

Big-Picture Comprehensive Overview of the Bible: The Biblical Worldview

Must Reading to Understand Biblical History's Events, the Spiritual Warfare, God's Eternal Requirements, How to Become Mature in Christ and Walk with God, and How the Endtimes Unfold. This could be one of the most important documents one might ever read. It presents God's Plan in overview for why we are here, and what He plans for us.

GOD'S PLAN OVER HISTORY FOR MAN TO BECOME MATURE IN CHRIST NEEDED TO ETERNALLY KNOW AND RELATE TO OUR PERFECT GOD IN HIS GREATNESS

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This report is a big-picture detailed overview of the Bible for what God has planned and how the endtimes unfold. It shows how God planned history to bring responding persons to a mature high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness in relationship living patterned after the Son's walk with the Father. This spiritual ability is needed in eternity to know and relate to God the Father in His depth-breadth in holy and righteous living - the perfect life in His Greatness. This maturity allows us to glorify and enjoy God together forever. Apart from this life with God, there is nothing. If we want God's best, we need to pursue maturity in Christ as God commands with excellence and commitment.

As part of His Plan, this report shows the spiritual warfare strategies, how Revelation's events unfold, what must occur before the Tribulation can come, what is the current Jewish situation, what the Cross accomplished in addition to Justification, and what must happen before the Rapture can occur.

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REPORT ORGANIZATION: This report consists of a Preliminary Discussion, and Main Report. You may wish to read the separate summary of the report first to gain an overview understanding. The Main Report presents: (1) God's Plan and objective for man; (2) how His Plan is developed over history with the spiritual warfare with the understanding of the Jewish situation after the Cross; (3) the main job of the Church is to evangelize unbelievers and mature believers; (4) how our churches are now falling away; (5) how the endtimes unfold; and (6) what churches should do now with urgency.

The many aspects of God's Plan for history were learned and developed from a detailed and integrated biblical study, examining over 40 doctrines (including inputs from the work of many others) and how they work together. **They, with God's Plan, are presented with the Scriptural development in the referenced documents listed at the report's end.** This report allows one to gain the overall perspective without the need first to read and integrate the many-many teachings from the many referenced reports with many-many more pages. ***I could only wish I had such a summary before I began my study.*** It helps one to grasp the many aspects involved. Seeing these many aspects all at the same time, helps one to avoid errors in Bible understanding and how endtimes prophecy unfolds. **(E.g. churches have over six different views of endtimes prophecy.)**

God allowed me to see many aspects of His Plan by first training me as a system engineer. Using this training, I worked to discover God's system and plan over history from Genesis to Revelation for how the Bible goes together. I found that His Plan is to develop Christ-likeness in us and for how the endtimes unfold with a special sequence in the end phase of His Plan. It was a most intriguing and rewarding study. But it took time because of the many aspects involved, including in our Church operation, and the need to compare Scripture with Scripture - like seeing the many facets of a diamond. This report allows readers to save time in their investigations of the multi-faceted subject.

A FEW DEFINITIONS: The **RAPTURE** is the time when the Church in resurrection goes to live with Christ as He comes in the clouds. **MATURITY** is living as Christ lives by faith and sacrificial love with everything coming from God the Father. The **TRIBULATION** contains Revelation's events from the fourth seal to the seventh trumpet excluding the time of the bowls. **THE ENDTIMES** are Revelation's events that bring the termination of history. The **CHURCH**, the body of Christ, consists of all believers in the Cross from Genesis to Revelation (from all of history) having been called out of Satan's Dominion into God's Kingdom.

DISCLAIMER: This report presents our view of the Bible and what God intends for us. You are invited to study on your own to reach your own conclusions and pray for what God would have you do. We cannot be responsible for what you do or do not do. We have attempted to point the pathway to have God's intended best and, in our view, share for how the endtimes will unfold. This report is meant to come along side, bring added value, and encourage you to seek God's best, train, and prepare. None

of us have complete information. But we can help each other.

PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION TO THE MAIN REPORT (AN ORIENTATION AND BACKGROUND)

PURPOSE, DISCUSSION, AND BENEFITS (Becoming Mature in Christ for Eternity)

REPORT PURPOSE, PREREQUISITE, AND BENEFITS: Our main purpose is to present the **Biblical Worldview** of the main and key teachings of the entire Bible for our overall understanding in one report. This is so readers can know and grasp God's Plan without having to read many books and reports. This is so we can align ourselves to God's Plan and have the best that He has planned for us. Thus, this report, or one like it, is must reading and can be one of the most important single reports one might ever read to know the truths of God's Plan.

In order to understand the Bible, how God plans for how we are to live and to become, and how the endtimes unfold, one must first understand why God created us and placed on the earth. From this objective, we must understand how He carries out that plan. It helps to understand the biblical events over history, why they occur, how the endtimes unfold and why, how we are to prepare for the endtimes, and how the spiritual warfare between Christ and Satan is involved.

Our purpose is to present the concept that God placed us on the earth to gain a maximum spiritual maturity in Christ-likeness in relationship living by faith and sacrificial love.●¹ This maturity is needed in eternity so we can know and relate to our perfect God amidst His Greatness and Great Glory. We will live by His righteousness and holiness in close fellowship with Him and each other. Thus, one main purpose of this report is to bring and to orient ourselves to this understanding, both in concept and in experience, so that God's infinite value can be placed in and lived out by us. ●²

Hebrews 6:1 - Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity

The pathway to become mature is to have a sufficient training curriculum such that we learn to live as Christ lives with all things for life coming from God the Father as a source without our taking any independent action. Observers see the Father because we, from ourselves, are doing (or should be doing) nothing. It explains how all of biblical history integrates to bring us who respond to God to this maturity in Christ. The measurement of our maturity is how we respond to God's leading in every aspect of life in comparison to how Christ, being perfect, would respond if He were to act in our place. Christ, our Lord,

1. **OUR MATURITY:** Most likely none of us are as mature as we desire to be, ought to be, and can be. I know that I am not. But we can work together to explain the issues and help each other. This report is meant to be one place of help.

2. **HISTORY:** Our churches over history have fallen short of this goal even though teaching many good things. Our churches today are falling away from even trying to meet the goal. However, we who are desiring God's best should pursue this maturity with excellence regardless of the past and what other churches are doing.

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is our only role model. Only God can measure or know the degree of our maturity.●³

1 John 2:6 - the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

*Ephesians 4:13 - until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, **to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ.***

*Colossians 1:28 - And we proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, **that we may present every man complete in Christ.***

Understanding this concept, we will more likely search the Scriptures to find all that God wants us to do and do them with commitment and excellence. With this approach, we can understand more accurately how and why the endtimes will unfold.

Thus, God, in our view, has one major purpose for this lifetime that may be background and prerequisite for other purposes in eternity that we cannot know now. His purpose is to develop in us, commensurate with our response, a mature high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness in relationship living. This is so that we can know and relate to our perfect God in His Greatness and great Glory for all eternity. It is not just to become a Christian, although a very vital necessary first step. Apart from knowing and relating to God and living by His perfect ways, there is nothing. We are not to live by our ways. (Understand we are discussing what circumstances we will have in eternity.)

We must see that all things end with only Christ, as our head, having preeminence and first place. Learning to live as He lives, He will guide us, as we respond, on this path. All of life is to be directed by God the Father through Christ without exception. This is so God can direct every aspect of our lives with the result that we live perfect lives by His perfect character qualities without sin amidst His great Glory. It is so we can glorify and enjoy Him and each other forever. Thus, all of life now, by necessity, must be taken only from God (now the Bible) as a source. We must not determine our own way through life independent of His direction or we can fall short of and forfeit having God's best for us. Our sin can be helping to bring the endtimes Tribulation.

Thus, this report brings an alert and an encouragement to ensure we are working under God with a sufficient training curriculum, containing the required academic and practical aspects, that represents God's Whole Counsel to gain this maximum maturity in Christ-likeness. This is vitally needed so that we can know, relate to, and fellowship with God in His Greatness, living perfect lives amidst His great Glory forever.

3. **SPIRITUAL ABILITY:** There appears to be a continuum of spiritual abilities such as walking by faith and by sacrificial love and in the degree of our obedience in living as our Lord lives. There appears to be a continuum of biblical knowledge and the application of that knowledge. This being so, we will be at different maturity levels when we die and very likely will be knowing and relating to God in different amounts in eternity. We will know different amounts of God's Greatness. Because God has infinite Greatness and He has the only value that exists, we should co-operate with Him to gain the maximum maturity that He will allow us to have. We can help each other in this pursuit to gain the maturity needed for us to know and relate to God in more of His depth-breadth. Because He has infinite value, we should want His value in us. God may have a use of our maturity in eternity that we cannot know now.

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We need example churches today who are committed to doing all of God's will to glorify God and as a testimony to the others. These churches are hard to find. If we are to glorify God in a maximum way, we must do all of God's will. We should work to have His best. But as will be described, we are doing much less.

John 17:4 - "I glorified Thee on the earth, having accomplished the work which Thou hast given Me to do.

ADDITIONAL PURPOSES (ENDTIMES): *This report also presents how the endtimes come or unfold. Signs and conditions now signal that Revelation's Tribulation can come at any time now or in the next few to many years.* This report presents a recommended path to be prepared for the endtimes. This includes to encourage all readers to do self evaluation and to pursue greater obedience and maturity in Christ with excellence and great commitment before the endtimes come.

In order to understand endtimes Bible prophecy, it helps to see that God is terminating history with a particular chosen sequence similar to the one He used with Israel.●⁴ The events of Revelation's Seven-Sealed Scroll implement this sequence. Using this sequence is God's way of doing things. This endtimes sequence is now in effect. This sequence uses a favored nation. There is great blessing with general obedience, warning in disobedience, divine discipline under a world government in greater disobedience, deliverance to God after the discipline period, and destruction of the world government that took the world into discipline. In the endtimes, the favored nation is the United States, the discipline period is the endtimes Tribulation, the deliverance is the Church's Rapture to Christ after the discipline period, and then comes the destruction of the remaining unbelievers. Then all go to their eternal states.

TARGET AUDIENCE: The information in this report is meant for and to be known especially by those in Church and family leadership and teachers who are responsible to train others. And, of course, to be known very especially by those who want to go all the way with God. Thus, this or a similar report is must reading for those wanting to know how history's details implement what God has planned for man and angels and how He carries out His plan. Church and family leadership have the responsibility under God to ensure that their people gain this maturity as far as it depends upon them. Not doing so, those in leadership can expect judgment and their subordinates can know less of God in eternity.

MANY ASPECTS TO CONSIDER: *Because there are many aspects to God's Plan to learn for its beginning, for throughout history, for becoming a Christian and mature in Christ, and for its termination, this report is a bit long. It is also the reason that many have missed God's best. Please read the entire report for we need to take the time necessary to learn them.* For example, God's Plan for: (1) man to gain this spiritual maturity; (2) how biblical history unfolds and why; (3) the spiritual warfare between Christ and Satan with its issues; (4) what happened to national Israel in God's Plan after the Cross; and (5) how the endtimes unfold has many facets such as has a diamond. These facets need to be seen and understood to know and to understand His Plan and live in it with greater participation - His diamond. This overview report presents many of these facets so that God's Plan can be more readily and accurately seen.

4. **MANY VIEWS OF PROPHECY:** We have over six views of Bible prophecy because this sequence generally has not been seen. The situation is described in the main report and developed from the Scriptures and reported in detail in my book: *Watchman Warning. The chapter on Revelation is also on my website.*

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DISCUSSION: Our problems come when we do not appreciate God's Greatness and begin ourselves to work all things together for our good. We should understand that our Great God would put in His Bible all things that we need to do and by which to train. Having this appreciation, we would search the Scriptures for all that He wants done and do it.

Our churches now and through history have not walked by sufficient faith in an every day walk with God (not the faith in salvation and Bible doctrine) that we receive revelation of what He wants done. For example, the Bible teaches we should pursue maturity. But how many churches are doing this and with the know how for how it should be done? This information is revealed to us as we walk by faith and search the Scriptures. Because churches do not live by adequate faith to gain revelation from God is one reason we work to have a church service with a sermon with topic teaching, a Sunday School, and times of fellowship. We work to do some evangelism. But we do not work to mature our people and work with other churches to ensue we are evangelizing our complete local areas. We do not observe the trends and recognize the signs that signal the Tribulation can be soon coming. We are leaving ourselves to be caught blind sided.

We often also have insufficient fear of the Lord as He has chosen and controls our futures. Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom such that we search out His wisdom and obey it (Job 28:28; Psalms 111:10; Proverbs 1:7; 9:10) We may not be adequately rejoicing in the Lord in His Greatness (1 Peter 1:8). For us to live righteously and holy, we must respond to our perfect God from our love of Him (without force) such that He directs every thought and action we will ever have without our taking any independent action. We are here to train to live His way.

KEY POINT: The key point is who is it that works all things together for our ultimate good. We are to trust God to do so. When we trust God, we live without sin and we appreciate His infinite Greatness. We gain more revelation from God. Then we have a necessary ingredient in place that works toward maturing us in Christ. When we are enamored with our ability, even without our realization, believing that we can, we, ourselves, can attempt to work all things together for our good. When we do, we sin, not gaining maturity, because we have no ability to do so. Trusting only God to do so is a learning process. For this to occur, we must search the Bible for all that God wants done and do it with excellence and commitment. When we do not have specific information, we should trust God, walking by faith, that He is leading us and in time will show us His way and bring the guidance and results that we need.

MATURITY AT DEATH: The Bible, in our understanding, does not teach whether or not our spiritual maturity in Christ will or will not increase in heaven after death. However, the Bible gives several indicators that our spiritual ability we have at death we may have forever. It gives no proof texts, but leaves it as a matter of faith.●⁵ These indicators are listed in the main report. God

5, **MUST LIVE BY FAITH:** If we had all the details for how and why God does things, and whether or not our maturity is fixed forever at death, we may not live by strong faith. We would act from ourselves which is sin. We have to live by faith trusting God not ourselves to accomplish in order to live without sin and gain new revelation from God. We need to live by faith in God, not in ourselves, to work all things together for good. We live by faith in God when we do not know how the results will come. We may not see the exactness of the needed results and we have no ability apart from God for bringing them about. We must trust God to do what is right and for Him to bring the results that by us cannot now be seen. If we had all the information, we may not live by faith, but perhaps more by sight. Then doing things, even the right things, would or could come from us as a source instead of from God. This results in sin and not receiving as much new information that God wants to give us. We are to live by faith at all times without needing to have all the
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commands us to pursue this maturity for whatever reasons He may have. He may use it in different ways than we can know now., Because gaining maturity is important to Him, we should pursue it as He commands to have His best, regardless of our understanding or what is true.

KEY UNDERSTANDINGS: *Apart from this relationship with God and living by His perfection, there is nothing. He has the only value that exists. We have value when His value is placed into and lived out in us.* We only get one shot through life to gain this maturity and our perfect God is in charge. We can help and support each other in this eternal pursuit to seek His best as God works in us using His Holy Spirit. None of us singly have it all together. To see and understand God's Big Picture Plan (The Biblical Worldview), we need to learn, understand, and live out many aspects. These aspects need to be periodically taught. Many are presented. Not to pursue His Plan for maximum maturity in Christ appears to be most serious spiritual folly, especially in light of living in eternity.

This relationship in God's righteousness brings us in intimate fellowship with Him and each other.●⁶ It brings us under Christ's Lordship. In this mature life, God directs everything in all of life and works all things together for our ultimate good. Knowing and understanding God's Plan for history helps us to understand how endtimes prophecy unfolds and why, and what will happen to us as it does.

THUS, WE MUST SEE: *As introduced, this life goes much beyond just becoming a Christian, attending Church, and living by a few principles. It leads us to pursue with excellence a mature spiritual capability in the way that Christ walks with the Father.* Developing this maturity as God commands is the reason we are here. Knowing His Plan, the Biblical Worldview, encourages us to become Christians, and afterward, gain a maximum maturity in Christ, so we can know God and live under His Greatness, both now, but especially in eternity. We will need to respond to God in our training to reach the maximum maturity He has planned for us. *Be alert, many of our churches do not understand, and thus, are not pursuing and are falling away from this task.*

THE SEQUENCE OF HISTORY AND OF THE ENDTIMES

History begins with Adam and Eve in spiritual warfare. The issues in the warfare are do God's chosen elect over human history actually believe and do they actually accomplish God's chosen work. The elect are those who receive Christ as Savior. Christ works to have these happen. Satan acts to prevent these happening. The Rapture cannot occur until the heavenly court determines

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information for how things are going to turn out in advance. We must trust that when God commands us to do things, the results will come out the right and perhaps the only way. If we are to gain maturity, we have to live by faith without having all the details, and also we need to serve others sacrificially from love as God directs. Without living by love, we are nothing.

6, **FELLOWSHIP:** The meaning of fellowship in the Greek New Testament means to have joint participation in things held in common by both. To have fellowship with God, we must be doing things with Him that He deems important and what matters to Him, not what we deem important or what matters to us independent of His desires. It is our participating in His ways, not Him participating in our ways. When each of us has fellowship with Him, then we have proper fellowship with each other. The vertical must come before the horizontal.

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that Christ has won the warfare. This occurs at the seventh trumpet after the Tribulation (but before the time of the bowls).

Our churches have over six different views as to how the endtimes unfold. They have different views regarding the Kingdom of God and how God treats Israel after the Cross. They have different views as to when the 1000 years come, whether Daniel's seventieth week is future or history, and when the Rapture comes with respect to the endtimes Tribulation, or even if there will be an endtimes Tribulation. Most believe a Pre- or a Post- Tribulation Rapture with Revelation's 1000 years coming before or after Christ's Second Coming. So how do we bring resolution and find the biblical view? And what difference does it make what we believe? This report helps to resolve the matter.

These current views do not seem to incorporate: (1) the issues, strategies, and impacts in the spiritual warfare over history; (2) what Israel's disobedience and the Cross brought that changed God's relationship to Israel; (3) God's main purpose to mature His people in Christ; (4) what must happen that causes God to bring the Tribulation; (5) what must happen that causes God to Rapture the Church; and (6) the special sequence, using Revelation's seven-sealed scroll, by which God terminates history. These are more easily understood if one begins with God's Plan for history and places prophecy in as the end phase of God's Plan. This is what I did.

We must see that all of history, including that of Israel, leads to us becoming mature in Christ so we can know and relate to God, all believers are the Church, and the Kingdom of God is God's rule in relationships from heaven over all things. One must see that all persons, after the Garden of Eden, are born in Satan's Dominion and under God's condemnation for sin. When one believes in Christ with His Cross, one is transferred into the Kingdom of God and becomes the Church. God's condemnation for sin is removed. One is transferred from the law of sin and death to being under God's Grace. All believers in Israel are part of the Church. After the Cross, where one lives on earth, such as in Israel, has lost its importance. Christ taught that people would worship God everywhere, no longer only in Jerusalem and no longer in physical temples with animal sacrifices. The Church is now the sanctuary of God and is to be living sacrifices. In Christ there are no ethnic divisions. There is no Jew or Gentile, no male or female, and no bond or free. All are one in Christ with Him alone having preeminence. The Cross set aside the Jewish worship system forever.

Understanding these, one can see that there will not be and cannot be a return of the Jewish worship system. Israel played a vital role before the Cross as a special people. But now as a nation, she no longer has importance in God's Plan to mature people in Christ so that they can know and relate to the perfect God. Thus, those who believe Israel will return must revisit the promises to Israel. They must see that Israel broke the everlasting covenant to the land where God is now no longer obligated to return Israel to the land. Christ is now marrying the Church and He cannot have two wives at the same time, such as to Israel and the Church. The present Israel was brought back into the land by Satan. God only restores Israel to their land in repentance. The current Israel is in nearly complete apostasy - not believing that Christ is her Messiah. Israel still believes that God gave them their land. She will go to war to keep it.

When one studies prophecy with the above understanding in light of God's Plan developed from Genesis to Revelation with the issues in the spiritual warfare, the situation, in our view, is resolved. The Rapture is Post Tribulational and the 1000 years (and the bowls) come during, not before or after, Christ's Second Coming. The Rapture can only come after all the people who are to live, have lived, and have made formal and binding decisions in life or by death to accept or deny the Gospel. This happens in the Great Tribulation. It can only happen after the heavenly

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court declares Christ to be the winner of the spiritual warfare over Satan after the Tribulation at the time of the seventh trumpet. This is the end of the fair spiritual warfare.

If you will study the many doctrines presented in this report, we believe that you will see as we do that the Rapture comes at Christ's Second Coming after the Tribulation. Be sure to read the second part of the main report for the development and details. ***They may surprise you.***

From our study, there is no Bible teaching that places the Rapture before the Tribulation or that there is no Tribulation. When you see that the Cross: (1) brought all believers to be one in Christ without ethnic division and (2) terminated forever the Jewish worship with animal sacrifices and physical temples, you will be convinced, as we are, that there are no future Jewish periods coming. They have no purpose. As stated, Christ terminated National Israel as a covenant nation as of the Cross when she broke the Everlasting Covenant to the land (This will be explained.). We are now to worship God in Spirit and in Truth from over the entire earth, no longer in Jerusalem and in physical temples. There are no Bible teachings that place a Special Jewish Period in the Tribulation and /or in Revelation's 1000 years.

