or against Christ.

Revelation 13:10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty to the pulling down of strongholds. The tribulation will require us to live by faith. Now it is rather optional. Many can sort of fake it with their faith for their good standing in the local congregation. The tribulation will eliminate wavering one way or another.

Revelation 13:11-15 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by [the means of] those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by

a sword, and did live. 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.

The Antichrist will have his false prophet.

Revelation 13:16 -18 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 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.

Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number [is] Six hundred threescore [and] six. It is time to be dogmatic. Everybody must wise up that WE WILL BE FORCED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ANTICHRIST TO TAKE THAT LITTLE 666 SCANNER MARK THAT IS ALREADY ON ALMOST EVERYTHING WE BUY OR SELL, EITHER IN THE RIGHT WRIST OR FOREHEAD. BOTH THE UPC AND SKU SYMBOLS ARE BASED ON 666. Even if it means starving to death DON'T DO IT. No matter what - DON'T DO IT. Call it blaspheming the Holy Spirit, whatever - JUST DON'T DO IT.

CHAPTER 14

Revelation 14:7-13 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive [his] mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here [are] they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed [are] the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

THIS IS WHY IT IS SO VITAL NOT TO TAKE THE LITTLE 666 SCANNER MARK OF THE BEAST IN THE RIGHT WRIST OR FOREHEAD. The sins and destruction of Babylon are introduced, but much more detail is given later. THE MAIN THING TO KNOW HERE IS WHAT IT MEANS FOR OUR ETERNAL DESTINY IF WE TAKE THE MARK.

CHAPTER 15

Revelation 15:1-4 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God. And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, [and] over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous [are] thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true [are] thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for [thou] only [art] holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest. We know the bad news if we take the mark of the beast. This is the good news for those who resist the mark.

Revelation 15:8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

CHAPTER 16

Revelation 16:1-7 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth. And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and [upon] them which worshipped his image. And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead [man]; and every living soul died in the sea. And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.

And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus.

For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy. And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous [are] thy judgments.

When the first angel poured out his vial that there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon them which worshipped the beast and his image. If all of the saints had been raptured John likely would have said the first angel poured out his vial on all men and all men received a noisome and grievous sore. Since all men who were not written in the lamb's book of life will be caused to receive the mark, we have another indication the rapture occurs at the end. Things are really getting bloody. Antichrist's war on the saints who refuse to receive the mark must be very bloody. It is likely antichrist will entertain his followers with the bloodshed of the saints much like Rome's gladiators, and Waco's cultists. Never forget that vengeance is God's business. God's judgments, and only God's judgments, are always true and righteous.

Revelation 16:8-9 The fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

They would not repent. Could it be that they still could be forgiven if they would repent?

Revelation 16:10 -11 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

The only possible true hope they have is repentance and they blaspheme God. That is what happens when we think we are a god. This will be what happens to the gods of the new age and new world order.

Revelation 16:12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

We have seen this before how the kings of the east will be able to march across a dry Euphrates on their way to the battle of Armageddon. The book of revelation has different perspectives and further details of the total judgement of the rebellion of men who follow Lucifer in disobedience to God. That is why the timing sequence of some things gets confusing as there are apparent shifts forward and backward to give a more detailed picture.

Revelation 16:13-16 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs [come] out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, [which] go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed [is] he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

Lucifer and his Antichrist and false prophet are leading rebellious men in rebellion against God. It would seem obvious that when one attempts to lead a world of rebels in rebellion sooner or later they would rebel against you. This is why we need to respect and be under God's authority structures.

Revelation 16:17-21 show different views of things which we have seen before in revelation or will soon see again in a much more detailed way. We hear again of the great earthquake, Babylon, and it will seem like the stars of heaven are falling when the 100 pound hail stones are falling. The only chance is repentance and instead they blaspheme.

CHAPTERS 17

Let's just look at the verses in which the angel gives explanation about Babylon. The information about Antichrist will be grouped together in Chapter 18. **BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.** The woman was drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. Antichrist will bring **MYSTERY BABYLON** to power. Antichrist himself will have come to power by his counterfeit resurrection.