SUMMARY DISCUSSION: As stated, the Tribulation contains a special sequence when the United States is a most favored nation for how God terminates history. The United States in prophecy is discovered by comparing Revelation's events with those God used with Old Testament Israel. The United States is definitely in prophecy, but indirectly taught in Scripture. She is God's most favored and exceptional nation in the endtimes as Israel was in the Old Testament times. As a surprise to some, Revelation's 1000 years occur during Christ's Second Coming, not before or afterwards. This is the time also of the seven bowl happenings. Christ's Second Coming in the clouds covers the period of the 1000 years and the bowls from the seventh trumpet to the time of the Great White Throne Judgement. Doctrines show that Daniel's seventieth week is history and contains the time of our Lord's Crucifixion and the first three years into the Church Period.

The seventy weeks of Daniel 9 were for the purpose to tell the Jews the chronology for when their Messiah would come after the end of the Babylonian captivity. They do not refer to and are not equal to the endtimes Tribulation. This allows the Tribulation to last much longer than seven years.●⁷ The Tribulation can only come after the sin of the Church and

7. PROPHECY VIEWS; We fully recognize that the church holds several views as to when the Rapture comes with respect to the endtimes Tribulation. Most churches do not recognize the signs that signal the Tribulation's impending coming. Thus, they do not warn and prepare. We have studied over six views and have noted the tenets upon what they are based. We have these many views, in our view, because interpreters do not include a study of sufficient doctrines and in their composite, and do not compare doctrines with other parts of Scripture for agreement. They do not discuss the issues in the spiritual warfare, what must happen before the Rapture can occur, what the Cross brought in addition to Justification, what happened to National Israel now that Christ is marrying the Church, and what must happen that brings the Tribulation. They have a wrong view for how God treats national Israel after the Cross.

We began our study by studying God's Plan for history with the spiritual warfare and by placing prophecy in the Plan as the terminal phase. We have reported our prophecy view in my prophecy book: *Watchman Warning* (1994) and in my web site paper: *The Pattern View of Prophecy* (2006). This was after having examined their tenets, the many issues, and over 40 doctrines in Scripture in their composite. When doing
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people in the favored nation increases such that it crosses God's allowable threshold. Then God allows Satan to bring the calamity and world government - the endtimes Tribulation. The falling away of the Church is responsible for the Tribulation coming. Our churches are falling away in different amounts by the thousands (this will be explained.)

BACKGROUND

WHAT OUR CHURCHES ARE DOING AND WHY: *Our churches are teaching and doing many good things. All of us see this. But now, in my view, because insufficient aspects (facets) are very often considered or known of God's Plan, she has less than full commitment to God with excellence.* Our churches are now falling away from God's goal by not gaining and are forfeiting having all that God has planned. They are working to reach new people, particularly the youth, without also adequately attempting to mature their own beyond first-level training. They are ending up with less maturity, an immature Church, a loss of biblical intellect, and having a low plateau of Bible knowledge.

From our observation, many churches desire to do area-wide local evangelism and mature their people, but they very often generally work only to do some evangelism and have some spiritual growth. Thus, they are procedural and not outcome oriented. They train with Bible content and some principles for living the Christian life, but generally, in my view, without the how to's for how and the needed scope to implement the principles. They, even though doing many good things, they appear not to have the know how, the needed (or any) training curriculum, or the commitment to make things happen to the degree that God wants them done. They mostly use good selected teachings. They use first level training instead of God's Whole Counsel in order to reach the youth. They are also using rock music for this purpose.●⁸ It is why now our churches are falling away by the thousands unknowingly implementing key satanic strategies of using limited teaching and rock music .These are shown by what they are and are not doing. ***Our young people are***

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this, in our view, the Scriptures teach clearly all believers are the Church and there will be a Post-Tribulation Rapture occurring at Christ's Second Coming. Many believe the Rapture comes before the Tribulation. But many-many doctrines show this will not and cannot happen. The Rapture cannot happen until after all the people who are to live, have lived, and have formal and binding decisions to accept or deny the Gospel and until after the heavenly court after the Tribulation declares that Christ is the winner of the spiritual warfare over Satan. This formal separation occurs in the Great Tribulation. The wheat cannot be separated from the tares until after all the tares are bundled for the fire (Lake of Fire). The Rapture does come before the time of the bowls. It is the bowl period that contains the wrath the Church will miss. If the Pre-Wrath view for when the Rapture occurs is just before the bowl period, then this view is similar to mine as a Post -Tribulation Rapture view. There is much more.

Many of the view forcing doctrines are presented in this report.

8. TRAINING AND MUSIC: **In every Church we generally have the gung ho, the very faithful and the watchers. We are to spend most of our time with the gung ho and faithful, not the watchers and new people. God draws people through His Word, not generally through music. It is His Word that God uses to change people** This report will show that, in our view, using rock music is not of God. We should use the hymns and good contemporary music that has the melody dominate. We should not use loud repetitive dominate beat music. There is also other good music that special or sect churches use such as Gospel and like music. So when we refer to using the hymns in this report, we also are including this type of music.

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being taught these wrong and incomplete directions and are considered wrongly by our young people to be the status quo. Of course, there are exceptions.

Observation shows that many of our youth are not returning to our churches after they leave home for college and work. Teaching first level and rock music are not meeting their needs. Many under rock music do not come out to evening functions and do not attend Sunday School. Of course there are exceptions.

One main reason (as previously introduced) for this situation, in our view, is that our churches do not appreciate God's Extreme Greatness and our extreme spiritual poverty so that they search the Bible to discover and do "all" that God wants done - His best. And do nothing else for direction. Another main reason as part of this is they are not tuned-in to God's command to mature His people and determine how He wants it done. Along with this, churches do not realize that the maturity we have at death we may have forever without further opportunity to increase it. Thus, churches teach some for spiritual growth and do things to reach the youth without also working to mature their own people with God's Whole Counsel toward the maximum skill levels.

As a result, as being presented, our churches are falling away from the required tasks of Christ's Great Commission such as not evangelizing complete local areas and not adequately maturing their people at the higher skill levels, including their children and youth. This can be by Satan's deception, and thus, are helping to bring God's endtimes judgment as discipline - the endtimes Tribulation. The problem exists that many churches do not realize that they are in varying stages of falling away. In summary, this falling away is characterized by doing insufficient of the right things and doing some wrong things. Our churches are in different and varying degrees of falling away.●⁹

Our churches should work together to evangelize complete areas. It can be done by churches working in specific areas, individuals going everywhere with the Gospel, and having Crusades. They should establish many after-school Bible clubs and work with Awana. There are other ways.

PLANNING: For a recommended way or method to do adequate planning and training, churches should put on a very large sheet of paper (such as 11 by 17) **ALL** that God wants them to do and to the degree and intent for how He wants things done. Then they should make plans (tasks) to carry out His Plan with excellence and great commitment and place these on the same sheet of paper with implementation schedules with means such by as sermons, Bible classes, and seminars The training schedule should reflect the soon-coming Tribulation so that training is done with some urgency. They include identifying preachers, workers, teachers, and task leaders. They should then include and provide the training that is needed to bring their people, including their youth, to a maximum maturity in Christ. This requires a comprehensive in depth-breadth training curriculum (God's Whole Counsel with the meat of the Word) emphasizing the Christian life covering all the needed topics taught with both the how and the what to's. There must be some

9 THOSE IN DIFFICULT SITUATIONS: *It hurts when we see many, particularly children, around the world in poverty, in sickness, and under great persecution who may never get the needed training to gain maximum maturity. But they can be living out what they know and gain more maturity than we in America who know much more, but who are doing little with it. Because we have been given much and are doing little with it, we can expect great judgment. Where much is given, much is required (Luke 12:48). We must trust God greatly here.*

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on-the-job training involved. Churches should strongly encourage their entire Church, including the youth, to take the training. ***Topics and curriculum needed are presented later in the main report. Churches should encourage their people, including the youth, to participate in ministries that help carry out the training as part of the practical. This is on-the-job training. By our faith, we should seek for God to update our plans with more insight. We should bring in special and timely teachings when led of the Holy Spirit. We need to have a strong foundation, but at the same time to be flexible under God's leading.***

But regardless of our past, we can turn to have the best with Him we can have now and especially in the future. Thus, we should train our young people the right way to do things.

Phillippians 3:13 - but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,

THUS, WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW - KEY TO OUR UNDERSTANDING

(Summary of An Approach Needed to Determine our Doctrine)

There is a saying: ***Do not think what you want to think until you know what you should know.***

Thus, we should not make decisions about what we think about things, until after we study all the doctrines and Scriptures that are involved in each section and topic that determine what we need to know. The following are good summaries and examples of this situation.

THUS, WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW TO UNDERSTAND OF GOD'S PLAN TO PURSUE MATURITY IN CHRIST-LIKENESS: We need to know that the Bible teaches and encourages us to become Christians and, as Christians, ●¹⁰ to seek and to involve ourselves with excellence and commitment to become mature in Christ-likeness in relationship living. This can only happen to the fullest when (under the leading of the Holy Spirit):

1. We must live in head-subordinate relationships patterned after the Son's walk with the Father in order to have God direct all of life. (We need to know the relationships.)
2. We need to walk with great love for God, keeping His commandments, so we will live holy and righteously. (We need to know the commandments.)
3. We must walk by faith trusting God to fulfill His promises to keep from sin and to receive

10. **BECOMING A CHRISTIAN:** See our referenced document for how to become a Christian. The general procedure ***as God works in you*** is three fold (only according to the Holy Bible): (1) Admit that you are a sinner (a spiritual law breaker) with the intention of changing (repentance) with God's help: (2) Believe by faith that Christ dying on the Cross with His death, burial, and resurrection satisfied God's Justice for your sin so that believing, you will not need to go to the Lake of Fire for God to satisfy His Justice for your sin: and (3) Activate your faith that you believe with a prayer to God. God works through your activated living faith and applies the satisfied Justice to you. God must be working in you for this to be effective. It is not a do it yourself situation. The alternative is that one will spend eternity In the Lake of Fore for an alternate way for God to satisfy His Justice for your sin.

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revelation from God. (We need to know the promises.)●¹¹

4. We must live by the character qualities of Church leadership to qualify to be a Church leader. (We need to know the character qualities.) We need to live morally to know God and His heart.

This report's purpose is to present a guide so we can become mature to the degree that we understand. Thus, we should disciple to maturity in Christ, not just work for some spiritual growth. We can pray for more understanding. We can help each other. We are here together to develop this maturity with the purpose we can have the capability to know and relate to our most perfect God, both academically and experientially, toward His fullness and perfection throughout eternity. ***Again, apart from this relationship and life with God, there is nothing.***●¹² ***God has given us this lifetime for us to gain this mature spiritual ability.***

THUS, WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW TO UNDERSTAND PROPHECY: We need to know (the solutions are presented): (1) the spiritual warfare and its strategies over history for how they can effect and deceive churches and how they affect the endtimes; (2) the aspects that happened in the Garden of Eden that deal with the spiritual warfare; (3) what the Cross accomplished in addition to Justification; (4) what must happen before Christ can rapture the Church; (5) why God uses a seven-sealed scroll employing a special sequence in Revelation to terminate history; (6) how God treats Israel as a covenant nation after the Cross and why; (7) that Daniel's seventieth week is history covering Christ's Crucifixion and does not refer to the endtimes Tribulation; and (8) what causes the endtimes Tribulation to come and what are its purposes. We need to understand that the Tribulation brings discipline, not penal wrath. God's wrath comes after the Tribulation and after the Rapture in the time of the bowls on unbelievers at the Day of the Lord.

WHEN WE KNOW CERTAIN FACTS RE PROPHECY, WE CAN KNOW WHAT IS TRUE AND THAT OTHER THINGS CANNOT BE TRUE - THIS AVOIDS (REDUCES) INTERPRETATION

11. SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES: Leaders and teachers need to search the Scriptures to find **ALL** of what God wants done and do it His way. We have problems and wrong ways today because leaders are not using faith to determine all or most of what God wants done. They decide for how things are to be done. Churches do many good things, but only a partial of what God's wants done. If we want God's best we should search for all He wants done. Leaders decide for what is to be done instead of letting the Bible to tell what we should do. We should mature our people instead of only working for spiritual growth. We should evangelize our complete local areas instead of only doing some evangelism.

Another example, when one finds the Scripture that says when one does not take care of his own, he is worse than an unbeliever, then one knows that taking care of one's own people must have higher priority over drawing new people. Just the reverse is happening. One's own people are not being adequately cared for. They are not being taken to maturity in Christ. One should search the media for inputs on what is good music and the effects on people when using rock music. Where did rock music come from? If one would do this, one would never use rock music in the Church and in her ministries.

12. MATURITY: None of us are as mature at the higher skill levels that we should be, desire to be, and can be. I know that I am not. But we can work together and help each other get there. This report can be one starting place. We must not be bogged down by mainly or only a study of mostly Bible content and knowledge that we miss the principles for knowing and living out how we become mature in Christ. We must know the what to's (the academics) and know and have much experience in the how's to's (principles lived out) along with Bible content and knowledge. We glorify our perfect God when we obey Him from love and faith such that others see Him, no longer ourselves, in us. We give back to Him what He has given to us.

ERROR: Consider these examples:

- 1. When we observe that Revelation's characteristics are all nations, we know that Daniel's exclusive Jewish seventieth week cannot be equal to and represent the Tribulation. Then we know that the all nations Church will not be raptured before the Tribulation and that the seventieth week is history.●¹³**
- 2. When we observe that all believers, both Jews and Gentiles, are one in Christ without ethnic division with only Christ alone having preeminence, and that the Cross set aside the Jewish worship system with temples and animal sacrifices forever, we know that there will not be and cannot be any future exclusive Jewish periods such as in the Tribulation and in Revelation's 1000 years. (Knowing this, we will restudy how the Old Testament Promises to Israel are actually fulfilled and why God is no longer using Israel in His endtimes plans.)**
- 3. When we see that Christ after the Cross is marrying the Church and that He cannot have two wives at the same time, we know that He has divorced Israel as a nation. Then one has to examine the everlasting covenant of the land. Israel can break the covenant which she has done. Thus, God is no longer obligated to bring her back into the land.**
- 4. When we know that the wheat cannot be separated from the tares until after the tares are bundled for the fire, we know that the Rapture can only occur after the Tribulation. It occurs after all people who are to live, have lived, and have made formal and binding decisions in life or by death to accept or deny they Gospel. The latter happens under the Mark of the Beast.**
- 5. When we see that Christ casts the persons of the Beast and False Prophet into the Lake of Fire when He comes, we know definitely there is an endtimes Tribulation.**
- 6. When we understand the oriental custom of marriage, then we know that the Rapture will occur at the marriage of the Lamb as the bride (the Church) goes to live with Christ when He comes the Second Time.**
- 7. When we see that the 1000 years come after the Mark-of-the-Beast period (Revelation 20:4), we know that they cannot happen in the Church Period. The fact that Satan is bound during the 1000 years and he is in no way bound in the Church period, we know that the 1000 years cannot occur in the Church Period.**
- 8. When we see that as Christ comes the second time, He comes on the clouds, and when we know that the high priest and those who pierced Him will see Him coming on the clouds (After their resurrection at the Great White Throne), we can know that the 1000 years are contained within Christ's Second Coming. Christ comes the Second Time to**

13. REVELATION: There is a very large number of believers from all nations who die in the Great Tribulation. They are part of the Church. This fact shows the Church's Rapture comes after the Tribulation. Thus, the Tribulation is all nations in characteristic and not exclusively Jewish that would be required to have Daniel's seventieth all exclusive Jewish week equal to the Tribulation. The Tribulation is not the time of God's wrath, but instead a time of divine discipline. **The wrath, as stated, comes after the Tribulation during the time of the bowls on unbelievers.**

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bring the consummation (Termination) of history, not a new golden age on earth.

9. When we observe that the sequences, nomenclature, happenings, and entities that happen in Revelation match those (as principles) that happened to Old Testament Israel, we can know that Revelation's events unfold in a similar manner as they did to Israel. Then we can study what happened to Israel to see what can happen in Revelation and what the signs are that signal the Tribulation can be coming. We can see that the endtimes has a favored nation (the United States) as did the Old Testament (Israel). Thus, knowing what happened to Israel, we can know what will be happening to the United States. Things are now happening line for line. We can know what the Tribulation will bring and what can happen to us.

10. When we study God's purpose for man to become mature in Christ so he can know and relate to God, we can know and confirm that all of the Bible's events lead to this result. Then we can know that all believers are the Church having been called out of Satan's Dominion into the God's Kingdom. All believers, both Jews and Gentiles, are one in Christ without division and compose the single Body of Christ.

These observations teach us that there is an endtimes Tribulation, Revelation's events unfold in a similar manner as to what happened to Israel (principles are similar, details are different), the Rapture occurs after the Tribulation at Christ's Second Coming, and the 1000 years come during Christ's Second Coming. These teach that the Church will go through the Tribulation as a disciplinary period. The wrath that the Church will miss comes in the time of the bowls that occur during the 1000 years and after the Rapture.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: We need to know that we live in intense spiritual warfare and that God has allowed the trials and testings in life for our spiritual development. We need to see the perspective of these in the spiritual warfare and in our obedience to God, walking as Christ walked, using faith and love. We need to learn how to walk by faith and by sacrificial love in obedience to Him. Then He works all things together for our ultimate good. He becomes God all in all. We need to worship and glorify God in His Greatness and be in ministry somewhere. We need to know some of God's promises and many of His commandments. ●¹⁴

From faith we will trust Him to fulfill His promises, and we will obey the instructions with the promises activating our faith. Then we live without sin because all actions come from God and not from ourselves. We will receive revelation from God. We need to continue to walk by faith so God will lead us, care for us, and work all things together for our good. The degree that we do this, is the degree we live without sin.

From our love for Him, we will keep His commandments to live holy and righteously and to know His heart. We will live by faith that we are keeping the proper commandments for the situation. We will believe we are being led of the Holy Spirit so we keep the correct commandments. The same is true for claiming His promises. We need to learn to avoid being deceived, doing Satan's will by mistake, especially even when it looks right. Thus, we need to learn principles by which we are to live life with God. **So we need to pay attention to God's teachings and commands for**

14. PROMISES AND COMMANDMENTS: We have listed many promises and commandments in our publication on our web site: *Living By God's Righteousness* under Training. This document can be an aid in our spiritual development.

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we are talking about preparing for our eternity.

We must understand that the details for how the churches are falling away today are symptoms of causes. The causes include not appreciating God's Greatness and our spiritual poverty such that God must direct all things and we must know and do all of what He directs. The symptoms are that we are not doing that. The fact we are dumbing down our teaching (symptom) is that we do not realize our spiritual ability can be fixed at death (cause). We do not realize we are implementing satanic strategy and we are not doing critical analysis to determine our situation and to observe the trends (cause). We are not doing personal investigation of the dangers of using rock music and the fact it is not of God and why (cause).

IMPORTANT ITEMS

DISCUSSION OF MATURITY: *It is very important that we learn to live by strong mature faith now in what God will do because, in eternity, as now, we will never visually see God the Father (He is omnipresent - everywhere).* In heaven, we will have to live by faith that He exists as we do now. God is everywhere present and cannot be seen in one place or at all (Colossians 1:15). This is also right because we have to live by faith to keep from sin. But we see Him in Christ as He puts Himself in Christ, and Christ's life demonstrates this relationship. Others can see Him also in us as we live out what God is working in us. He may work different things in different people. Thus, we need to observe many of us to know more about God and His Greatness. Of course we can know about Him in His written Word.

The situation is such that when we believe we are mature, and/or have much Bible knowledge, but without living by sufficient love, it is when we are not. We can be mainly attending Church, going nowhere. Only the humble and those living by sacrificial love serving others using the knowledge by faith can be and become mature. One can be more mature when he believes he is not. Only the pure in heart (completely moral) can know God and His heart (Matthew 5:8). Having mainly only knowledge can make us spiritually proud or believe we are mature when we are not. The way up in the spiritual domain is down. We must believe that everything we have came from God and not because we gained it by our earning and deserving it, even though we work in the process. We must use what He gives us to the fullest under His direction and be humble about it. It is based on a life that is lived out from what we know, not just based on having knowledge. **Those who are involved in great immorality cannot become mature at the higher spiritual ability skill levels. When we are involved in immorality, we place ourselves under Satan's chain of command. He then can more efficiently effect our lives. If we find ourselves in this position, we should change what we are doing and ask God for forgiveness of our actions.**

NEEDED EXPERIENCE: If we are to participate in the greatness of His plan, under the leading of the Holy Spirit, we must: (1) love God with our total being such that we learn and keep His commandments and appreciate His Greatness and fully realize our extreme spiritual poverty - we must not attempt to work all things together for good ourselves; we must trust Him to do it, (2) discern adequately the scope (breadth, width, and depth) and the intent for what He wants done and do it with commitment and excellence; (3) realize that He commands us to pursue maturity in Christ and that the maturity we have at death, we can have forever; (4) work in our churches to mature our own people in much higher priority over gaining and training new people including the youth, even though both vitally should be accomplished; (5) do God's intended will of training

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with God's Whole Counsel and accomplish total area-wide local evangelism; (6) do critical analysis to determine how well we are actually doing God's intended will and work and make necessary changes, and (7) recognize any sins of commission and/or of omission and turn from them. ***If we work mostly with and to gain new people, our own people will not be served and become mature. In fact, few will, unless they go on their own. Some will. This is what I have done.***

PLEASE READ: Please read this entire comprehensive overview report, and afterwards, all the referenced reports from which this overview was taken. They present more of the Scriptural development and the details. They provide greater breadth. We are greatly blest to understand and align ourselves more closely to God's Plan. In doing this, we must work out what God is working in us. This can take time. But having a greater walk with God and knowing and relating to Him in His perfection is worth it. What else is there?