And here [is] the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. (Some may have heard of the 7 hills of Rome.)

Where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

Mystery Babylon, the woman which thou sawest, is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth. Babylon means tyranny and confusion. Since the scriptures themselves say this whore is **MYSTERY Babylon** we should be careful not to be too dogmatic. Whoredom or adultery is to depart from the true God and worship Lucifer or any other false god. What is the great city that rules over the kings of the earth?

And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

IF THERE IS APOSTASY PREACHED, SHOUT IT DOWN; AND, IF NOT CORRECTED, SHAKE THE DUST OFF YOUR FEET. GET OUT OF ANY CHURCH THAT DENIES ESSENTIAL DOCTRINES OF CHRIST. IN THIS FIRST SECTION MYSTERY BABYLON SOUNDS LIKE AN APOSTATE RELIGION. IN THE DESTRUCTION SECTION IT SOUNDS MORE LIKE A NATION. ISRAEL AND AMERICA ARE THE ONLY 2 NATIONS FOUNDED FOR THE GLORY OF GOD. WHEN ISRAEL PLAYED THE WHORE AND AS A NATION TURNED TO FALSE gODS, THEN GOD HAD OTHER NATIONS DESTROY THEM. THIS FOLLOWING SECTION COULD VERY WELL BE REFERRING TO HOW AMERICA HAS TURNED TO FOLLOW LUCIFER AND ANTICHRIST. DOES THIS DESCRIBE HOW AMERICA WILL BE JUDGED AS RUSSIA LAUNCHES A FIRST STRIKE NUCLEAR DESTRUCTION OF AMERICA?

The great angel cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong [is] the Lord God who judgeth her. And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come. And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:

The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.

And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all. The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What [city is] like unto this great city! And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.

Rejoice over her, [thou] heaven, and [ye] holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her. And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast [it] into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all. And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft [he be], shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee; And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth. For true and righteous [are] his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.

CHAPTER 18

Antichrist will come to full power by his counterfeit resurrection. The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

The Antichrist counterfeits Christ's resurrection. The frozen body of Lenin is a great tourist attraction in Moscow. Think of frozen Lenin. People could possibly be led to follow a demon possessed lookalike if the necessary physical records were replaced and the frozen corpse cremated. The same could be done with a Hitler lookalike. There will be a counterfeit resurrection of some sort. This is just a suggestion of the type of Luciferian delusion and deception which could possibly be used. It will get the masses, who do not know the Scriptures relating to the counterfeit resurrection of antichrist, in lockstep following antichrist. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

It sounds like the antichrist may divide his new world order into ten regions since the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him [are] called, and chosen, and faithful.

CHAPTER 19

Revelation 19:4-9 And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed [are] they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

This is a celebration that we should not miss.

Revelation 19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See [thou do it] not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

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Revelation 19:11- 21 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him [was] called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes [were] as a flame of fire, and on his head [were] many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he [was] clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies [which were] in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on [his] vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all [men, both] free and bond, both small and great. And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which [sword] proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

Many have thought that because the description of the Marriage supper of the Lamb occurs in chapter 19 before the description of the Lord on His white horse returning in great power and glory is a proof that the rapture occurs before the tribulation. By now we

have seen how by God's design and plan there are many shifts back and forth in time within a given chapter. This is not a very strong proof of the rapture occurring before the Lord's return. Even in the above passage we see the Lord's glorious return before the assembling of the armies of antichrist. We need to prepare to be overcomers in tribulation by strengthening our faith now and praise God if we are raptured out first. The good news is that we may have eternal abundant life here and now in Jesus. Most importantly, He will be with us in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

CHAPTER 20

Revelation 20:1-3 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. If we stay strong with Jesus we win with Him. The ultimate final victory in Jesus is as certain as the integrity of God's word. As we have seen, Satan and his Antichrist will wage a bloody war on the saints; but there remains certain victory in Jesus.

Revelation 20:4-7 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. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This [is] the first resurrection. Blessed and holy [is] he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. It is not at all pleasant to think that we may well have our head chopped off if we refuse to follow the Antichrist and deny the Lord Jesus Christ. Remember what Jesus told Martha just before He raised Lazarus - John 11:25-26 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this? DO YOU BELIEVE? If we do believe this we probably won't even feel the blade of the ax or guillotine and it will be instantly with the Lord. No matter what - DON'T TAKE THE MARK & DON'T DENY JESUS.