PLEASE NOTE: We need to be oriented to God's plan to change us and to live out His maturity in us as we live our lives out in the world system and in its activities. We must not just live our lives and pursuits out from ourselves because of need and desire. We need to be committed and submissive to God's Plan to mature us in Christ and accomplish His assigned work. We need to make the effort to study, learn, and cooperate with God such that it happens. We need to be committed to excellence before our most perfect holy God. ***He created us for a purpose. Thus, we should walk in it. He controls our future and how we are to live in the only perfect way.***

Going the above route in the negative sense (disobedience), the trends signal we are now developing a most immature Church with a loss of biblical intellect and having a low plateau of Bible knowledge - including that needed for mature Christian living. This is sin. Few now know Bible Prophecy below the notion level. When the endtimes Tribulation comes, few will know what is happening and why, what the future will be, and how they should now live under God. Few will know the Bible beyond the basic fundamentals (if that). As a result and the fact that the Bible will not be allowed to be taught in the Tribulation, we are entering the greatest period of spiritual darkness in all of history without any means of recovery. People live now depending upon the American freedom to continue. It will not.●¹⁵ We should work for revival for God to turn this around. But will our churches do it? Probably not. But your church can work towards this.

PREPARE FOR WHAT IS COMING: As presented, signs now signal the endtimes Tribulation can come at any time. We should urgently evangelize the children and train them to stand strong by faith on the Christian-Faith doctrines so they will not fall away from the faith when the persecution comes. We should put in some provisions (food, water, lighting, radio communications, toiletry, etc.) to get through the calamity and work together in small mutual support groups, helping and supporting each other. We should train our people, including our children and youth, with some urgency and with the recommended curriculum. We should do these now while we still can before the calamity comes. Then our training time in freedom will be taken from us. ***Those who wait for definitive information about the Tribulation's timing, that will never come, before they act to prepare, will most likely be caught blind sided and unprepared.***

15. MILITARY COUNTRY TAKE-OVER: In the Old Testament times, no one believed that any enemy troops would ever enter the Gates of Jerusalem (Lamentations 4:12). But one did. Now essentially no one believes that any enemy troops will ever take over America. But they will.

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THE MAIN REPORT: Read the main report for: (1) the details and greater understanding for gaining maturity in Christ; (2) knowing how and why history unfolds; (3) understanding the spiritual warfare; (3) what is the Jewish situation after the Cross; (4) what is the job of the Church; (5) how the endtimes will come; (6) and the many things we should now urgently do and what we must avoid doing. Work to have God's best in your Church and family life, prepare for the endtimes, and avoid doing things that are involved in falling away. Do them now.

This preliminary discussion brings an orientation and background to the main report so it can be more readily understood. More details are presented. Be sure to read the section: The Implementation of God's Plan over History on how history's events unfold. Because the main report covers similar materials and there are many inter-relating concepts, there is some redundancy.

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THE GOAL AND OBJECTIVE OF GOD'S PLAN; AND THE NEEDED TRAINING

REPORT PURPOSES: *This report, or one like it, could be one of the most important single ones that one might ever read. Its purpose is to present a detailed comprehensive overview of the entire Bible relating God's Plan for biblical history in one report. This is so readers can gain the major understandings of what God wants us to know, become, and live without having to otherwise read many-many books with many-many more pages needed to learn and integrate the data presented in this report.*

This report's purpose is to present that God's main reason for why we are here is to gain a high skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness in relationship living. God commands us to pursue this maturity (Hebrews 6:1). This maturity is necessary so we have the spiritual ability s to know and relate to our perfect God in His depth-breath and fellowship with Him forever. This is so we can live perfect lives without sin, both now, but especially in eternity. We are to think and do only what comes from God the Father without taking any independent action. ***In order to gain this maturity, we must learn to live as Christ lives with everything for life coming from God the Father (now the Bible) without our taking any independent action. Then when people see us, they will see God, not us, because we, from ourselves, are doing nothing.*** It is cooperating with God so that He works all things together for our ultimate good. This life must be learned and lived out under God's leading. Apart from living in relationship to Him and by His Perfection and Greatness, there is nothing.

Hebrews 6:1 - Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity

1 John 2:6 - the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

1. REPORT ORGANIZATION: The main report, taken from the Bible, is composed of three major parts. The first deals with becoming mature in Christ. The second deals with all of history and how the endtimes unfold. The third deals with what our churches should be doing now and that the endtimes can come at any time. Then the report references are presented. The references contain much more detail and more Scriptural development. They are recommended to be read next.

**God's Plan Over History for Man To Become Mature in Christ Needed To
Eternally Know and Relate to Our Perfect God In His Greatness**

According to our understanding, we present many of the procedures, as God works in us, for how we become mature in Christ and what are its benefits. For this to occur, we must first become Christians, and afterward, pursue and gain this spiritual maturity. Church and family leadership are to ensure that this happens by training their people academically and also very importantly, practically - for how the life is to be lived out. They are to demonstrate the life. Our single role model is Christ, and we are to learn to live as He lives. Apart from this plan from an eternal perspective, there is nothing.

This report presents how the events of biblical history unfold with their development environment and spiritual warfare lead us to become mature. God has created us and placed us in this earth's environment under spiritual warfare to gain this mature high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness in relationship living. The higher skill we have, the more we can know, relate to, and be used of God. He has every perfect attribute and character quality that exists.●¹

OTHER SUPPORTING PURPOSES: Other supporting purposes are to present the concepts that: (1) show how the spiritual warfare over history and Revelation's pattern sequence with the seven-sealed scroll (to be seen and understood) allow us to see how the endtimes unfold and help resolve the many prophecy views into one; (2) alert our churches that signs now signal the endtimes Tribulation can come now at any time for which we should be spiritually and provisionally prepared; (4) alert our churches, particularly their leadership, that their current falling away is a major cause of bringing the endtimes Tribulation; (5) encourage churches to evaluate their own circumstances, come to greater obedience, and to pursue God's best and be prepared for what soon can be coming; and (6) show that our overall current church direction of a major dumbing down to reach the young people is leading to an immature church (are we there now?) with a loss of biblical intellect, and having a low plateau of Bible knowledge. **Church and family leadership are mainly responsible for the falling away and bringing the immature Church and can expect judgment. Thus, they carry responsibility for the Tribulation coming.**

IMPORTANT DISCUSSION: *Some believe that if we are to change and better our world, we must begin with the children and the youth and train them to walk closer with God. However, this is exactly what Satan is doing in an opposite manner by influencing a dumbing down of the training in our churches and in our public schools. We are teaching good things, but mostly at the first level. We must see this, because our churches, in their falling away, are helping to bring about the condition of an immature Church with a loss of biblical intellect and with a low plateau of biblical knowledge. Few now can do critical analysis to determine what is happening and what will happen as the endtimes unfold. Few know Bible prophecy and how the endtimes unfold below the notion level.*

We should understand that this current growing biblical illiteracy is key satanic strategy. This situation, when combined with the Bible not being allowed to be taught in the Tribulation, in time as the Tribulation and endtimes progress, few,

1. **GOD'S ATTRIBUTES:** Faithfulness; Glory; Grace; Holiness; Immensity; Immutability; Justice; Light; Long-Suffering; Love; Lovingkindness; Mercy; Omnipotence; Omnipresence; Omniscience; Provider; Righteousness; Self-Existence (Eternal Life); Sovereignty; Spirit; Truth. See our paper on *God's Attributes* that gives more description and the Scripture references.

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if any, will know the Bible in any depth-breadth. We are heading into the darkest spiritual age in all of history. And our church leaders and teachers are largely responsible - my perception. The problem lies more in what we are not teaching rather than the minimum of what we are teaching.

A training curriculum is suggested later that can provide the needed training when taught in depth-breadth with both the academic and the practical with some form of on-the-job training. We must now begin with urgency to especially biblically train, mature, and prepare our children and youth in the depth-breadth of the curriculum presented below to help mature them in Christ. It is so for them to know what will happen to them and why as the Tribulation comes. It is to encourage them to stand strong under the coming persecution.●²

GOD'S GREATNESS: God and His Greatness must be central to our lives. We will do better in our Christian lives when we understand and appreciate God's extreme Greatness, including with His holiness and righteousness, and our extreme spiritual poverty. Then, with diligence, we will search out and do everything He wants us to do and become, with great commitment and excellence. Knowing His Greatness, we will love Him with our total beings and search out and keep His commandments. We will realize there is nothing else.

Having every possible perfect attribute and character quality that exists, God has the only value that exists. We have value when He places His value in us and we live it out. He is without sin of any kind or any amount. He is the only person qualified who can direct our lives in absolute perfection. He controls our future. He has self existence and can do anything He wants in accordance with His perfect character qualities without any effective resistance. He works with billions of people and angels all at the same time. He has created a universe so huge we cannot measure it. He is everywhere simultaneously present. There is no place that is possible to go without God being there. God has always known everything that can be known - has happened, is happening, or will ever happen - past, present, and future. Read our report: *The Attributes of God* on our web site. (God has created heaven and earth and all people. Without God and apart from Him, nothing would exist.)

GOD'S OBJECTIVE;●³ As stated, God wants for us both now and especially in eternity to know and relate to Him toward His fullness and Greatness. Thus, we are to grow in maturity now so we can have the trained spiritual ability needed to know and relate to Him to the fullest in eternity. We do this as we live out what He is working out in us. We would live by His holiness and righteousness

2. RAPTURE TIMING: It is shown later why the Rapture can only come after the Tribulation. Doctrines show there is no possibility of a Pre-Tribulation Rapture.

3. GOD'S OBJECTIVE: God's Goal: God wants for us to know and relate to Him in His Greatness in Eternity. **God's Requirement:** We must have a mature high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness in relationship living. **Church's Goal:** Gain a mature high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness in relationship living. **Church's Method:** Train people to worship and glorify God, live a godly life patterned after Christ's walk with the Father, help accomplish God's work, and believe and stand strong on the basic doctrines of the Christian faith.

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in perfect environment. We would live by sacrificial love to serve each other and by faith in Him to fulfill His promises in close fellowship with Him and each other. He would direct our every thought and action with the Holy Spirit and work all things together for our good. Doing this makes Him God. As He works in all of us, He will be God all in all. We will have the only perfect life that exists because our God is perfect and resides in perfection. As a result, we will live holy and righteously without sin as we live out what He is working in us. We will get to know more of Him in His depth-breadth.

However, because God is omni-present, and cannot be physically seen both now and in eternity, we can only know God both as He works in us and as we see, by the Holy Spirit, Christ and each other living out what God is directing in us. We need to live by faith that He exists and will produce the results He promises in His Bible and as we learn from Christ in eternity (another Bible in eternity?). We must trust Him to do as He promises. As presented in the next section, for this to occur, we must be complete in Christ using only what comes from God the Father as a source. Nothing in life for direction is to come from us as a source. We can plan how we will carry out His direction using what He has given us and trust Him to bring the results. We are here to gain this maturity so we can know God and live the perfect life that can only come from Him. When we are living out our lives and working to gain the needs of life, we should believe that God is leading and guiding us. He has told us to work for a living. We are to believe that He is taking care of us. We are depending upon Him, not ourselves.

We will obey Him from our love of Him and of Who and What He is - absolute perfection.

One Scripture that teaches we need to know and relate to God:

Phillippians 3:8-10 - More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;

REQUIREMENT FOR GOD TO FULFILL HIS OBJECTIVE FOR OUR BECOMING MATURE IN CHRIST: We must learn to live as Christ lives where everything comes from the Father as a source and, at the same time, we take no independent initiative.●⁴ We sense the Father's leading by the work of the Holy Spirit.

1 John 2:6 - the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

Christ did only what came from the Father as a source without taking any independent initiative. We are to walk this way (John 5:19-20; 30;8:28; 12:49; 14:10).

4. WALKING AS CHRIST WALKS; This training requires us to find all the Scriptures for how the Father relates to the Son and likewise all the Scriptures for how the Son relates to the Father. Then we find the extension of these for the Father and Son with the Church and with fathers of families etc. I have made a study of these. There currently are some charts on the web site under Training and Christian-Life Relationship Principles. Much more will be added to the web site.

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John 5:19-20 - Jesus therefore answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner. "For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and greater works than these will He show Him, that you may marvel.

John 5:30 "I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

John 8:28 - Jesus therefore said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me.

All of life to walk as Christ walks must now come from God the Father patterned after how Christ lives His life with the Father. God commands us to pursue this maturity by bringing every person complete in Christ⁵ We must bring every thought captive in obedience to Christ (2 Corinthians 10:15). We must have a sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's leading to obey God and to carry out His will.

This life includes living by sacrificial love, by faith, having the character qualities for Church leadership, and the attitudes in the beatitudes. Every way we are to live by faith and love in relationships must come from God the Father. We must have an appreciation for God's Greatness and His ways and for us to depend solely on Him. We will love Him with out total beings and obey His commandments. God is our head, and we are His subordinates. We are to obey Him in everything.

5. **GAIN MATURITY IN CHRIST:** *Matthew 28:19-20 - "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, **teaching them to observe all that I commanded you;** and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

*Hebrews 6:1 - Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ (the a,b,c's of the Christian life and faith), **let us press on to maturity**, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God (not going over the a,b,c's over and over again),*

*2 Corinthians 10:5 - We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and **we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,***

*Ephesians 3:16-19 - that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man; so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints **what is the breadth and length and height and depth**, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, **that you may be filled up to all the fulness of God.***

*Ephesians 4:13 - until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, **to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ.***

*James 1:2-4 - Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. **And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.***

*Colossians 1:28 - And we proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, **that we may present every man complete in Christ.***

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WHY LIVING LIFE FROM LOVE OF GOD IS ESSENTIAL: *For us to live holy and righteously without sin, God must lead us in every thought and action we will ever have.* Life must come from His perfection alone as a source. The Bible teaches that we are to love God with our total beings and love others as we love ourselves. We will obey His commandments from our love of Him in order to live holy and righteously. Thus, the greater love we have, we will obey at a greater maturity level, have more of life coming from him, and have greater commandments to obey.

Matthew 22:37 - And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."

Matthew 22:39 "The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

John 14:15 - "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

John 15:10 - "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love.

We will obey Him from our love of His Greatness and avoid our leading because we have extreme spiritual poverty. We need to learn to live by strong love so we will obey Him keeping the greater commandments. We will not respond as robots because we have to, but because of our great love for His infinite Greatness including His perfect character qualities. ***The greater love we have for Him, He will lead us in greater ways because from our love we will keep His commandments.***

We will realize that His leading brings us the best possible life in all of its aspects. If we are to live holy, we must not obey Him because we think we should. - but because of our love. Thus, we should learn of His Greatness and develop a great love for Him and for each other such that we serve Him and each other sacrificially because He is putting His value in each of us. From our love, we will learn and keep His commandments.●⁶ Study our report: *The Attributes of God*. See the commandments in our publication: *Living by God's Righteousness*.

The Bible teaches that there is no greater love than one lay down his life for his friends:

John 15:13 - "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

Are we willing to lay down our lives for each other? Certainly we are with time and money. But what about physical life? Christ did this for us. He knew He would be resurrected. We know we will be resurrected also.

WHY WALKING BY FAITH IS ESSENTIAL: We are to walk by faith, trusting God to fulfill His promises. We activate our faith by obeying the instructions associated with the promise. Because in this process, everything is coming from God as a source, we do not sin. ***The more promises we know and use, we can have a great sinless life under God.*** It is when we trust ourselves to accomplish is when we sin. A faith walk with God is a true and holy relationship.

2 Peter 1:4 - For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that

6. KEEPING THE COMMANDMENTS: We should keep the commandments because we love God, not just because they are the right thing to do.

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is in the world by lust.

Romans 1:17 For in it (the Gospel) the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith."

DISCUSSION OF MATURITY: God, in His sovereignty, choose not to create people mature in Christ. Instead He has designed events in history so that maturity can be and must be developed. We believe that one reason is that because love is central to life, one could not understand the highest degree of sacrificial love without observing God's love being shown and demonstrated when Christ died on the Cross (John 3:16).

The greatest sacrifice was when the fellowship between the Father and the Son was broken by Christ dying for our sin. This is when Christ became sin who knew no sin and yelled: "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me." This had to be the highest price paid for anything in the history of man that we know about.●⁷ We need to learn of this love and practice it in our lifetimes.

We must realize that apart from a mature life with God living by His perfection, there is nothing. We must pay attention to God's command and pursue maturity. Remember, He did create us and thus, has a plan for our lives. Thus, we should know what it is and walk in it. Because He is perfect, no other plan can be better. Apart from Him, we would have no existence and certainly no eternal plan.

WE NEED TO PAY ATTENTION: THE MATURITY WE HAVE AT DEATH, WE MAY HAVE FOREVER: ●⁸We will all die with different maturities in Christ. But the Bible does not teach whether or not our spiritual maturity will or can increase in eternity. God has left it as a matter of faith.●⁹ But there are several indicators that our maturity we have at death we may indeed have forever.●¹⁰ We

7. **IMAGINE:** Imagine what it would be like if your spouse and/or your kids would have nothing to do with you or if, as children and youth, your parents would have nothing to do with you. This happened on the Cross. Christ felt forsaken.

8. **RELATIVE MATURITY LEVELS:** God allows us to enter eternity with different maturity levels. We will all walk by faith and by love. We will all keep the commandments that God leads us to obey. We may have different roles in heaven that require different maturities and gifting. We should praise God for what ever maturity we will have. But if we do not pursue the obedience that we know God wants, then we can deny ourselves a greater maturity by which to know more of God. The concept is to obey all that we know He wants done and seek to find all that we can of what He wants done. Of course the whole world does not have the same opportunities. God did not promise equality, but He did fairness God may develop us in eternity in ways we cannot tell now. But our path now is to pursue maturity as He commands.

9. **FAITH:** If we knew positively (it was declaratively written) that our maturity we have at death we will have forever, we would seek to gain this maturity by sight and would not pay as much attention to obey God, acting from faith, that we should pursue maturity now. The same was true of the Jews. God put in the Old Testament many prophecies without placing information in a.b.c order about the Messiah coming. If they had the a,b,c order information they would not have lived by faith. Although not an exact match, the general principle is the same about whether or not our maturity can increase in heaven. All we need to do is to obey God and seek maturity and we will be on the right track regardless of the future circumstances.

10. **INDICATORS, NOT PROOFS, ARE MATURITY CAN BE FIXED FOREVER A DEATH:** Some indicators
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do not know for sure. God's thoughts can be different than our thoughts. What if it is true, and we do not pursue it? ***If our maturity we have is fixed at death forever and we do not adequately pursue it as God permits us to, it is a most terrible eternal mistake.***¹¹ ***We will not know as much about the perfect God as we otherwise could and should. Those who love God and want to know Him to the fullest should pursue maturity with excellence and great commitment. What are you doing? What am I doing? Of course we have many questions, and we would desire that we all have the maximum maturity at our death. But if this would be so, then why this earth trek? We could have been created that way. But we were not. God promises us fairness, but not equality.***

Our human thoughts are that we want for all of us to have the same maturity and that it can increase in heaven. But will this happen? It does not look like it from what we can know now.

We will gain much more knowledge and wisdom in eternity. But our ability to learn and handle it may depend upon our skill level of our ability to respond. Thus, it is expected that God will lead and guide us in eternity based on our the level of our spiritual ability, our spiritual gifts, our calling, and being used as a team member. (Even now He has gifted us differently and with different mental capabilities. And much given, much required(Luke 12:48). God has purposely given us different abilities.) God appears to have given us only this lifetime to gain this mature spiritual ability. In my view, this is one of the main reasons we are here. ***We must ensure we pursue maturity because God commands that we do. Thus, we must ensure our churches provide the needed training, and not just teach first level and just have activities for fellowship and relationships.***

But remember, spiritual maturity is gained by on-the-job training, by a life that is lived out using knowledge, faith, and love. Having only knowledge is a beginning, but it does not in itself make us mature. We need the application of the knowledge in our life experience. We need both the what to's and the how to's. We need vitally to teach and train with the how to's and with

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that our spiritual maturity can be fixed forever at death include: (1) all of biblical history is designed to mature us in Christ; (2) the sinful environment of the world, flesh, and the devil used to develop and test our maturity (spiritual ability) is not allowed in heaven; (3) we make mistakes which are sins as we develop maturity, and there is no sin in heaven (Our sin natures are removed from us as we enter heaven. We will be unable to sin with our divine natures); (4) God commands us to become mature and live as Christ lives; (5) we were created immature beginning with Adam and Eve; (6) there are many stations in heaven - for example some will reign over 10 cities and some over 5; (7) we are given rewards in heaven based on our works in this life; and (8) there are Scriptures that this life has benefit for both now and for the life to come - we can have a better resurrection. (We wonder that if it could increase in heaven by some manner, then why this earth period. If it could, God could have created us with a minimum maturity and not send anyone to the Lake of Fire. He has given us a choice of the degree by which we will follow Him. And of course God may mature us in different ways than we can know now. But we should pursue maturity as God commands to have the best of God we can have. There is nothing else.)