Revelation 20:7-10 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet [are], and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. Perhaps there will be those either born during the Millennium or coming through the tribulation who have not been thoroughly tested. Whatever may be God's reason, at the end of the Millennium, Satan will again be allowed to lead a rebellion against God. It will not get very far and Satan will be cast into the lake of fire.

Revelation 20:11-12 & 15 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is [the book] of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. IS OUR NAME WRITTEN IN THE LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE?

CHAPTER 21

Revelation 21:1-2 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

If some of the details of the horrible judgments coming upon the earth are getting you down READ CHAPTERS 21 & 22. We probably should read chapters 21 & 22 every day to keep a right perspective on where our eternal dwelling is. We are strangers and sojourners in this world. This world will hate us and persecute us and even kill us if we are totally committed to following Jesus. We need to keep in the front of our mind that Jesus is leading us to heaven and the world and antichrist is leading people to the lake of fire. It may be difficult but it would probably be very worthwhile to memorize sections of Revelation 21 & 22.

Revelation 21:3-6 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God [is] with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, [and be] their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

God Himself will dwell with us. God shall wipe away all tears. There shall be no more death. There will be no sorrow. God will make all things new. If this world is beautiful, just wait until we see the new heaven and new earth that God has for us. Jesus is the Alpha and Omega, and He will give us freely of the water of eternal life, full of joy, with no sorrow.

Revelation 21:7-8 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

It may not be easy or pleasant but BE AN OVERCOMER! Do not be fearful or unbelieving and don't be tempted to tell lies. Do you know how to be an overcomer? They overcame him (the antichrist and his followers) by the blood of the lamb and the word of their testimony and they loved not their lives unto the death. Would you rather die than to deny Jesus?

Revelation 21:12 & 14 And had a wall great and high, [and] had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are [the names] of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

There are those who would say that God deals with Israel and the Church differently. Some would even say that Israel and the Church have different eternal purposes and destinies. Some would say that it is Israel which will go through the tribulation and not the Church. However, we see clearly here that Israel and the Church have the same destiny and eternal purpose. Israel becomes part of the Church. Whenever any Jew recognizes and trusts Messiah Jesus Christ for his salvation, that Jew becomes part of the Church. Antichrist will wage war on the saints whether those saints are Jews or Gentiles will make no difference to him.

Revelation 21: 16 And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

There is plenty of room in New Jerusalem. This is so big that it will be hard to imagine. Only God could build something like this. It is 1500 miles long, wide, and HIGH. If its rooms have 10 foot high ceilings it would contain the entire dry land surface area of planet Earth.

Revelation 21:22-27 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb [is] the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither [whatsoever] worketh abomination, or [maketh] a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

This present world is not our home. Think about this place God will make for us. Everyone in this place will be people that we will love. All of them will never defile, never work any abominable thing, or ever lie. IS OUR NAME WRITTEN IN THE LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE? This is going to be our home. Our citizenship needs to be of this place and not of this world in which we now live as strangers.

CHAPTER 22

Revelation 22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

Revelation 22:2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, [was there] the tree of life, which bare twelve [manner of] fruits, [and] yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree [were] for the healing of the nations.

Revelation 22:3 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:

Revelation 22:4 And they shall see his face; and his name [shall be] in their foreheads.

Revelation 22:5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 22:6 And he said unto me, These sayings [are] faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

Revelation 22:7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed [is] he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

Revelation 22:8 And I John saw these things, and heard [them]. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.

Revelation 22:9 Then saith he unto me, See [thou do it] not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

Revelation 22:10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.

Revelation 22:11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

Revelation 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward [is] with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Revelation 22:13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Revelation 22:14 Blessed [are] they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Revelation 22:15 For without [are] dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

Revelation 22:16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, [and] the bright and morning star.

Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Revelation 22:18 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:

Revelation 22:19 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.

Revelation 22:20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Revelation 22:21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ [be] with you all. Amen.