Of course being more mature in Christ allows more opportunity for the elect to believe and accomplish God's work as part of the spiritual warfare.

11. **OBEDIENCE**; If we are obedient to all that we know that God wants us to do and become, we are on our way to become mature regardless of our realization or know that we should pursue maturity. God leads us to become more mature by the degree that He teaches us His will and commandments. We have varying degrees of needed teaching in our churches and throughout the world.

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testimonies of how people have lived out their lives in His ways.

As will be discussed, central to becoming mature in Christ is at least several fold, all known by and lived out under the leading and filling of the Holy Spirit (these were introduced in the Preliminary Discussion) :●¹²

1. We are to appreciate God's absolute Greatness with His love, mercy, holiness, righteousness, loving kindness, etc. and our extreme spiritual poverty.

2. We are to live as Christ lives by living out the head-subordinate relationship principles as Christ lives in obedience to the Father with everything in life coming from the God the Father as a source (now from His leading for us to learn and obey the teachings in the Bible). We are to do this without taking any independent initiative and action on our part. Thus, one must live as an obedient bond servant. There is also a set of head-subordinate relationships for families based on those with Christ and the Father we must also know and obey.●¹³ We must not take any independent action from God the Father and Christ.

Phillippians 2:5-8 - Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

3. We are to love God with our total being and each other as we love ourselves such that we keep His commandments to live holy and righteously and sacrificially serve Him and each other. We are walk by faith and believe we are being led of the Holy Spirit that we are keeping the proper commandments. We must know the commandments.

4. We are to live by living faith in God to fulfill His promises as He works all things together for our good. We activate our faith to become living faith by obeying the instructions given with the promise. When we do this, we live without sin and, very importantly, we receive new revelation from God. We live without sin because we are trusting God, not ourselves to bring results. We are obeying the instructions that came from Him not from ourselves as a source. When things are uncertain, we believe that God is leading us. We must know the promises.

12. TRAINING: We have a document on our web site: *Living by God's Righteousness*. It can be used in the training. It contains Psalms with which to praise God, promises to memorize and by which to trust God, commandments to read and obey, the attributes of God - showing His Greatness, Leadership character qualities we should have, and principles of love and of prayer. Several pages can be read daily and one can work on the principles in which one does the poorest.

13. RELATIONSHIPS TO AVOID; We must not be married to unbelievers or make partnerships with them. Doing so will lead us in wrong ways and retard our maturity growth. And it is sin because it disobeys God's Word. *2 Corinthians 6:14 - Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?* Such certainly is the case when a man and woman live together without marriage and for those who are involved in homosexuality. ***We wish to make it clear that God and we love and care for those involved in these last two items. We just disapprove of the conduct and relationships for they are sin and are disobedience to God.***

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5. We are to live by the character qualities required for church leadership. We must know them.

6. We are to have the attitudes of the Beatitudes. We must know them.

There is much more, and we are to live in everything by a strong prayer life. If we live the above way under the Holy Spirit's leading we will be filled with the Holy Spirit and have fruit of the Spirit in our lives such as love, peace, and joy and in our ministries. We will have a strong and faithful prayer life.

Of course, we have many questions including what about those who have little chance to become mature. This would include those who die young or die without adequate training. God promises us fairness, but not equality. It is better to be in heaven with little maturity, than not to exist or be placed into the Lake of Fire. God may give more maturity to some for the benefit of the others. We have only one shot through life. So we do not want to make any eternal mistakes or waste our lives. Thus, we should pursue maturity as He commands and that with excellence and commitment. We should help each other in this pursuit. None of us know everything or as far along as we may like. Our churches must train to mature their people, including their children and the youth, to the highest skill levels they understand with a complete and in depth-breadth curriculum. This must include on-the-job experiential training. ***Of course God can bring things in different ways and can mature our chosen curriculum. He will lead us into trials and relationship circumstances. The problem is that our churches very often do not have a sufficient curriculum by which to train and mature their people.***¹⁴ ***But should act to establish or obtain one.***

People desire to see a sermon lived out by preachers, teachers, Christian workers, and fathers and mothers much more than just to hear a sermon. We need to see the example life lived out. We need examples to follow. This happens when we see people having fruit in their lives and ministry as a result of God working in them. This happens when they live by faith in God to fulfill His promises and from sacrificial love, serving others. This comes from a love of God and for others. Very often with preachers, we hear, but do not see the sermon.

TRAINING TOPICS (CURRICULUM) REQUIRED TO BECOME MATURE IN CHRIST: *The Church's only goal is to mature their people in Christ. This section presents the method by*

14. GOD'S WAY IS EVERYTHING: *Again, we must realize that apart from a mature life with God living by His Perfection and Greatness, there is nothing. We must pay attention to God's command and pursue maturity. There is no other major pursuit in life that brings God's best for us. It brings mature living where we have love and care for each other, and when using faith, we trust God, not ourselves, to bring results that He promises. When we serve each other sacrificially from love and unselfishness, we all will be loved and served. We need to activate our faith by our carrying out the instructions associated with the promise.*

We must thoroughly understand we are not to just teach God's Word per se. We are to train people to live as Christ lives in both the academic and the practical. We are to teach both the what to's and the how to's with testimony for how we have lived out the principles. In teaching God's Word, we are to be application oriented with the how to's. We must teach it without being mainly or only be content and knowledge oriented.

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which this is to be done. We, in our understanding, must be trained in depth-breadth (with the Meat of the Word - a version of God's Whole Counsel - 2 *Timothy 3:16*) both academically and practically (the what to's and the how to's with some on-the-job training to become mature in Christ). We are to be trained in **at least** a four topic method such that life is lived coming from the Father, not ourselves, as a source. These topics are **(We need to be involved in all four and live them out under the Holy Spirit in order to become mature):**

1. **Worship and Glorify God:** We must learn to worship, praise, honor, obey, please, and glorify God. We glorify God by giving back to Him what He has given us to become and to do. We will do these when we appreciate His infinite Greatness and our extreme spiritual poverty. We will enjoy God. (Psalm 150; Matthew 22:37-38; John 4:23; 15:10; Acts 5:29; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 1:9-11, 18; Hebrews 11:6.)

2. **Live Godly as Christ Lives:** We must learn to live godly lives in head-subordinate relationships living in unity patterned after Christ's walk with the Father by faith and sacrificial love in close fellowship first with God and then with each other. Living sacrificial love must be central to our lives. When love is central, we will have greater obedience to God to keep His commandments (we must know them) and we will serve each other in greater sacrifice and unselfishness. We will live by faith in God to fulfill His promises (we must know them) to be without sin. We must activate this faith by obeying God's instructions with the promise. Such a faith life activates the divine nature, and we receive revelation from God. We live by love to live holy and righteously and to know the heart of God. (Psalm 150; Matthew 6:33; 22:39; John 5:19; 14:7-11, 15; 15:10; Romans 8:28; 1 Corinthians 11:3; 13:13; Ephesians 5:18-20, 27; Colossians 1:22; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Hebrews 11:6; 1 Peter 1:16; James 2:26; 1 John 2:6; 3:2-3.) (See a list of commandments and promises in my report: *Living by God's Righteousness.*)

3. **Help Accomplish God's Work:** We must help to evangelize the entire world, including our **ENTIRE** local area, to receive Christ as Savior, disciple converts to become mature in Christ-likeness not just work for spiritual growth, build godly families, plant new churches, and reach out to and help the needy. (Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:45-48; Acts; Romans 10:13-15; 1 Corinthians 3:6, 10-15; 12; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; 9:10-15; Galatians 6:2; Ephesians 5:21-6:4; 1 Thessalonians 1:3, 8; 2 Timothy 2:1-2; Hebrews 6:1; 12:1-2; 1 John 3:16-18.)

4. **Believe and Stand Firm on Basic Doctrines:** We must know, believe and strong on the basic doctrines of the Christian faith without falling away for which we would be willing to die. These doctrines must include the Greatness and Attributes of God and, now that the endtimes are here, how endtimes prophecy unfolds so that we can be alerted, trained, ready, and prepared. These doctrines would be in a good Church doctrinal statement. (See the doctrinal statement on my web site as one example.)

2 Timothy 3:16-17 - All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

1 Timothy 4:6 - In pointing out these things to the brethren, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, constantly nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound doctrine which you have been following.

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

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2 Timothy 2:15 - Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth.

GOOD FUNDAMENTAL CURRICULUM FOR IMPLEMENTING THE ABOVE FOUR TOPICS (OUR PERCEPTION): A good beginning training curriculum might consist of three studies. (1) The Christian-Faith Doctrines with the Attributes of God; (2) God's Plan for History (from Genesis to Revelation) with the Spiritual Warfare and Endtimes Prophecy (The subject matter of this report); and (3) Christian-Life Relationship Principles (Items 1, 2, and 3 above.)●¹⁵ We should develop a strong and faithful prayer life. With more time, these could be followed by a study of the Harmony of the Gospels (Life, ministry, and teachings of our Lord), selected New Testament books, and a survey of the Bible. Each of these studies should be taught in their depth-breadth and should include the practical with the academic - how we do what God requires of us. We, as stated, become mature by applying and living out what we know in our experience. We are not mature when we have primarily knowledge, even though it is important, vital, and necessary.●¹⁶ Without knowledge of God's ways and being obedient, the people perish (Job 36:11-12). Without love, we will not be keeping sufficient of God's commandments needed to live unselfishly, holy, and righteously. There will be less of God in us. Without faith, we will not claim many of God's promises so as to live without sin and receive revelation from God.

CENTRAL AND NECESSARY IN ORDER TO BECOME MATURE IN CHRIST: Central to this training is training to die to self such that God, not us, works all things together for our good (Roman 8:28). This will happen if we live out the above four topics. As He works all things together for our

15. MY TEACHING: I have taught these in the adult Sunday School and in home groups for many years. I have seen God change people and marriages. We should teach these to our churches in the topics listed for the curriculum. Many of my ppt charts are on the web site under *Christian-Life Relationship Principles*. I am still working to have my own life improved by living out more of these teachings with greater maturity. I plan to place more training on our web site.

Topics in Christian-Life Relationship Principles needed to become mature in Christ include (but not limited to):

(1) God's Goal: Mature High-Skill Spiritual Ability in Christ-Likeness; (2) Learning to Live Patterned After the Father and Son Relationship; (3) Living by Faith; Claiming and Using the Promises; (4) Living Testings and Sufferings that Develop our Faith; (5) Living by the Love that Keeps God's Commandments; (6) Living by Hope that Keeps One Pure; (7) Head-Subordinate Relationships; Building Strong Families; (8) Living Necessary Attitudes, Character Qualities, and Doctrines; (10) Having a Strong Prayer Life; (11) Living God's Way Under Spiritual Warfare; (12) Learning to Teach, Lead, Witness, and Evangelize; (14) Establishing and Operating Small Home Groups; (15) Recognizing and Correcting Spiritual Problems; Counseling; (16) Methods that Develop Our Personal Walk with God.

16 TRAINING MATERIALS: Check our web site for training materials. Read the documents under **Biblical Worldview** for God's Plan for history and the falling away of the Church. Check the documents under **Prophecy** for documents for how the endtimes unfold with the Rapture, Tribulation, and the 1000 years timing, the Jewish Situation, and what we will experience. Check under **Training** for *The Attributes of God* and for *Christian-Life Relationship Principles*. We plan to be adding charts and text materials. Check our doctrinal statement for a sample statement.

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good, we will become, have, and do what He intends. ●¹⁷

We must live as bond servants without being in charge (Phillippians 2:5-10). This happens when we trust Him to do so. It is when we activate our faith in Him to work all things together for good by from love keeping His commandments and from His purpose, helping to accomplish His work (Romans 8:28). All things come from Him as a source. We cannot become mature until we die to self and take direction only from God (His Holy Bible) as led by His Holy Spirit. God must be in charge in our every experience and we respond from our love and desire to be used by Him. This direction can be direct or in application of His principles and teachings.

We will not live life in any manner for direction independent of God. God may give us some latitude under His direction by the Holy Spirit for how we carry out His direction. He told us to plan our ways (using His ways) and trust Him to bring them about - bring the results (Proverbs 16:9) Our Lord said that He glorified His Father because He accomplished all that His Father gave Him to do (John 17:4). Doing these, we glorify and worship God. We must learn to die to self and let God take charge. We must believe we cannot be in charge, acting like a god over our lives. Instead we should act as a bond servant in obedience as our Lord did. We must live to glorify God by obeying His will and accomplishing the work He gives us to do. All of this is found in the Bible. ●¹⁸

Romans 8:28 - And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Galatians 2:20 - "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.

Phillippians 2:6-8 - who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,

John 17:4 - "I glorified Thee on the earth, having accomplished the work which Thou hast given Me to do.

We must believe we have great spiritual poverty so that we will no longer try to be in charge. We will live as servants - the servant role. We must let go and let God be in charge who has absolute perfection. We do this by using for life's direction only what is found in the Bible (use only an

17. **OUR WAY:** If we attempt to work all things together for good instead of trusting God to do so in order to become, have, and do what we want, we will have wrong results. Note: *1 John 2:16 - For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh (Do) and the lust of the eyes (Have) and the boastful pride of life (Become), is not from the Father, but is from the world.*

18. **APPROVAL:** e.g. The ballerina can only take her bow after her instructor signals she has danced the way he taught her.

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accurate translated Bible such as the KJB and NASB^{●19}) and by our placing all things into His hands. We should present ourselves and everything we have to the Lord for His management and direction. We do this by realizing that only God can work all things together for our good and bring results. ●²⁰

Romans 12:1-2 - I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

As stated, we must conduct our lives in ways that allows God to bring the results as we live out our faith and works to trust Him and in our sacrificial love to obey His commandments. Thus, we will no longer attempt to direct our lives from ourselves as a source.●²¹ And when things are uncertain and to accomplish the details of life, we will believe that what we are doing came from God and not from ourselves as a source. We will believe that He is guiding, protecting, and caring for us. We will trust Him to provide more guidance and to bring the results He intends. We will check out what we plan to do with Scripture so we can know in some principle it is of God. We sin when things come from us as a source. We will depart from dependence upon ourselves to having only dependence upon God. We will take faith-action steps to find and discover God's will and for Him to guide our way such as where does He want us to live, who should we marry, in which country does He want us to become a missionary, or what house we should purchase.

As will be stated, working things together for good himself was the great sin of Satan, and is the source of all sin - things come from us as a source. Thus, we act like a god. Satan sinned because he was enamored with his beauty (Ezekiel 28:14-19), not understanding his great spiritual poverty and did not understand and appreciate God's infinite Greatness. He wanted to be equal with God (Isaiah 14:10-16). No angel or man has ever seen or will ever see God the Father. He is omnipresent and exists in a form that can not be physically seen. Satan had to believe about God

19. PARAPHRASED BIBLES: If we use inaccurate paraphrased Bibles that use much interpretation and have interpretation error, we can be learning error and can be doing things inaccurately and wrong without our intention or knowing it. (Even the NIVB has problems.) I only want to hear an accurate Bible read. I do not want to learn error. So why use paraphrased Bibles? Some use them because they are easier to understand by new people. The problem is that once starting to use them, one can continue to use them over a lifetime without changing to accurate Bibles. I am convinced that most who love and want to know God in His depth-breadth with commitment will use only the most accurate Bibles. We should use them in our churches.

20. OUR GREATEST SIN: Our greatest sin is when we, ourselves, attempt to work all things together for our good. I call this way of living, the god role We do this when we establish our own direction and/or the degree of the direction. We do so because we wrongly believe we can or unknowingly by default, never having learned to trust God. We do this when we believe we can establish direction and how to carry it out. We should always seek God's Greatness by searching for all that God wants done and do it His intended scope with commitment and excellence.

21. SOURCE OF SIN: *We must realize that all sin comes from our attempting to work all things together for good - things coming from us as a source for our decisions, what we do, and how we live. When we do the latter, we act like the Most High God.* As stated, we do this, perhaps without desire, unknowingly, from immaturity, default, and ignorance. We sin when we pursue becoming, having, and doing what we want instead of what God wants.

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by what Christ told him and lived out. Christ's life represents that of God the Father. He is the visible image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15). Satan did not use faith to learn about God the Father and went his own way to act like the Most High God. He did not realize that Christ was living out what came from God the Father. His acting like the Most High God probably meant to be like the Lord Jesus Christ who Satan wrongly thought was living an independent life. Satan most likely did not know or realize that all that Christ did came from the Father as a source.

Stated in another way, we are to live a faith-rest life in God to work all things together for our ultimate good. It is when we cease and rest from our works to accomplish and trust only God to produce results (Hebrews 4:10). We need works that God presents that are needed to activate our faith in God to accomplish according to what He promises in Scripture. Holy and righteous life without sin can only be lived in us as we live out from faith what God is working in us. All of life must come from Him as a source. Even when we have inadequate direction, we must believe what we are doing He is leading us to do. This trust is to be based on Bible teachings. None of life is to come from us as a source. This is always sin because we have no righteousness of our own. Our righteousness is like filthy rags or garments (Isaiah 64:6). God alone is qualified to lead life. But to have life to the fullest, we need a mature high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness with which to respond to have life the fullest that He may lead us to have. Then we will live holy and righteously. (Indeed God gave us good minds to do work with excellence. But we did not earn these, and they, by themselves, do not make us mature. Thus, we should use them with excellence believing that God is working in us as we do. He gave us minds and spiritual gifts that we would accomplish His chosen tasks and ministries.)

WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND: Living by sacrificial love is vital and absolutely necessary to becoming mature in Christ. If we have all knowledge and have great faith, and we are without love, we are nothing (1 Corinthians 13:1-2). This implies that those (even seminary professors and pastors) who have a large knowledge of Bible content, but do not live by adequate love, can be immature Christians. We do not want a Bible College or Seminary that teaches mostly Bible content without also teaching how to live as Christ lives centered in love for God and people. We need Bible content. But it must be learned in a manner that helps us to live the Christian life as Christ walked with the Father by both sacrificial love and faith and to accomplish ministry under God's direction as He works in us. ***Thus, we should call our training place a Discipleship Training Center with the goal to train people to walk with God under the Holy Spirit's leading, in addition to mainly knowing Bible knowledge.*** We need a complete curriculum that will take us to a maximum maturity in Christ. It must not be limited to a selection of topics, however good. They will not get the job done. We must train with both the what to's and the how to's and have a testimony for how we lived out what He was working in us to do. We should share such testimony when teaching. ●²²

22. PASTORS AND TEACHERS: Our pastors and teachers are teaching many good things. But there are many levels of maturity in Christ. We can have somewhat immature pastors and teachers (any of us) who train mostly with Bible knowledge and content and the what to's without also teaching the how to's and giving personal testimony for how they lived out the knowledge and principles. They need to walk by faith and sacrificial love. ***We need to see the sermon as well as hear one. Without testimony for what happens and how things work, this teaching comes across as that no one has lived the principles before.*** We can be strong in doctrine, but not know how we actually live out the Christian life by faith and by sacrificial love. We can be doctrine and not be life oriented. We need both.

We must be careful to realize that if we have much Bible knowledge and content, but we do not live out and train for how we live the Christian life as Christ lives with everything coming from God the Father, we can
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DEVELOPMENT AND TESTING ENVIRONMENT: For us to gain maturity in our experience, there needs to be a developing and testing experiential environment where mistakes can be made and where we can gain proficiency. In the spiritual relationship realm, mistakes are sin. God uses the developing and testing environment of the world, the flesh (depraved nature), and the devil (Satan) to help develop our maturity in Christ as we trust God to fulfill His promises. God does not personally test us. He leads us in situations where the devil, the world, or our depraved natures can lead us to doing wrong things if we do not obey God's commandments. We will have been taught the correct thing to do before the test begins (1 Corinthians 10:13). The Lord said, when tested by Satan, it is written in the Bible that we obey God in this manner, not what you want Me to do (Luke 4:4-12).

All testing is whether or not we will trust God or ourselves to work all things together for good where we faith-rest in Him to bring results and we ceased from our works to accomplish. It is whether we will love God such that we keep His commandments. It is whether or not we will live trusting God or ourselves as a source for what we do. We can be cold, lukewarm, or hot in this. Thus, we can trust God and ourselves as different parts of the time. Said in other words, are we going to trust God to be God or ourselves to be god?

In order to trust God to the fullest, we need to search the Scriptures for all that God wants done for direction and method and do these with commitment and excellence and to His full scope and intent. This action shows our love for God and an appreciation for His Greatness. Not doing this and not having this love, our churches are going much along their own way. ●²³ Going our way, we will gain the wrong or incomplete experience and have limited spiritual growth and maternity. In these endtimes, this is a major falling away from God's best and requirements, churches going much their own way. Churches are involved in different amounts. Thus, they can be forfeiting their knowing and relating to God as much in eternity. And many can be without salvation and not go to heaven, but instead to the Lake of Fire for eternity.

IN SUMMARY: MAJOR UNDERSTANDING: ***Our first priority and most of our time is to train our own people especially our gung ho and most faithful.*** ●²⁴ Our secondary priority is to reach out to new people and the watchers. If we primarily work to reach new people and work at the

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be immature in Christ. The one who knows little of the Bible, but lives a life of love and faith in what He knows can be more mature than pastors and Bible teachers who know much more, but do little with it. Thus, we must not just teach the Bible, but instead to use the Bible to train people to walk with God and become mature in Christ. We need a curriculum representing God's Whole Counsel of the most needed aspects for this to happen. Does your church have one? Do you have one?

23. **DOING GOOD THINGS;** Our churches can be doing many good things. We all see this. But if we are not doing major ministries and/ or doing wrong things or things our way, we can remain less mature than that what God has planned for us. Doing this, Church leadership can bring harm to their people.

24. **PRIORITY:** Our first priority is to our own people. *1 Timothy 5:8 - But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever. If we dumb down our teaching for new people without also training our own in depth-breadth with God's Whole Counsel, after a few months go by, we will not learn much new and specifically we will not learn of the greater walk. Leadership especially will be sinning. We will not mature our people as God commands. If a man does not care for his own family, how can he take care of the house of God (1 Timothy 3:5)?*

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watcher level, then few will become mature in Christ unless they study and work mostly on their own or by other means. This is also true if we train with mostly Bible content without also training how to live the Christian life with both the what to's and the how to's. Many augment their Church training by using the training of Bible Study Fellowship and Precepts Ministries. We must understand that our job is to bring people to maturity in Christ using the Bible - not just to teach Bible content. We need to do both.●²⁵ We must see that our course is to use the Bible to train people and ourselves to walk with God. We need to be outcome oriented so we will ensure to be maturing our people. ***Thus, as stated, we should have a Discipleship Training Center, not a Bible School. But will our churches establish one with the needed in depth-breadth training curriculum with both the what to's and how to's?●²⁶ Do they have one?***

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GOD'S PLAN OVER HISTORY

HOW GOD BEGINS AND ENDS HIS PLAN FOR US TO BECOME MATURE IN CHRIST - WHAT ARE ASPECTS IN IT:●²⁷ God established a spiritual relationship warfare between Christ with the holy angels and Satan with the evil angels to bring the testing and developing environment for man to gain maturity in Christ. Christ works to have God's elect believe and accomplish God's chosen works. Satan works to prevent their happening. The winner of the warfare will rule over angels and people forever.

We are not directly told all the details that we may want to know. But before people came on the earth, God sentenced Satan and the evil angels to the Lake of Fire for their sin (Matthew 25:41). However, the sentence is not carried out until the time of Christ's Second Coming at the end of human history (Revelation 20:10). It would appear then that God uses the evil angels in some manner throughout history. The events of biblical history show this.

Satan and the evil angels acted to be equal with the Most High God, being enamored with themselves (Isaiah 14 10-16; Ezekiel 28:14-19). They lived the god role, not the servant role.●²⁸

25. **TRAINING:** We must realize that a collection of sermons over some time period helps us grow, but in themselves generally are not sufficient to lead us to maturity. Generally pastors teach on subjects needed for the time, but their topics are but a small set of that needed for maturity. We need in some manner to teach an entire and needed training curriculum,

26. **MY GOAL:** My greatest interest is not to teach the Bible per se for mainly content, regardless of its value as a goal or objective. Instead, my greatest interest and goal is to train people to walk with and serve God using the Bible and its vital content. It is a difference in goal and approach, and the results one obtains are different.

27. **SATAN AND MAN CANNOT SEE OR HEAR GOD THE FATHER:** We present the concept that God the Father and Satan were communicating. But this communication was through Christ as God the Father works in and leads Him using the Holy Spirit. This is because God the Father, as previously stated, cannot be physically seen or heard - He is omnipresent. Satan could only see Christ. When God spoke to man, He spoke through an angel. No man has seen his form or heard His voice. (John 5:37) Thus, the voice from heaven at the baptism of our Lord most likely was that of an angel representing God the Father.

28. **ROLES:** For understanding and illustration purposes, I call it **the servant role** when we trust God to work all things together for good, we obey Him, and we do not take independent action for direction. We live in obedience to Him from our love. I call it **the god role** when we attempt to use our own chosen direction
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So they took charge and began an attempt to work all things together for their good. This resulted in sin because actions were outside of God's chain of command. They came under God's condemnation and were sentenced to the Lake of Fire to satisfy God's Justice for their sin. The holy angels believed God in some manner and were not sentenced. Little information is given about them, although the Bible gives us some insights. ●²⁹

Because of the events throughout biblical history regarding the spiritual warfare and the opening of the books after the Tribulation, we postulate that Satan protested his sentence to the Lake of Fire. He said that he should be given opportunity to show that he, like God, can work all things together for his (Satan's) good and not have to go to the Lake of Fire. His name means lawyer or adversary. His other name was Lucifer meaning angel of (false) light. This was in God's Plan from the beginning. Thus, God gives him opportunity. In doing this, God allowed Satan to operate as his own head (but under God's absolute authority). History's events show this.

God through Christ told Satan that I will create people and place them on the earth over a period of 6000 years (The Biblical number of man is six and multiples thereof). Some will choose Me and do My works. They are My elect. ●³⁰ If you can prevent any one of these people from choosing Me

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and work all things together for good ourselves. It is when we decide direction and/or the scope of that direction. It is when we decide for how things will be done without also trusting what we are doing came from God as a source.

29. **HOLY ANGELS:** They look into human history to see what is happening (1 Peter 1:12). From this, it appears that the holy angels are called holy because they believed that Christ would win the warfare before the warfare began. We cannot be sure. They come with Christ at His Second Coming when Christ comes in the Glory of His Father (Mark 8:38; Luke 9:26).

30. **ELECT AND NON-ELECT:** Bible interpreters have studied as to whether God chose the elect and the non-elect by design or knew by foreknowledge who would and would not choose Him. They have reached different conclusions. The Bible, in my view, teaches that Christ died for all the whole world, not just for the elect (2 Corinthians 5:14; 1 John 2:2). From His love, God gave His Son so that people would not perish (John 3:16). The Bible teaches that those who reject God and the Gospel are without excuse because they knew of God through creation and some laws that they break (sin) that were put in their consciences by God (Romans 1:18-23; 2:12-16). But is God responsible for the non-elect going to the Lake of Fire because He created all people and knew a priori the life decisions they would make? If God so loved the world that He had Christ die so that people would not perish, why would He create people who He knew in advance would reject the Cross and go to the Lake of Fire? We do not have clear answers to these type questions. So we leave it to God, and we pursue evangelizing as Christ commands that we do. Although we would like to know the answer to this situation, it is not a doctrine for which I would die, and it does not effect my Christian life and ministry. I believe God is perfect in every aspect, and He has ways that I do not understand. Whatever God did and the reason He had, I know it came from His holiness and righteousness and without sin.

LAKE OF FIRE: It is hard for me to understand sending anyone **eternally** to the Lake of Fire. It is a most terrible place. Participants will be without any Bible knowledge and will not know why God has forsaken them. They will be in both absolute spiritual and physical darkness. They will be in torturous physical and mental pain, and never see another person forever. They will be all alone. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Matthew 8:12; 10:14-15; 11:20-24; 13:12,30; 24:51; 25:29-30, 41,46; 27:45-50; 26:24; Revelation 20:10; 12-15; 21:8) (Those who believe in Universalism such that unbelievers will eventually get
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and/or not accomplishing any one of My chosen works, then I will exonerate you and your angels from going to the Lake of Fire. If you can do this, then I will agree that you have aspects that are equal with Mine. But if not, to the Lake of Fire you and your angels will go.

God said I will place the names of my elect (those who will choose Me) in one book and the divine works they will do in another book. Neither you nor Christ can know any of this information in advance. I will place the names of all people who will ever live in the Book of Life. If a person does My will (receives Christ as Savior), their name will remain in and not be erased from the Book of Life (Revelation 3:5). However, if a person formally denies Me (the Gospel) in life or by death, their name will be erased from the Book of Life (Psalm 69:28). I will place the works that all people actually do in the Book of Works. The books will be examined after the 6000 years³¹ after all people who are to live, have lived, and have made formal and binding decisions in life or by death to accept or deny Me (the Gospel of Christ)³² If, at that time, the names remaining in the Book of Life match those of my elect in my other book and also if the works of the elect in the Book of

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out of the Lake of Fire should do some most serious praying. ***There is no direct teaching that states people or evil angels will ever get out of the Lake of Fire. The view is based on some Greek words that can be ambiguous in whether they mean for a long time or everlasting.***

31. **HISTORY:** Dr. Martin Anstey in his scholarly work presented in his book: *Chronology of the Old Testament*, shows clearly from the genealogies given in the Bible there were 2000 years from Adam to Abraham (The Gentile Period) and another 2000 years from Abraham to Christ (the Jewish Period). This leaves 2000 years for the Church Period. Christ was crucified In AD 30. This implies Christ's Second Coming may come near AD 2030. But we cannot be sure. Studies regarding the Jews in the first part of their pattern sequences indicate that the first part of the endtimes Tribulation in its pattern sequence can last 20 years. Then we add the time of the Mark-of-the-Beast Period. But this total time can be in error as applied to the endtimes. This implies the endtimes Tribulation may begin near the year AD 2010 give or take a few years. ***But only God knows the time.*** We are not setting dates. Our calendars and assumptions can be wrong. The timings we present are estimates to ensure we are ready before the Tribulation comes. It allows a time to bring warning of a soon-coming Tribulation. It will come sometime. Christ will return in some October at the Feast of Booths and Tabernacles. If the endtimes Tribulation is a non fractional number of years, it can begin in some October. But only God knows the time. ***Because the signs signal it can come at any time, we should be trained and prepared now for whenever it comes. Not to do so can be folly and placing our people at great risk. We will never get the exact time when the calamity will come. If we wait for precise information that will never come before we act and prepare, we will be caught blind sided and unprepared.***

TIMING: The Bible teaches that we cannot know the time when Christ will come (Mark 13:28-32). Christ said that when He comes will He find faith on the earth (Luke 18:8)? The meaning of the Greek implies but little, Thus, when Christ comes to rapture the Church, there will be very few Christians alive. Most will have been martyred. Those remaining alive most likely will know, but little doctrine.

32. **BOOKS:** Books in the plural per se are mentioned Daniel 7:9-12 when the court sat in heaven after the Tribulation and at the Great White Throne Judgment for unbelievers (Revelation 20:11-15). The Book of Life and the Book of Works are mentioned in various places. But because the books refer to or relate to judgement, they most likely will be also opened at the time of the seventh trumpet to determine the winner of spiritual warfare. At that time, the Bible teaches that the full power of the Kingdom of God will be given to Christ by the heavenly court so He can have the authority to bring the Rapture and the final judgments (Psalm 69:28; Daniel 7:26-27; Revelation 11:15-18; 13:8; 17:8) .

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Works match the works in the other book, as I say they will do, then Christ wins the warfare. At that time, because it has been demonstrated that you cannot be equal with Me, you and your angels will be cast into the Lake of Fire to satisfy My Justice for your sin. If they do not match, then you will be declared the winner and you can rule over your angels and all angels and all people forever. You can then act as a god equal with me. Satan accepts the offer not appreciating and understanding God's infinite and perfect Greatness. (In essence, Satan has no way to win.) Then man is created and placed into the Garden of Eden. Human history now begins. The warfare brings the tests to man and develops the world that also brings tests.

HUMAN HISTORY BEGINS: God creates and places Adam and Eve (the first people) into the perfect environment of the Garden of Eden to begin the 6000 years of human history on the earth. Christ has control of the limited Kingdom of God and the Earth's Title Deed.●³³ Adam and Eve are sinless and in the Kingdom of God under Christ's eternal control.●³⁴ They were not spiritually

33. EARTH'S TITLE DEED: The events of Revelation unfold according to a seven-sealed scroll. God uses scrolls for how people win back their lost property (Jeremiah 32:6-15). Because Christ receives the power to bring the judgments after the Tribulation at the seventh trumpet under the seventh and last seal, it appears that the Tribulation is how Christ wins back the Earth's Title Deed from Satan. He apparently lost the title in the Garden of Eden with the fall of man.

34. THE KINGDOM OF GOD: The situation is a bit complex. The top level of the Kingdom of God is God's absolute and eternal rule from heaven over everything that exists in all periods of history and eternity. It centers in a relationship kingdom of head-subordinate relationships. Under this ultimate authority, God establishes and allows limited authority. In the beginning of man, according to the rules of the spiritual warfare, Christ had authority over the Kingdom of God in this limited sense over the earth, but under the greater authority. In both cases, the Kingdom is led by God the Father through Christ. Under this authority, Adam and Eve were in this limited Kingdom of God under Christ's rule. When Adam and Eve sinned, they were transferred from the Kingdom of God under Christ's eternal control into Satan's Dominion under His eternal control. Satan was allowed rule over the earth over unbelievers, but under the greater authority of the Kingdom of God. As such, he is the god of this world over unbelievers. When people became believers they were led by the limited Kingdom of God under Christ. But the unbelievers were still under the eternal authority of Satan. The rule over the obedient saved Gentiles and Jews (in the Old Testament Kingdom of Israel) was under the limited Kingdom of God under Christ's rule. But until the Cross came, these believers, although saved and ruled by a version of a limited Kingdom of God, remained under Satan's eternal control in His Dominion (Like a holding pattern). Even though justified by God they were not yet transferred as citizens into the Kingdom of God under Christ's absolute eternal control which happened after the Cross.

Then at the Cross, having satisfied God's Justice for sin, Christ received all power in heaven and in earth. This gave Him the legal authority to transfer all believers from the Dominion of Satan under his eternal control into the Kingdom of God under Christ's eternal control. This was also true for Old Testament believers, This was under the direction of God the Father. This is the Kingdom that Christ offered to the Jews in their salvation. Until that time, all believers were held in Abraham's Bosom, not in heaven (Luke 16:22).

It is the Kingdom that Christ rules after the day of Pentecost throughout the Church Period. Under this rule, He also rules on the throne of David (Acts 2:29-36) and at the right hand of God the Father. The Old Testament gives a prophecy that the Messiah would sit on David's throne (2 Samuel 7:12; Psalm 132:11). This happened after Christ ascended into heaven after the Cross. He now sits on David's throne throughout the Church Period now as He rules over the Kingdom of God. This rule is from heaven, not from the earth.
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mature and knew but little of God's Greatness and His love. Christ walks among them and tells Adam (and Adam tells Eve) to eat of anything in the Garden except of the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. The indication is if they did, they would have the knowledge to run their own lives, working all things together for good, acting like gods. Christ warns them that if they do eat of the tree, they would die. Adam and Eve did not have a mature love for Christ and God at this time, so as to obey and keep His commandment. (Those who have a mature love of God will know and keep His commandments (John 14:15; 15:10).) So the first test is set up. (Genesis 2:16-18; 3:1-7)

God allows Satan to come into the Garden disguised as a beautiful serpent to test them. Satan tells them that they would not die, and they could become wise if they ate of the tree.●³⁵ Being deceived by Satan and disobeying Christ's command (sinned), they ate of the tree beginning with Eve. Then several things resulted. Adam and Eve received depraved natures that will sin and die. They were translated into the Dominion of Satan under his eternal control away from the Kingdom of God away from Christ's eternal control. (They cannot go to heaven as long as they remain there.) They now have no inherent ability to seek after God and to become mature in Christ. They came under God's condemnation for sin. Without something changing, they were headed for the Lake of Fire for God to satisfy His Justice for their sin. The holy angel now casts them out of the Garden of Eden so they could not eat of the Tree of Life and live forever in their present state. Adam now had to till the soil to have food etc (had to work for a living). Eve now would have pain in child birth. Satan, as the serpent, now had to crawl on the ground.

In this situation, Satan usurped from Christ the Earth's Title Deed and now all people, beginning with Adam and Eve, are in his (Satan's) Dominion. Now all people are born in Satan's Dominion under his eternal control and under God's condemnation for sin. They now have Satan as god. He is now the god of this world. Satan appears to have won the first key round in the warfare because all people are in and born in his Dominion and under God's condemnation.

For Christ to win the warfare, He must satisfy God's Justice for sin. He must have the elect believe His work of the Cross that which will remove God's condemnation from them and then transfer believers into the Kingdom of God under His eternal control. He must lead the elect to accomplish God's chosen works. Thus, He must lead believers to become mature in Christ. He must first gain back the Earth's Title Deed and transfer all unbelievers (remaining as unbelievers) under the authority of the Kingdom of God and under His eternal control in order to bring the consummation

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There is no teaching that He sits on David's "physical" throne on the earth in the 1000 years.

Then after the seventh trumpet, after the Tribulation, when Christ is declared the winner of the spiritual warfare, the heavenly court awards Him the authority under the greater authority to rapture and reward the Church and bring the final judgments. This is when the kingdom of the world is taken away from Satan and becomes the Kingdom of God under Christ (Revelation 11:15). All unbelievers are now transferred under Christ's authority away from Satan's. This authority is under the greater and absolute authority of the greater Kingdom of God. It gave Christ, according to God's Plan, the authority to cast Satan and His angels into the Lake of Fire and place all unbelievers into the Lake of Fire.

35. EVE IS DECEIVED: The Bible teaches that Christ gave the command to Adam not to eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Christ did not give it to Eve. Adam gave the information to Eve. Satan comes to the subordinate to bring deception. Eve ate of the tree. Adam follows wanting to be with Eve. Eve did not believe the command and the results that Adam had told her that He received from Christ.

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of history. This is when the Rapture, resurrections, and judgments take place. It is when Christ takes believers to the new Jerusalem and unbelievers to the Lake of Fire. This is all according to God's Plan.

Thus, now man has several problems that he cannot solve. Depraved man is now born under the Law in the Dominion of Satan. He must keep the law perfectly to be saved and be transferred into the Kingdom of God. This, He cannot do. No person can be (is capable to be) justified before God by being perfectly obedient to the law. God gave the law as a tutor to show man he needed a Savior because no man (having a depraved nature) could not keep the law.

Man must now in some manner be transferred back into the Kingdom of God under Christ's control, be able to pursue God, have a nature that allows him to gain maturity, and have God's condemnation removed from him. If this happens to all the elect and the elect accomplish all of God's work then Christ wins the warfare.

As will be shown, Christ's coming death on the Cross will bring solution to all these problems. Christ's Cross will transfer believing man from under the law to that of under Grace. Christ's Cross will transfer believers from the Dominion of Satan into the Kingdom of God ruled by Christ. Under Grace, God maintains His salvation.

At this time of Adam and Eve, God gives a prophecy addressed to Satan in Genesis 3:15. Satan would bruise Christ on the heel, and Christ would crush Satan's head. In this prophecy, Christ is called the seed of the woman (Eve to Mary) and Satan is called the serpent. In other words, Satan would appear to bring damage, but the result is that Christ would win. This of course, as will be discussed, happened at the Cross.

Genesis 3:15 - And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."

The details for how this Scripture is fulfilled is not given in the Bible at this time in history. Satan did not understand this prophecy, or He would not have crucified the Christ. (All Satan had to do to win the spiritual warfare, was to prevent Christ's Crucifixion. Then all the elect would remain in his dominion forever. No one would go to heaven, There were many Scriptures that teach or elude to the Cross, but Satan, not using faith, did not understand them. **When Satan had Christ crucified, he brought his own defeat. This is God's way.** Now believers can be transferred out of his Dominion under his control into the Kingdom of God under Christ's control.)

Adam and Eve believed the above prophecy about a coming Savior, and God justified them, removing His condemnation for their sin. This was shown in principle when God clothed them with garments of animal skin - a symbol of God's righteousness (Genesis 3:21).

We will see that the effects of the Cross work both backward and forward in time. In God's mind, Christ was crucified before man came on the earth, before the foundation of the world. God wrote the Bible in advance of things happening in the Bible. (We are creatures that work in time sequence and age (get older). God in His domain may work differently. He appears to work past, present, and future at the same time - outside of time. But it appears that we may live in time sequence (sequence of events) in heaven (?), but we will not age.)

Revelation 13:8 - 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. (KJB) (See the Greek.)

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Revelation 13:8 - And they shall worship him, all who dwell upon the earth (everyone) whose name does not stand written in the scroll of life (the scroll) belonging to the Lamb who has been slain (in the mind and purpose of God) since the time when the foundations of the universe were laid and who is looked upon (by God) as the slain Lamb is present. (Page 607 of Dr. Wuest's translation of The New Testament.

Although much information is not given in the Bible, Old Testament believers, as well as those of the New Testament, lived by love and by faith, They were justified by God. (E.g. Abraham was justified; Romans 4:1-3; James 2:23). They were baptized, indwelt, and filled by the Holy Spirit. They had to in order to obey God, seek after God, and walk by faith and by love. See Hebrews 11 for many Old Testament saints that walked by faith. They could not be saved and walk by faith unless the Father was drawing them (John 6:44). The sealing of believers by the Holy Spirit for a guarantee to be with God in eternity may not have occurred until after the Cross when Christ received all power in heaven and in earth. This is when He was given authority to transfer believers into the Kingdom of God with eternal security - under Christ's eternal control, We are not told much about this in the Old Testament because, if we were told, the Jews would not have crucified the Christ using the Romans (Acts 2:36; 4:10; 1 Corinthians 2:8).

Much information was held in 12 mysteries, revealed in the New Testament. (God uses mysteries in both the Old and New Testament whose information is revealed to believers, but not to unbelievers) But all of this regarding what happened on the Cross is based on the Cross working both backwards and forwards in time. However, believers were not transferred into the Kingdom of God until after the Cross and after Christ's Ascension actually happened when Christ received all power in heaven and in earth. Before this time, believers were saved, but not yet under Christ's control to take them to heaven and be with Him forever. The transfer into the Kingdom of God was after Christ was given the authority based on His satisfying God's Justice for sin. The believers were held under the law of sin and death until this time. The Bible teaches that Christ took those pre-Cross believers (both Jews and Gentiles) after His Resurrection and Ascension that were held captive under the Law captive (Ephesians 4:8-10). They were taken to heaven with Him. They then were transferred into the Kingdom of God under Christ's eternal control. They became part of the Church. After the Cross, new believers are transferred immediately into the Kingdom of God and become the Church. All believers from all of history, both Jews and Gentiles, are part of the Church - no exceptions. The Church is Christ's single Body and is a holy nation to God.

HUMAN HISTORY CONTINUES AFTER THE GARDEN OF EDEN WITH ONLY GENTILES FOR 2000 YEARS: Following the Garden of Eden, God maintains the spiritual warfare fair to Him, Christ, Satan, angels, and man. Many people are now born and are descendants of Adam and Eve and then of Noah and his family after the flood.●³⁶ He eliminates Satan's unfair warfare strategies where man has no chance to receive the Gospel and where God cannot continue the believing remnant - have the elect believe and accomplish God's work.

In these first 2000 years of human history, He brings a flood at Noah's time to deliver Noah and his family so that evil humans would not continue and over take them as time continues (Genesis 6:1-

36. **ADAM AND EVE'S CHILDREN:** Adam and Eve had many children. This is how Cain found his wife. There is much happening such as Cain killing Abel. And Seth came along that continued the faith line - a remnant of believers in every period of history. The population continues to increase via the descendants of Adam and Eve. After Noah's flood, the population increased from the eight persons of Noah and His family.

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8:21).●³⁷ If Satan were to be successful, then the elect might not be born. God separates the people into different language groups from the tower of Babel so a world government could not control all people and prevent them from hearing and responding to God's Word (Genesis 11:1-9). He leads His people (a remnant) from Sodom and Gomorrah so that sodomy would not over take them (Genesis 19:1-24). If everyone became a sodomite, then no children would be born - the elect would not be born. Satan uses sodomy in an attempt to bring great sin that would allow him to gain control over the world and to prevent the elect from being born. But the sin is so bad that God destroyed the people with fire and brimstone after allowing His remnant to escape. He did this to make the warfare fair. The elect must be allowed to be born and make the choice whether or not to follow God and Christ.

Thus, God made the warfare fair by overcoming Satan's unfair strategies to deceive and prevent people from becoming the elect and accomplishing God's chosen work. He kept the warfare fair so the elect could be born and make decisions to follow God. Everyone must be allowed the choice to accept or deny the Gospel. Thus, true humans must be maintained to have a faithful remnant and for Christ to be born of a human woman.

There were only Gentiles, no Jews, in the first 2000 years of human history.

HUMAN HISTORY CONTINUES WITH JEWS AND GENTILES FOR THE NEXT 2000 YEARS:●³⁸

This period begins with Abraham and his decedents. Abraham was promised that his seed (Christ) would come to bless all nations (Genesis 12:1-3; Galatians 3:16). God established Israel as a favored nation and worked through her for several purposes. She, as a covenant nation, brought the law that shows that all sin and have need of a Savior. This placed all people as unbelievers under the law of sin and death. She brought the Jewish worship system of temples and animal sacrifices directed by God that were a shadow of Christ dying on the Cross as a sacrificial lamb. She brought the oracles of God (Gods Word), and was a genealogy for the Christ. The genealogy and the prophecies of Christ coming would tell the Jews when the Christ would come. This is so the Jews could know, if they used faith and searched the Scriptures for details, as to when their Messiah would come. But they did not use faith to search out and understand the appropriate Scriptures to recognize the time of His visitation to them. Christ offered the Jews the Kingdom of God to be saved which was ruled from heaven, not from the earth. He did not offer the Jews any return of a Kingdom of Israel ruled from the earth (and neither do the New Testament epistles).

Israel's history, under the rules for the Everlasting Covenant of the land, was a model for the

37. **SONS OF GOD:** The Bible, in my view combining Scriptures, teaches that before the flood, the sons of God (angels) had relations with human women to produce a high-bred race. This is when the angels left their first estate. God acted to stop the progression of this procedure with the universal flood because pure human elect might not be born and the Savior could not come being born in the likeness of man. (Genesis 6:1-4; Job 1:6-7; 2:1-2; Jude 1:6) However many theologians have not agreed with this teaching and concept. For Noah and his family to be saved from the flood, Noah had to use great faith in God and what He said so that he would continue to build the ark over 120 years as God commanded.

Before man came on the earth, the entire earth was covered with water (Genesis 1:1-2). It looks as if the angels once lived on the earth and God destroyed them with a universal flood. Thus, if both cases are true, then God kills angels with flood waters. Whether or not this teaching is accurate, it is consistent.

38. **DETAILS:** There are many more teachings than presented here.

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sequence as to how Revelation's events unfold.●³⁹ This will be discussed. This is so that when we are in the last days of the Church period, we would know when Revelation's events might come and what would happen when they did come. This Old Testament period brought promises for the Jews about their future. It brought the prophecy of Daniel's seventy weeks that show chronologically when the Messiah would come.●⁴⁰ The rules that went with the Everlasting Covenant led to the termination of Israel as a Covenant Nation as of the Cross. The rules are in Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28. The concept is that when Israel obeyed God, they could remain in the land. But when they disobeyed, they would break the covenant, and God would then put them into bondage in another land. In repentance, God would re-offer the covenant and bring back into the land. But if the Jews would not return in repentance, then God would no longer re-offer the covenant. This happened to the northern kingdom as recorded in Jeremiah 6 and to the southern kingdom at the Cross. This situation is discussed in more detail later. Israel is now gone forever as a covenant nation. But individual Jews can have all that God offers all believers. God has not forsaken them.

CHRIST'S MINISTRY ON THE CROSS AND WHAT IT ESTABLISHED: Several things happened as a result of our Lord going to the Cross. On the Cross, Christ satisfied God's Justice for sin. After His death on the Cross and after His burial, and resurrection, Christ ascended into heaven. He then received all power in heaven and in earth (Matthew 28:18-20). This authority allowed Him to translate all believers in the Cross and in His death, burial, and resurrection (the Gospel) into the Kingdom of God under His eternal control away from Satan's Dominion and his eternal control.●⁴¹ We know this from the definition of the Church. When this happens, believers become the Church - Christ's Body. With this new authority, He sent His disciples to the entire world with the Gospel.

The Church is defined as having believed in Christ as Savior, one is translated from the Dominion of Satan under his eternal control into the Kingdom of God under Christ's eternal control (Acts 26:18; Ephesians 5:5; Colossians 1:13). **One cannot be a believer, without being part of the Church.** He translated all pre-Cross believers into God's Kingdom under His eternal control. They became part of His Church. The Church is the single and only Body of Christ (Ephesians 4:12) and is a holy nation to God (1 Peter 2:9).

Christ now having received this power over the Kingdom of God, Satan and his evil angels were cast out of heaven (Luke 10:18; Revelation 12:9). Christ, as stated, can now command His disciples to take the Gospel to all nations for salvation (Matthew 24:14; Mark 16:15) and teach them to become mature by obeying all of Christ's commandments (Matthew 28:19-20).

Now that believers were being transferred out of his Dominion into the Kingdom of God, and Satan

39. **SEQUENCE:** Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28 present the general pattern of this sequence. It is developed from Scripture examining the nomenclature in Revelation with the Old Testament about the sequence that God used with the Jews. This study is presented in detail in my book: *Watchman Warning* with the Scriptural development. See the chapter on Revelation in the book or on the web side.

40. **DANIEL 9 PROPHECY:** But as will be presented, interpreters have wrong interpretations and wrongly assign Daniel's last week to be the endtimes Tribulation. The last and seventieth week is now history and covered the time when our Lord was Crucified. (This teaching is in a future footnote.)

41. **FINAL JUDGMENTS:** But Christ, according to God's Plan, does not yet have the legal authority to bring the Rapture, resurrections and final judgments for people (Hebrews 2:8). This authority will come later after when Christ is shown to have won the spiritual warfare over Satan. This occurs at Revelation's seventh trumpet after the endtimes Tribulation.

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was cast out of heaven, Satan now knows he has but a short time (Revelation 12:11-13) remaining to win the warfare if he is to do it. He begins to bring great persecution to the Church. But this backfires, because now the Church takes the Gospel everywhere.●⁴²

When a person receives the Cross by faith as God is working in him that is activated by such as a prayer of belief, they are placed into Christ. They spiritually are co-crucified with Christ and are spiritually buried and resurrected from the dead with Christ (Romans 6:1-13). God's condemnation for sin is removed from them because they are no longer under the law of sin and death (Romans 8:1-2). They are now under Grace. They are resurrected in newness of life with a new divine nature that cannot sin (Romans 6:14; 1 John 3:9). It cannot take any independent action apart from God's leading. The new believer is a new creation. It is the divine nature that must be matured in Christ as it responds to God's leading. This new nature now legally represents the new believer. This procedure as one is saved is called the baptism of the Holy Spirit.●⁴³ Because the new nature cannot sin, the believer cannot ever lose his salvation. There is never a return of God's condemnation for sin. The new believer is also sealed by the Holy Spirit with a guarantee of eternity with Christ (2 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 4:30). Thus, the believer has eternal security in Christ with a guarantee to go to heaven. But if one does not grow sufficiently, one can enter heaven with less maturity by which to know and relate to God greatly toward His fullness.

The new Christian still retains the depraved nature. But dying on the Cross with Christ, it no longer legally represents Him. He has been freed from the law of sin and death and placed under God's Grace. It will sin when used and one can confess their sin to God for restored fellowship. The blood of Christ keeps on cleansing from all sin (1 John 1:5-9).●⁴⁴

42. SATAN'S DEFEAT: Satan caused his own defeat by having Christ Crucified. This is God's way. We, similarity, cause our own defeat in life. At the Cross is when the Genesis 3:15 prophecy was fulfilled, Satan bruised Christ's heel. But Christ crushed the serpent's head when He began to transfer believers from the Dominion of Satan into the Kingdom of God under Christ's eternal control. Satan had Christ crucified to prevent Him from establishing a kingdom on earth. Satan wanted to establish his own kingdom on earth. The Jews had Christ crucified because they wanted a kingdom on earth, and Christ was only offering them the Kingdom of God ruled from heaven. The Jews did not understand that it was a relationship kingdom in relationship to Christ and God everywhere and was not a physical territorial kingdom on the earth. Many Bible interpreters today are making the same mistakes as did the Jews. Because it is a relationship kingdom is why Christ is now ruling on David's throne, but in heaven, not on the earth. Christ is ruling the Kingdom of God now from heaven. He does this throughout the Church Period.

43. BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: The Baptism of the Holy Spirit happens to all believers as they first believe and become Christians. It has to do with spiritually dying (being co-crucified) with Christ on the Cross and receiving a new divine nature in spiritual resurrection. The baptism of the Holy Spirit has nothing to do with speaking in tongues. Tongues was a gift of the Holy Spirit in the time of the early church similarly as teaching and giving are gifts of the Holy Spirit. Spiritual baptism was being placed into Christ.

44. FORGIVENESS OF SIN: The Cross brought forgiveness of all sin that occurred before a person becomes a Christian (Romans 3:25). After becoming a Christian, the divine nature that legally represents the new Christian does not and cannot sin (1 John 3:9). Thus, He has eternal security. But the Christian does sin when he uses his sin nature. Then when one confesses this sin, Christ's blood continues to cleanse this new sin by the sin nature (1 John 1:9). This cleansing restores the believer to fellowship with God. The sin of the sin nature does not effect the eternity of the new believer because, having died and resurrected spiritually speaking, he is no longer under the law of sin and death. He is under Grace. And the new divine
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When a believer obeys God, he uses the divine nature and some maturity is developed. When a believer disobeys God, he uses the sin nature. In the resurrection, the sin nature will be removed forever from the believer. He will go into heaven with whatever is developed and remembered in the divine nature in this lifetime. All memory in the sin nature of sin will be removed as the believer enters heaven. The Bible teaches that the former life will not be remembered (Isaiah 65:17).

THE JEWISH SITUATION:●⁴⁵ The Jews were promised a New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34). This covenant was enacted by Christ on the Cross (Hebrews 9:15; 12:24) and placed into operation through His death and resurrection. Like a last will and testament, it could not become effective until the one making the covenant died (Hebrews 9:14-18). It was a covenant from God that brought salvation. The Church was given the New Covenant as a ministry (2 Corinthians 3:6). This New Covenant was applied to both the Jews and Gentiles as they believed in Christ as Savior. When one believes the New Covenant, they are placed into Christ and become the Church. This is true for both Jews and Gentiles. The Church and Gentiles were not mentioned in the Jeremiah 31 passage because the Church Period and the fact the Gentiles would be saved also was held as a mystery (Ephesians 5:32; Colossians 1:26-27). This meant the information would not be revealed until after the Cross. The New Covenant replaced the Law Covenant that could not bring salvation and Justification for sin (Hebrews 8:13). The Law Covenant was a tutor (Galatians 3:24-25) to lead us to Christ because no one could keep the Law perfectly. All have sinned. (Romans 3:23; 2 Corinthians 3:6; Galatians 3:24-25; Ephesians 3; 5:32; Colossians 1:26; Hebrews 8:13; 9:15).

There will not be and cannot be a return of the Law Covenant. The mystery (information that was now revealed in the New Testament) was used to bring a test to the faith of the Jews at the time of Christ to search the Old Testament Scriptures to learn of their Messiah coming without having all the information directly written out. If it were written out in detail, the Jews would not need to live by faith. If the Jews had the information written out clearly about their Messiah coming so they need not use faith, they would not have crucified Christ using the Romans (Acts 4:10).

Christ taught the Jews that they should seek first the Kingdom of God (ruled from heaven) and His Righteousness in relationship with God (Matthew 6:33). This is so they could be saved. This was the Gospel of the Kingdom (Matthew 24:14). Seeking this kingdom is the same as seeking salvation in Christ. Being saved, one is transferred into the Kingdom of God. Christ never taught a return of Israel's Kingdom being on the earth, free from such as the Romans. He taught that His kingdom was not of this world (John 18:36). ***After His resurrection, the disciples asked when He would return the Kingdom to Israel. He only referenced the Kingdom of God ruled from heaven (Acts 1:3-6). As stated, Christ never taught a return of Israel's Kingdom (and neither do the***

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nature than now legally represents Him does not and can not sin. However, if we sin overtly knowing this, we can be disciplined by God (Hebrews 12:6).

45. THE JEWISH SITUATION: Understanding the Jewish situation is one of the major keys in obtaining the proper understanding of Bible prophecy. Different understandings has led to having many views of Bible prophecy. As will be shown, our view is that God is through with national Israel after the Cross. God has not forsaken the Jews in any manner. All believers, including the Jews, are in the Church. The believing Jews can have all that God promises to everyone based on the Cross. This to be saved to go to heaven and to become mature in Christ in order to know and relate to God. What else is there.? After the Cross, the Jewish worship system has been set aside forever. Its function is now over. The function of National Israel is also now over in God's Plan for His people, but not in Satan's plan.

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New Testament epistles or Revelation). He only taught the Kingdom of God as do all the New Testament Epistles. The New Testament is silent on any return of Israel after the Cross as a special nation in God's Plan such that it was not important or would not happen.

Before the Cross, Israel as a covenant nation was married to Christ. Christ divorced the Northern Kingdom ***in a direct biblical teaching*** in her history (Jeremiah 3:8). He divorced the Southern Kingdom as of the Cross known by an inference when the Jewish leaders said let His blood be on us and on our children (Matthew 27:25). They, as a covenant nation, were rejecting Christ forever as their Messiah. Christ is now marrying the Church composed of all believers, both Jews and Gentiles. And by His own laws, He, as a spiritual leader, cannot have two wives at the same time (1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:6). Thus, He divorced the Southern Kingdom at the Cross. This is not directly taught, but it is implied by Christ's marriage to the Church. It is implied by both Jew and Gentile believers are now one in Christ, and thus in the Church, without ethnic division (There are no ethnic divisions in Christ.).●⁴⁶ It is implied by the Jewish worship system of animal sacrifices and physical temples being put aside forever (Hebrews 8-10). It is implied that the promises to Israel have been fulfilled with the last ones being in Christ under the New Covenant in the Church Period and to live in a city whose founder and maker is of God. It is implied by there not being any future Jewish periods after the Cross.

There were Old Testament promises given to Israel about good times ahead and a return of her Kingdom. But these prophecies were fulfilled by the time of Pentecost. Some occurred during the time of Christ.●⁴⁷ The Bible teaches that all the promises to Israel concerning the land that He promised them were fulfilled (Joshua 21:43, 45; Nehemiah 9:7-8, 24; Ezekiel 33:24). Israel at one time possessed all the land that God promised them. Israel was promised the land as an everlasting covenant. But Israel could break the covenant by her disobedience. God would re-establish the covenant with repentance (Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 28). But there came a time for the northern kingdom when she would not repent. God did not restore the covenant and gave her a writ of divorce (Jeremiah 3:6-10). The southern kingdom rejected God at the Cross by rejecting their Messiah. Thus, she would not return to God in obedience. God divorced the southern kingdom at the Cross. Thus, the promise to the land by the everlasting covenant, God has revoked forever.●⁴⁸ God now is no longer obligated to restore the land and the kingdom to Israel. This was

46. MARRIAGE TO THE JEW: Christ can remarry the Old Testament Jewish believer after the divorce of Covenant Israel because as the new believer believes in Christ, his sin nature dies on the Cross. Thus, he dies to the Law. Christ marries the Jew after his spiritual resurrection with the new divine nature. This is a person that is alive from the dead in a new creation. He has newness of life. He is freed from the law of sin and death. The newly saved Jew essentially died to her old husband of the law.

47. PROMISES TO ISRAEL: For details, see my document: *The Jewish Situation* and a major appendix in *Watchman Warning*. There are promises to Israel that appear at first look can only be fulfilled after the Church Period. But upon investigation, they occurred during Christ's time and in the first few years of the Church Period.

48. PROMISE OF THE LAND: God gave Israel the land in an everlasting covenant and possession (Isaiah 60:19-21). This required the Jews to obey God in order to stay in the land. By being disobedient to God, the Jews, themselves, broke the covenant (Leviticus 26:15; 44; Deuteronomy 31:16, 20; Jeremiah 11:10-11; Ezekiel 16:59; 18:18). But in repentance, God would reestablish the covenant and allow them to live in the land, once again (Ezekiel 16:60). Then Israel would proceed to break the covenant again in the sequence of Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28. The Northern Kingdom would not come back to God from their

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part of God's Plan all along. The goal is to be in Christ to go to heaven, and be mature in Christ so one could know and relate to God in His Greatness. This is true for people from all ethnic backgrounds. After the Cross, the land of Israel has no further purpose in God's Plan. Only being in Christ does, but from anywhere on earth. However, having Israel restored to the land has benefit to Satan in his plan for the endtimes.

Bible students need to realize that the Old Testament prophecies were revealed in the natural (story form) and were fulfilled in and changed to the spiritual (in relationships). ●⁴⁹ Just examine how the Old and New Testaments are written. The Bible teaches that the natural comes first and then the spiritual (1 Corinthians 15:46). Fellowship with God under the covenant that God had with the Jews

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disobedience, so God divorced the Northern Kingdom (Jeremiah 3:8). At the Cross, the southern Kingdom of Israel broke the covenant again in a final arrangement by rejecting their Messiah forever. So God divorced them. God gave them a 40 year probation from AD 30 to AD70 to repent and come to their Messiah. But this did not happen. This continued rejection brought the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans. This destruction signaled that National Israel in God's Plan was gone forever. With the divorce of Israel (both kingdoms) and Christ now marrying the Church, God will never again reestablish the covenant of the land to Israel. Thus, God is no longer obligated to continue promising the land to Israel. Thus, the land of Israel today is no longer a holy land. God no longer, according to His plan, has a future use for it. Its use went away when He divorced Israel as a covenant nation. However, Satan is currently using it in his endtimes plan and is influencing and deceiving the Church wrongly to support Israel in her land for his purposes. Satan will use Israel as a means to bring the calamity that will bring world government over which he will rule through his people. Again, God has not forsaken Israel as people in any way. They have all that God offers - salvation in Christ to go to heaven and maturity in Christ to know and relate to God.

49. THE NATURAL IS ENACTED IN THE SPIRITUAL AFTER THE CROSS (1 Corinthians 15:46) : A summary of many of those written in story or natural form in the Old Testament and implemented in the spiritual or relationship form in the New Testament is as follows: (1) heart circumcision followed physical circumcision; (2) the spiritual temple of believers and believers as living sacrifices followed the physical temple and actual animal sacrifices (of course Christ's sacrifice on the Cross followed animal sacrifices forever); (3) worshiping God in Spirit and Truth everywhere followed worshiping in physical Jerusalem and in Israel's temples or tabernacles; (4) God's universal relationship Kingdom of God rules from heaven followed Israel's territorial, physical Kingdom on earth; (5) Christ's reign from heaven followed the reign of Israel's kings on the earth; (6) Christ's priesthood, after the order of Melchizedek, followed the Aaronic priesthood; (7) Spiritual birth in God's Kingdom followed physical birth in Israel's Kingdom; (8) for believers, spiritual warfare followed physical warfare; and (9) the heavenly new Jerusalem followed the earthly Jerusalem. The most important was being in fellowship by being in the land was followed by being in Christ. The Old Testament was written in the natural or physical, the New Testament is written in the natural or in relationships.

REPLACEMENT THEORY: The concept of Replacement Theory is that the Church replaced Israel. However, it must be carefully noted, that the Church did not replace Israel and Covenant Israel did not become the Church. Covenant Israel was terminated by God by means of divorce. The New Covenant for salvation superceded the Law Covenant for all believers, including those of Israel. Believers in Israel did become part of the Church along with Gentile believers. But Israel at any time contained only a small percentage of believers. Most were just involved in the Jewish ceremonial worship of God. Such was the case when Christ was on the earth. Most of Israel's leaders were unbelievers. The nation of Israel did not become the Kingdom of God. Israel was a nation under the authority of the Kingdom of God as was all nations in all parts of history. The Kingdom of God is largely a relationship kingdom, not a geographic kingdom on the earth. The Kingdom of God rules everywhere.

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in the Old Testament was being obedient in the land of Israel. In the New Testament it is being in Christ with salvation and being obedient to Him as He rules from heaven. Being in Israel's land after the Cross has no special meaning. The Old Testament promised that the Messiah would rule on David's throne (2 Samuel 7:12; Psalm 89:3-4; 132:11). However, Christ sits on David's throne now as promised, but ruled from heaven, not from on the earth (Acts 2:29-33). When the Old Testament believers obeyed God by faith, they were led and acted under the relationship Kingdom of God, even though they were in the physical Kingdom of Israel. They had God working in them. ***The Kingdom of God is a relationship kingdom, not a physical one on the earth as we know them.*** The Kingdom of God is not equal to the Kingdom of Israel. Fellowship with God is always when one is obedient to God. This is always under the Kingdom of God that was the greater rule over the Kingdom of Israel.

As stated, Christ being on the Cross, Satan bruised His heel. But by satisfying God's Justice for sin on the Cross, Christ crushed Satan's head. This was because, as stated, believers were now being transferred out of Satan's Dominion under his eternal control into God's Kingdom under Christ's eternal control.

Another accomplishment of the Cross was that the Jewish shadow worship system of physical temples and animal sacrifices was set aside forever (Hebrews 8-10). They will never return. The Church is now to be living sacrifices (Romans 12:1-2) and is now the temple and sanctuary of God (Ephesians 2:21). Only Christ can now have preeminence. No matter where one lives on earth, they can be in the relationship kingdom of God ruled from heaven and worship God. In Christ there are no ethnic divisions. All believers are now one in Christ. In Christ, there is no Jew or Gentile, no male or female, and no bond or free (Galatians 3:28). Christ said that the time is coming when people would no longer worship in Jerusalem and in physical temples, but over the entire earth in spirit and in truth (John 4:20-24). These conditions are now here and will continue through the Church Period until He comes.

Now with billions of believers, it no longer makes sense physically that all could worship in Jerusalem and in any single Jewish physical temple. There are no future Jewish periods coming. Christ rules now over all people from heaven in the Kingdom of God (and from David's throne) - a relationship kingdom - not a peculiar kingdom on the earth.

Thus, because the Jewish worship system has been set aside and all believers are now one in Christ without ethnic division, there will not be and cannot be any future Jewish periods. There cannot be any in the coming Tribulation or in the coming 1000 years. They have no purpose. There will not be and cannot be any future Jewish physical temples and animal sacrifices in God's Plan, though there can be in Satan's. Bringing them back would deny Christianity and the efficaciousness of the Cross. Satan in his plan can bring back physical temples and animal sacrifices to deceive the Church and world. We must not let him deceive our churches in supporting Israel now. She is now Satan's vehicle.

(Now read the detailed report on my web site: [The Jewish Situation](#). It develops in detail from the Scriptures the situation re the Jews including how the Old Testament prophecies for a future Jewish kingdom are fulfilled. Read the appendix in [Watchman Warning](#) for how the promises to Israel have been fulfilled.)

THE CHURCH PERIOD OF 2000 YEARS AND THE JEWISH SITUATION CONTINUED: The Church Period of 2000 years begins with the Day of Pentecost after the Cross. This is when all believers are now the Church and are in the relationship Kingdom of God. ***The Church's main job***

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is to mature her own people in Christ with a training curriculum which is a version of God's Whole Counsel.●⁵⁰ This includes training the children and the youth. More details were presented in the suggested curriculum previously presented. Her secondary job is to reach new people which includes the youth. Both vitally need to be done.

We have the greatest spiritual warfare in the Church Period. Most of the entirety of believers believe in the Church Period. There are more people living today than the total number of people that lived in the total past. The population number wise is increasing exponentially.

God's Long-term Plan was always to bring salvation and maturity in Christ to all responding people. This was true for both Jews and Gentiles also who lived prior to the Cross. Now that Christ is married to the Church, and Israel has been divorced, this plan can be more observingly carried out. All that God offers anyone now is salvation and maturity in Christ so they can know and relate to God toward His fullest, particularly in eternity. What else is there? Being in the land of Israel with a new physical kingdom has no purpose in God's Plan after the Cross. ***But it does in Satan's.***

We must carefully observe that God has not rejected Israel as people in any way by not now honoring her land. He gives to Israel believers all that He has planned for all of history to give to any one. As stated, this is salvation in Christ as a means to go to heaven to be with Him forever, and to grow in maturity in Christ's likeness so that they can know and relate to Him forever, living perfect lives in His holiness and righteousness. Apart from this relationship perfect life living as our perfect God directs, there is nothing. What else can He offer anyone?

PLEASE CAREFULLY NOTE. *Jewish people in the early Church Period who tasted of the Cross with salvation and then returned to Judaism with a temple and animal sacrifices could no longer repent to be saved (Hebrews 5:11- 6:8). This teaching alone shows that God will not bring back physical temples and animal sacrifices. They were a shadow worship to the Cross. After the Cross, they are not needed or desired. It, as stated, would be an affront to Christ and deny the Cross's purpose. Returning them would deny Christianity and the efficaciousness of the Cross. Christ died on the Cross once for sin for all time (Romans 6:10; 1 Peter 3:18). There will not be and cannot be any return of Israel as a Covenant Nation to God, only as believers to being one in Christ. There cannot be a return of the Law Covenant.*

Israel's return to the land today was by Satan's work, not by God's, although allowed by God. God only returns Israel to her land in her repentance (Leviticus 26:40-45; Daniel 9:1-19). She is now in the land with almost complete apostasy. Satan is using Israel for his endtimes purposes. God is allowing this as the Church falls away. Having the Church and the United States support Israel today is working satanic strategy.

During the Church Period, the Church is to take the Gospel to all the entire world and mature their

50. . **BECOMING MATURE:** We become mature by training to (1) exalt, worship, glorify, please, and obey God; (2) live godly lives patterned after Christ's walk with the Father, walking by faith in God to fulfill His promises, from love obeying God's commandments, and living holy lives; (3) help accomplish God's work of evangelizing total communities of the world, discipling converts to maturity in Christ, building godly families, planting new churches, and reaching out to and helping the needy; (4) believe and stand strong on the basic doctrines of the Christian faith for which one is willing to die. ***Maturing her people is the main job of the Church.***

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converts in Christ-likeness. She is especially to evangelize the children. This she has done in varying amounts. There is still much hardship and persecution throughout the world and much more evangelism to be accomplished. Churches throughout history have taken different forms and have different doctrines. All are not of God. And Satan has brought in many false religions, many called cults, to capture and deceive people from finding the true Gospel with Justification for sin so as to be saved. It is so they will not become the elect and will not accomplish God's chosen works. (Satan has a negative ministry where Christ has a positive ministry.)

REVELATION AND THE ENDTIMES: Revelation's events unfold in a similar sequence and manner that God used with the Old Testament Jews. The sequence is how He terminated Israel under the rules of the everlasting covenant of the land is described in Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28. This and is how He will terminate history. Because the sequence repeats, I call it a *Pattern Sequence* and my prophecy view, *The Pattern View of Prophecy*.●⁵¹

In the sequence, there is a favored nation to God - was Israel and now is the United States. We know that the United States is a favored nation to God because her characteristics match those of Old Testament Israel and that a Pattern Sequence is now in operation.●⁵² God has blessed the United States as a favored nation above all nations by orders and orders of magnitude. Revelation's events unfold ordered by the seven-sealed scroll. God uses scrolls in the Old Testament for how people gained back their lost property (Jeremiah 32:6-15). Thus, Revelation's events are how Christ wins back the legal authority over the Earth's Title deed from Satan. It must be won back before He can rapture the Church and have all believers come to live with Him.

In Revelation, there are seven trumpets that come out of the seventh seal and seven bowls that come out of the seventh trumpet. The trumpets and bowls are under the seventh seal. The seven

51. THE PATTERN SEQUENCE: This sequence is developed from the Scriptures in detail and presented in my book: *Watchman Warning*. The given chapter on Revelation is also on my web site. The view was discovered and developed by noting the nomenclature, sequence of events, entities, and happenings used in Revelation match those in the sequences used in Old Testament Israel. Things are now happening line for line in principle, even though some details are different. The sequence for the favored nation (was Israel and is now the United States) is blessing in obedience, warning in disobedience, calamity and world government for discipline for continued disobedience, deliverance of God's people to God after the discipline period (to the land of Israel in the Old Testament), that is followed by the destruction of the world government (Babylon in the Old Testament). In the endtimes, the disobedience is in the United States as the favored nation, the discipline period is the endtimes Tribulation, the deliverance is to Christ in the Rapture after the discipline period and the destruction of world government is the death of the beast, false prophet, and all the remaining unbelievers. See Deuteronomy 28 and Leviticus 26 for the general sequence. Be sure to read *Watchman Warning* for Scriptural development.

52. MATCHING CHARACTERISTICS: These matching characteristics of the United States with Old Testament Israel include: (1) begins in obedience, ends in disobedience; (2) Is more sinful than the surrounding nations; (3) no one believes that an enemy will take her over; (4) God makes her a beautiful and most successful nation, much-much more than all the nations; (5) she is the center of nations; (6) trusts in her beauty and plays the role of a harlot in reverse - pays her lovers; (7) offers food to those who accept her harlotry; (8) she sacrifices her children (sex, abortion, drugs, false ideologies, etc.); (9) has biblical signs of apostasy in her endtime period; and (10) in her beginning, has a mandate to take the Gospel to the nations which she does. Her history follows the pattern for Israel to a large degree: Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28 as will her future as Revelation's events unfold. Again see the chapter on Revelation in my book: *Watchman Warning* or on my web site under Prophecy.

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bowls come after the Tribulation and after the Rapture during Christ's Second Coming and contain the last and Great Day of the Lord (of God the Almighty). This is when God's wrath occurs that the Church will not experience (1 Thessalonians 1:10; 5:9).(See also Acts 2:20.) The great day of the Lord is when Christ comes to bring the consummation of history after the Rapture. It occurs after the seventh trumpet when the heavenly court determines that Christ has won the spiritual warfare over Satan and awards Him the Earth's Title Deed. The last trumpet afterward blows when Christ comes to rapture the Church at His Second Coming. This trumpet, as the last trumpet, sounds after the seventh trumpet. Then the wrath of the Day of the Lord comes.

2 Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. (See also Revelation 16:14.)

God blesses the favored nation in her obedience and brings her warnings in her disobedience. God, as stated, has blessed America by orders and orders of magnitude more than any other nation in history, including much more than Israel and England in her good days around the 1800's. The United States certainly is a most favored nation. But when the nation goes into great disobedience, as is happening now, God brings a world empire against her and places her into bondage, divine discipline, under the rule of the world government for a time period. Such was the case for Israel's Southern Kingdom in Babylon for a discipline period of 70 years. In the endtimes, the discipline period is the endtimes Tribulation (not including the time of the bowls) under the rule of world government once again. ***After the discipline period, Christ brings the Church in deliverance to live with Him at the marriage of the Lamb at His Second Coming. Then Christ with the angels destroy the remaining unbelievers at Armageddon.***

There are and have been many precursor signs and conditions in the world today leading to world government. It is only a matter of time now.

The Tribulation and discipline period begins when the sin of God's people (the Church) and other people mainly in the favored nation (now the United States) crosses God's threshold. Only God knows the time. But the signs of the Pattern Sequence signal when it most likely can be coming. And watchmen must warn. These signs are now all around us.●⁵³ The

53. SIGNS FOR THE TRIBULATION COMING: *Some of these warning signs and conditions, especially in the favored nation of the United States, are (but not limited to)(Many have been with us for some time, but now are worsening):* (1) the acts of God in areas of severe weather, flooding rains, fire storms, mud slides, hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, tidal waves, *especially droughts that effect the food supply and amount of drinking water*, etc; (2) the coming of the endtimes International government (seventh head of Revelation's endtimes Beast); (3) the existence of the favored nation (the characteristics of the United States match those of Israel) and the action of Internationalists as Babylon the Great that rule secretly over International government needed for the Pattern Sequence; (4) great increase in immorality, *particularly sodomy - same sex marriages like in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah*; (5) people calling evil good and cannot discern the difference between the holy from the profane (churches using false tongues and the world's loud rock-type repetitive beat music?) and churches and people doing what is right according to their own eyes and teaching mostly pabulum to reach the youth, instead of teaching in breadth with depth maturing their own people in Christ-likeness; (6) the falling away of our churches from carrying out the scope and intent of the Great Commission and the increased sin of the people especially in the favored nation; (7) the famine of God's Word in our churches; churches are now teaching but little of God's Word; They no longer know or endure sound doctrine; (8) the build up of "the northern army" for the invasion of the favored nation
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significance is that the signs are now happening all at same time. More are coming, and they are increasing in intensity and breadth. *This report brings a Watchman Warning.*

Many, recognizing the great degradation of and increased sin in America in many categories, are working for reform - to change and restore things. But these sinful conditions are symptomatic happenings of the cause of the overall church falling away. The country cannot be healed by working with only symptoms. Things can be slowed down by working for reform, but reform can not bring great change. One must work with the causes. ***The major cause is the falling away of Church leadership followed by those of the Church.*** When this falling away occurs, God allows Satan more freedom and the sin to increase. The only way America and the world can be healed is for Church leadership and the Church to pray and turn to greater obedience. Then God can bring revival working in believers to bring more obedience and heal the nation and parts of the world. But if this turn around and revival do not occur, the endtimes Tribulation, bringing divine discipline, will come without recourse as prophesied. **This is expected. But some churches and individuals can turn to greater obedience. This is what I want for myself. What about you?**

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

The sin in the United States is now accelerating, and signs signal the calamity that brings the endtimes Tribulation can come at any time. God can soon bring judgment - that of the Tribulation. Trends and conditions show that things are now in place that can bring in world government using

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

God said that in the endtimes, the people would no longer endure sound doctrine (2 Timothy 4:3) and that He would bring a famine of His Word in times of apostasy (Amos 8:11). This famine and no longer enduring sound doctrine have begun by seriously implementing the dumbing down of the teaching of ever growing Church Growth Movement that is now going world wide. This apostate movement consists of the seeker-friendly and emerging churches world wide. The churches involved are using the world's music to draw and bring young people into the churches and are teaching them mainly only first-level training with much of the world mixed with it. It is a matter of degree in the churches. Does God listen to the new rock music (Amos 5:23)? Is rock music the profane? The Bible teaches that those who are friends of the world are enemies of God. These churches are implementing satanic strategy.

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this calamity.●⁵⁴ The Tribulation can last 20 or more years based on the Church Period lasting 2000 years and what happened to Israel in her pattern sequence of divine discipline. (Remember Daniel's seventieth week is history and does not refer to or represent the endtimes Tribulation.●⁵⁵ Thus, the tribulation's duration is not limited to only seven years. It can last 20 or more years.)

THE CALAMITY BRINGING THE ENDTIMES TRIBULATION (Based on what happened to Old Testament Israel, Revelation 6:8, and some secular information - See my book: *Watchman Warning* for details and the biblical development): When the calamity and the Tribulation come, things will be much-much worse than most think. The world will be under Satan's control with much strategy to keep the elect from believing and accomplishing God's work. Foreign military (representing world government) will bring calamity in the United States and many parts of the world, suddenly without warning when most believe the current times will continue. Other terrorist groups may also be involved, such as from Islam. Allowed by God as the Church falls sufficiently away, Satan brings the calamity. It will come when the sin crosses God's allowable threshold for sin. The foreign military will blow up some cities, areas, and aqueducts and bring the infrastructure down. Nuclear weapons can be used. Many goods will most likely no longer get to the market place. The calamity will bring famine and the plague. There can be a major financial crash. The major part of the country will most likely be preserved, especially that needed for future world trade markets and the development of military weapons.

54. SECULAR SIGNS: There are many internationalists in place that are directing and orchestrating things secretly from behind the scenes. Foreign military has been training in the United States for many years. There are many prisons in place to house dissidents. Many have guillotines. Congress is attempting to pass hate crime laws and to legally allow gay marriages. And there are plans to use another currency and to combine Mexico, Canada, and the United States under one government. Churches and public schools are dumbing down their training to the youth as precursors to world government. There are executive orders in place that allow Marshall law in case of a serious national emergency, There are others. All of these are subject to change.

55. DANIEL'S SEVENTIETH WEEK: Daniel's seventy weeks prophecy (Daniel 9:24-27) gave the Jews of the southern kingdom the chronology for when their Messiah would come after their return from the seventy year captivity. The Jews of the northern kingdom had been divorced by God before the prophecy was given. In the last week, Christ will make a covenant with the Jews - The New Covenant for salvation founded on His Cross. The Hebrew in verse 27 does not have a preposition. Interpreters have chosen that the covenant was made "for" one week. But the translation could also be "during" or "in" one week the covenant was made. The latter is most likely. The Berkeley Bible has it this way. This is because as will be stated, Christ has to be crucified in the last week. Christ was crucified (cut off) after the sixty nine weeks by direct teaching. The purposes of the weeks were fulfilled in the Cross. These would include bringing in everlasting righteousness and the atonement for iniquity. This places the Cross in the middle of the last or seventieth week. (Making the seventieth week equal to the endtimes Tribulation time would place the Cross outside of the period of the seventy weeks. This is poor interpretation technique. The purposes for the seventy weeks were fulfilled on the Cross. Thus, the Cross must be in the period of the weeks.) The seventieth week is exclusively Jewish. The Gospel did not leave the Jews for the Gentiles until after the second half of the seventieth week - after the first 3 ½ years into the Church Period. The endtimes Tribulation is described in Revelation to be all nations in characteristic; not exclusively Jewish (Revelation 7:9-17). It has Jews from 12 tribes not only two to which the prophecy was addressed. Thus Revelation does not qualify to be the seventieth exclusive Jewish week. There is much more to the understanding of this prophecy. See my Report on Daniel's Seventy Weeks on my web site or the appendix in my book: *Watchman Warning*. They are the same.

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Revelation 6:8 - And I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. And authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth.

The government will most likely declare martial law and place the United States with us under world government. More foreign military, representing world government, most likely will be brought in to restore order and to rule. When the calamity comes, including during power black outs, key Church and Patriot leaders will very likely be arrested and executed so the people will scatter without leadership and be afraid to oppose world government. New laws will come that will remove our freedoms. There will be laws that prevent our teaching God's Word and that it is the only source of truth. There will be laws against anyone speaking against people's lifestyles and religions. ***The new government will make major war with the Church, bringing incarceration, persecution, and martyrdom.***

The number of Christians living at the time of the calamity will be the greatest in all of history by a very large amount. Thus, the persecution that is coming will be most terrible. This is particularly true because at Christ's Coming, as previously introduced, there will be very few Christians remaining alive (Luke 18:8). Most will have been martyred or died by the plague and hunger before that time in the Tribulation.

In the Tribulation, the children and youth will be taken from their parents and satanically educated by the state like they were in Old Testament history (Hosea 4:6; Deuteronomy 28:32, 41; Ezekiel 5:17). Parents will not be able to do anything about it. This will happen because churches are now no longer teaching sufficient of God's Word. Ministries in the open under freedom will cease, but can continue to some degree underground.

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

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

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

The financial crash will very likely do away with retirement and people will have less money. Much of the financial support to missionaries and other church workers and functions then will be greatly curtailed. Thus, most, including missionaries, should get, have, and maintain essential and critical secular jobs. Property will be confiscated, including church buildings, and owned by the government. The government will bring socialism and will work to control everything and everyone. All now that is not going along with world government and its actions, will be warred against.●⁵⁶

56. **ISLAM:** Islam is advancing most everywhere in the world today. She does not play a part in world government by which Satan plans to rule the world. From my understanding, the Bible teaches that Russia, China, and others such as Germany will rule the world under or as world government. Islam will not work
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Most Christians and Patriots will be incarcerated and martyred.●⁵⁷ The government will come after Christians and Patriots. Pastors and teachers that want to continue some ministries should go to places of refuge particularly when the electric power black outs come. Key Christians will be arrested during the blackouts. Generally only producers will be allowed to live. Those who are only consumers (e.g. retired and disabled) will be warred against.●⁵⁸ All countries and areas that do not play a part in world government will be warred against (such as by plague) and/or not supported, so they can die. (E.g. the plague, HIV, AIDS, ANTHRAX, and other deadly viruses will kill people potentially in many parts of the world. To some degree, this is happening now.) Most likely the young will be required to serve in the military (ages 18-36?).

PURPOSES OF THE TRIBULATION: God uses the endtimes Tribulation as a means to end history, polarize the beliefs of all remaining people, and to bring the discipline of the Pattern Sequence so the deliverance of God's people can come in the Rapture. And he uses Satan to bring the Tribulation and his own defeat. This is God's way. Satan brings the Tribulation and the Mark-of-the-Beast system as a last desperate attempt to prevent the remaining living people from becoming the elect and accomplishing God's chosen works.

WHAT TO DO AFTER THE CALAMITY AND TRIBULATION COME (See the recommendations presented later for what the Church should do now): There will be chaotic times with shortages of supplies and with the government making war with the Church and Patriots. Join with other families for mutual support in home groups and the sharing of goods. We need to put in some supplies. In addition to just surviving, train your family to know the Greatness of God and to walk by strong faith trusting God to help and be with them using His promises, standing strongly on the basic Christian doctrines. Have them memorize much Scripture especially God's promises and a few hymns of the faith. Train them to trust God using His promises. They should memorize them. Train them to not deny the Gospel of Christ.●⁵⁹

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under world government. Thus, Islamic power and influence to control and rule must be taken away. One way this will happen is by no longer using her oil. Because Islam is advancing rapidly today, we can expect the calamity to come soon to subdue her efforts and place her under world government. There Islam will be warred against. However, Islam may be used initially to help blow up some American cities. She hates America and wants her destroyed. Much of the world does. ***It appears that Satan is using Islam and Israel as a set up to bring the calamity that will bring the Tribulation and its world government.*** There most likely will be a major war in the Middle East between Israel and the Islamic nations. Russia and other nations can be involved. Both Israel and Islamic nations want control of the temple site.

57. TIME OF DEATH: In the light of being in eternity, it may not matter when we die if we have the maximum maturity in Christ we will ever have and have accomplished all the ministry that God has planned for us. But standing strong under the persecution of the endtimes Tribulation can bring us more maturity by which we can know more of God. This can be happening now to those who are being persecuted in many parts of the world.

58. RETIRED CHRISTIANS: The government will make war with the retired Christians because they know most of God's Word and can teach it. They can train people to do evangelism. This is not so true of younger Christians.

59. SHARING THE GOSPEL: When you share the Gospel say only this is what the Bible teaches. Do not speak against any other belief system or say that Christianity is the only way. If you do, you will be breaking
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Please note: if you wait to train until you gain precise information as to when the Tribulation will come before you act, you will have wasted your training time, and you will be caught blind sided. Exact information will never come in advance. We must act now on the many signs that are here now and becoming acute. Act now, do not delay. We may get more years, but the Tribulation can come any time. Again, only God knows the time.

THE COURT SITS IN HEAVEN: After the Tribulation is over and after all people who are to live, have lived and have made formal and binding decisions to accept or deny the Gospel, the court sits in heaven at the time of the seventh trumpet (Daniel 7:9-12; 26-27; Revelation 11:15-18). She opens the books and determines that Christ has won the spiritual warfare over Satan. All the elect did actually believe and did actually accomplish all God's chosen works. The court awards Christ the full legal authority to terminate history by bringing the resurrections and final judgments under the ultimate Kingdom of God according to God's Plan for the spiritual warfare. The court returns the Earth's Title Deed to Christ. This authority brings the kingdom of the world or dominion of Satan under the authority of the Kingdom of God (and of Christ). The eternal future of all unbelievers now come under Christ's authority and eternal control. This gives Christ the authority to bring the final judgments on all people.

Many biblical doctrines show the Rapture will come at Christ's Second Coming and after, not before or in the middle of the Tribulation. There is only one future coming of Christ after the Tribulation. There is only one "the" Coming, "the" Revelation, and "the" Appearing of Christ - after the Tribulation. These expressions are used in the Geek with the article noting only one single future coming of Christ (1 Thessalonians 5:23; 2 Thessalonians 2:1; 2 Peter 1:16).●⁶⁰ ***The Rapture will come as Christ comes for and with His saints at the same time after the endtimes Tribulation (e.g. Mark 13:24-27; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).***

Mark 13:24-27 - "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken. "And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. "And then He will send forth the angels, and will gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth, to the farthest end of heaven.

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

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the law. Let God deal with people based on what the Bible teaches. Trust Him to work in them.

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

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There will not be and cannot be a Pre-Tribulation Rapture. We must remember that God is not one of partiality. He will not prevent some believers from going into the Tribulation and cause other believers (such as a very large number) to be in and die the Tribulation. We must remember that the falling away of the Church is responsible for the Tribulation coming.

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

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

Galatians 2:6 - .God shows no partiality .

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

The wheat (believers) cannot be separated from the tares (unbelievers) until all the tares are bundled for the fire in the Great Tribulation as they take the Mark of the Beast (Matthew 13:27-30). This process continues and is completed in the Great Tribulation. Christ sits at the right hand of God the Father without coming in the clouds to rapture His Church until after all His enemies become His footstool (Acts 2:34-35; Hebrews 1:13). This happens in the last and Great Tribulation. The Rapture cannot occur, as stated above, until after the heavenly court determines and declares that our Lord is the winner of the spiritual warfare. This will happen. The heavenly court makes this declaration after all people who are to live, have lived, and have made formal and binding decisions in life or by death to accept or deny the Gospel.●⁶¹ This is concluded in the last and Great Tribulation. It will determine that the elect did actually believe and did actually accomplish all of God's chosen works. The deliverance in Rapture comes after the Tribulation.

As a result, the last trumpet blows, and Christ now comes as the victor riding a white horse (Revelation 19). He now raptures the Church at the oriental marriage of the Lamb,●⁶² and with the angels, kills all the remaining unbelievers.

The Church being betrothed to Christ, but not living with Him, in the Church Period now becomes formally married to Him at the marriage of the Lamb at the time of Christ's Second Coming and goes to live with Him as the Rapture occurs. Human earthly history at the end of Revelation is now over. We now go into the **eternal** states. The Church goes to the new Jerusalem and unbelievers to the Lake of Fire. The Church is rewarded for her good works and the unbelievers are punished according to their sinful works.

Christ now delivers up the Kingdom to God the Father and all including Him are subject to His rule. God is now God all in all. (1 Corinthians 15:24)

There is no Scripture that teaches the Rapture occurs or that Christ will come before the

61. **PROPHECY REPORTS:** See my reports: *The Pattern View of Prophecy*, and *The Jewish Situation*.

62. **ORIENTAL MARRIAGE:** In the biblical oriental marriage, the bride is betrothed legally to the groom and would require a divorce to break. But at this time, the bride does not live with the groom. This is now the condition of the Church as the bride of Christ. Then at some future time, the Father presents the bride to the bridegroom in marriage and now they live together. This is what occurs when the marriage of the Lamb in Revelation occurs at the time of Christ's Second Coming. It is when the Church goes to live with Christ via the Rapture. ***Thus, the Rapture comes at Christ's Second Coming after the endtimes Tribulation.***

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endtimes Tribulation.●⁶³ **There is no Scripture that teaches there is no endtimes Tribulation.**

PRE-WRATH RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH EQUAL TO THE POST-TRIBULATION RAPTURE

VIEW: If one believes that the Rapture occurs before the time of the bowls and after the Mark-of-the-Beast Period and calls this the Pre-wrath Rapture of the Church, then this view is the same as the Post-Tribulation Rapture view that we hold and is described in this report.

THERE IS AN ENDTIMES TRIBULATION: Christ comes on the clouds after the Tribulation. At this time, "**the persons**" of the Beast and the False Prophet, the satanic leaders in the Great Tribulation, are cast into the Lake of Fire (Daniel 7:11; Revelation 19:19-20). Revelation 7:14 teaches that the great multitude from all nations come out of **the** Tribulation, **the great one (See the Greek)**. This is a special tribulation.●⁶⁴ **These show there is an endtimes Tribulation.**

See Dr. Wuest's translation in his book, *The New Testament*.

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

WHEN DO THE 1000 YEARS OCCUR AND WHY: The Bible teaches that, when our Lord was on earth, the high priest (Matthew 26:64) and Revelation teaches that all those on the earth including those who pierced Him (Revelation 1:7) will see Christ coming at the right hand of power on the clouds. This can only happen at the Great White Throne Judgement after their resurrection which occurs after the 1000 years. The 1000 years with the time of the bowls occur **during** the time of Christ's Coming as He comes in the clouds. The Bible also teaches the 1000 years can be but a day of time in the context of the endtimes (2 Peter 3:8-13). If they are, then the 1000 years as a day can fit into the 6000 years of human history. This is very likely. In any case, they will not bring a Jewish golden-age Millennium. Satan is bound during the 1000 years so they will not occur in the Church Period. Satan is most active in the Church Period. The Bible teaches that the 1000 years come after the Mark-of-the-Beast period (Revelation 20:4). The 1000 years (the time of the bowls) is when the Church reigns with Christ from heaven over the earth to determine whether or not

63. A PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE IS NOT VIABLE: A Pre-Tribulation Rapture can only happen if Daniel's exclusive Jewish seventieth week of seven years is equal to the endtimes Tribulation allowing it to last but seven years. However, the Tribulation in Revelation is not exclusively Jewish. It is all nations in characteristic. After the Rapture, there is no one to preach the Gospel which the Bible requires (Romans 10:14). At this time after the Rapture, there is no one who seeks after God, and the government is making war against Christians and not allowing the Gospel to be preached. For a Pre-Tribulation Rapture to be viable, the very large number of believers from all nations, so large that no one could count them, that die in the Great Tribulation from all nations would have to believe under the above conditions in less than seven years. Such a concept is not viable. This is especially so when God is not one of partiality. Thus, He would not allow some believers to escape the Tribulation via the Rapture and place a very large number in the Tribulation. (Some believe that the 144,000 Jews preach the Gospel. But the Bible does not teach this. They simply are servants of God.) A Post-Tribulation Rapture is most viable when this large number of believers believe before the Tribulation begins and die in the Tribulation. And of course Daniel's seventieth week is now history and does not refer to the endtimes Tribulation as would be required for a Pre-Tribulation Rapture.)

64. PATTERN SEQUENCE: The fact that the endtimes unfold in a pattern sequence that uses a discipline period also teaches that there is an endtimes Tribulation.

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anyone left after the Rapture can be saved. And non repent (Revelation 16:11).●⁶⁵ **At the end of the 1000 years at Armageddon and at the seventh bowl, Christ with the holy angels kill all the remaining unbelievers. Satan and his evil angels are cast into the Lake of Fire. The thousand years come during the time of Christ's Second Coming. The duration of His Coming is from the seventh trumpet to the Great White Throne Judgment.**

Note: Because all believers go in the Rapture, there is no one left to be saved. In fact, no one is born or saved after the Rapture. All people just before the time of the Rapture have made binding decisions to accept or deny the Gospel in the Mark-of-the-Beast Period. After the Rapture there is no one left to preach the Gospel so one could be saved. The people left are in extreme apostasy and can no longer be saved. People alive at the time will live less than 100 years giving credibility to the concept that the 1000 years are but a day of time or some short time people (2 Peter 3:8).

There is no Scripture that places a special Jewish Kingdom in the 1000 years.

Pursue becoming mature in Christ so that we can know and relate to God toward His fulness and depth. There is nothing else.

**OUR CHURCHES ARE FALLING AWAY:
WHAT OUR CHURCHES SHOULD URGENTLY DO NOW
TO OBEY GOD AND BE PREPARED FOR THE ENDTIMES●⁶⁶**

SATANIC STRATEGIES AND THE FALLING AWAY OF THE ENDTIMES CHURCH: Satan uses many strategies in an attempt to keep the elect from believing and from accomplishing God's chosen work. He keeps people captured in wrong religious systems, that look correct, but away from the true Gospel and away from God's only Justification for sin. He gets people involved in good things, but that have nothing to do with sharing the Gospel, maturing people in Christ, and helping the needy. ●⁶⁷They are not in God's work. He gets these wrong systems to add wrong

65. **SATAN BOUND:** Satan is bound during the 1000 years so he cannot effect anyone from making decisions. But also the 1000 years could not be a Jewish golden age because Satan would not be there to test and deceive people from becoming mature in Christ. If there were only believers in this period without any way to gain more maturity, it would have no purpose. There is no millennial kingdom coming.

66. **SELF EVALUATION:** Because now there is a major falling away, churches and families should now do a major self evaluation to determine the degree they can be involved in this falling away unknowingly and make necessary changes to have a much greater obedience. They need to make necessary changes to become the maximum maturity in Christ. Because the time can be short to the Tribulation, they should do this with a sense of urgency. It takes time to train, especially the children and youth.

67. **GOD'S WORK;** To become mature in Christ one must be involved in true worship, living godly, evangelizing and maturing, and believing the true doctrines of the faith. One can be an unbeliever or one that is not maturing their people and still help the needy. If one only helps the needy and is not teaching
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things to the Cross such as water baptism and joining a church as being necessary for being saved. In these systems, the Cross is treated as not being efficacious as it truly is. He gets them to work to maintain their salvation. In some of these systems, they wrongly teach that Christ was created and was not the infinite preexisting God part of the Trinity. In these systems, people can believe they are saved when probably they are not. Maybe a few are. Only God knows. Thus, Satan works to not have the elect believe. He gets the churches to dumb down their teachings so fewer will become mature and be in God's work, including especially entire local area evangelization. ●⁶⁸ Not doing these ministries, God's chosen work might not get accomplished, the elect then might not believe, and the churches can have sins of omission that allow him to bring the endtimes. He encourages immorality, and also abortion and gay marriages so that the elect might not be born. He leads people into false worship systems: speaking in false tongues ●⁶⁹ and using the world's loud repetitive syncopated dominant rock type beat music ●⁷⁰ Using these, in my perspective, is one

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sufficient of God's Word and/or is not evangelizing, this is still a falling away from the needed and required faith.

68. **YOUNG PEOPLE:** Many of our young people are on fire for Christ and are helping to accomplish His work. But when asked doctrinal type questions, they have but few answers.

69. **TONGUES:** I can send you a paper on the subject if you request one by e-mail. However, biblical tongues were always foreign languages, never ecstatic utterances as is practiced today. Jews were always present whenever tongues (foreign languages) were spoken, and some of the people present could understand the languages (an interpreter; 1 Corinthians 14:26-28). The purpose of tongues, when the disciples spoke foreign languages on the Day of Pentecost they did not know that those present understood, was a sign that the Joel prophecy (Joel 2:28-32) was now being fulfilled (Acts 2: 14-21) . It was to tell the Jews that God was now going to all the nations. It was a sign that the exclusive Jewish Period was now over. Tongues have no purpose today, and they have passed away (1 Corinthians 13:8). Tongues have nothing to do with spiritual power, maturity, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and the filling of the Holy Spirit. The baptism of the Holy Spirit, as discussed elsewhere, is when we were co-crucified with Christ and we received a new divine nature (Romans 6:1-13). The filling of the Holy Spirit is when we obey the commandments as led of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18-21).

Tongues were simply one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit God used in the early Church. But their purpose has ceased. When tongues (foreign languages; 1 Corinthians 14:10-11) were spoken in the early New Testament times, Jews were always present. They were for a sign only to them. They were spoken in different places according to the flow in Acts 1:8. (Those who speak today in ecstatic utterances (modern tongues) are most likely following a spirit that is not of God. It is a form of falling away. Are those speaking in tongues under Satan's headship? Of course many greatly disagree with these comments.)

1 Corinthians 14:22 - So then tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe, but to unbelievers; ...

70. **LOUD REPETITIVE AND SYNCOPATED BEAT ROCK TYPE MUSIC:** I discuss this subject because thousands of churches are falling away from God's best using and adopting this type of contemporary music. There is much controversy about the use of loud repetitive beat type rock-type music in our churches. ***Many like it because of the contrived emotion and the experience. But this is man, not God, oriented. Those who oppose it believe it is not of God. How much if any does it bring worship to the Lord?*** Is it God's best for His honor and glory? Does God listen to this music? Amos 5:23 teaches that when God's people are falling away, He does not listen to their music. Is this not happening now with the rock music? We must understand that music is not neutral. It has definite effects on people. Good music reaches the

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of not being able to tell the difference between the holy and the profane. Such happens when there is a falling away (Ezekiel 22:26). Of course Christians have different beliefs about these. Our churches, from our perspective, do not realize that these characteristics of dumbed down teaching and using rock type music are part of a major falling away (at least from God's best) and is key satanic strategy. Our churches believe they are doing right in their attempt to draw today's youth. **But the action is allowing sin to increase especially in America that is causing the**

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heart, spirit, and soul. Rock music reaches the body and body motions. In my view, bringing rock music into the Church is bringing the world and occultism into the Church. The Bible teaches we reach people by God's Word as He speaks to them, not by some form of rock music.

Experts, the professional musicians, tell us that good music has the melody dominant, the harmony is next, and the rhythm under control. One can have trumpet toots, cymbal crashes, and drum beats and roles, but not loud repetitive dominant beat. ***Would not God use the best music and that of the heart in reverence to God?***

Many believe this dominant syncopated beat music (not the lyrics) came from such as voodooism, immorality, and paganism. Check the internet under Christian rock music voodooism. It was used to call up demons and evil spirits. Those who regularly sit under its influence can have a lowered sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's leading and to the learning of God's Word. Some have become involved in immorality. This is a major subject and it is discussed in detail in the references about the falling away of the Church. It is a major subject because it is involved in the falling away of the endtimes Church. (Why do we have to have such conflicts. It is best to be in unity.)

IMMORALITY AND OTHER ADDICTIONS FROM ROCK MUSIC: Read: (1) *How to Conquer the Addiction to Rock Music* by Youth Who Have Found Freedom; (2) *What the Bible Has to Say About "Contemporary Christian" Music*; **Ten Scriptural Reasons Why the Rock Beat is Evil in Any Form by Institute of Basic Life Principles**; and (3) *Notice of Complaint Against The Unrecognized Enemy of the Church* by Institute of Basic Life Principles. **Testimonies of many young people are given in these publications for how rock music beat has caused them many addictive type problems and what they did to get rid of them and rock music.**

If one reads the above and the following:(1) Lucarini, Dan: *Why I Left the Contemporary Christian Music Movement*; (2) Wheaton, Dr. Jack: *Crisis in Christian Music*; and (3) Garlock and Woetzel (Drs'): *Music in the Balance*, one would never use contemporary loud repetitive syncopated beat music in the church and Sunday School ever again. They would go to good hymns.

Quote from *Crisis in Christian Music* page 166 by Dr. Wheaton: *Music is a bridge between heaven and earth. It is also a bridge between earth and hell. Just be careful which bridge you take, or lead others on.*

"Reaching teenagers" with "Christian rock" music is like giving out liquor with Bible verses on the bottles. To justify vulgar music on the basis that it is being used to communicate the Gospel is the same as justifying profanity in the pulpit or pornography in Gospel literature. Introducing the "rock beat" into Christian music is like establishing a pluralistic society~ It is simply a transition from one controlling religion to another.

Refer our reports: (1) *Serious Symptomatic Problems in Today's Churches Based on Four Major Causes with their Impacts and Indicated Solutions*, and (2) *Our Churches Are Falling Away, Being Transformed by the Dialectic Process to Bring World Government* for a greater discussion on rock music. These reports show that rock music is not of God.

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Tribulation to come.●⁷¹ As sin increases, the Tribulation comes, and when sin increases with a major falling away in the Tribulation, Satan is allowed to bring the Mark-of-the-Beast Period.

MUSIC DISCUSSION: The Bible uses many types of musical instruments, many of which bring rhythm (percussion). The issue is not one of having the instruments, but instead how they are played. ***Proper rhythm brings fun and life to music.*** But this is not so for rock music that is loud with a repetitive dominant and syncopated beat, There can be good contemporary music that has the melody dominant, the harmony next, and the rhythm under control.

Good music for worshiping God should reach the heart. Such is the case with good hymns and some Gospel music. But rock music reaches the body and its movements. Why would God want it. It is human oriented, not God oriented. It is bringing the world into the Church which God is against. It is by the will of man and not that of God. God uses His Word to reach people, not music per se. The youth like it because of the experience and the body emotions it brings. But is it of God? It does not look like it.

When we stand before Christ in eternity, are we going to sing *How Great Thou Art* or dance and move our arms before Him with rock music? You know my answer. If we will not do it then, then why use such music now? To me, using it is a major falling away from God, certainly from His best. **We should work to have excellence before our God doing what He commands. (However, being before the Lord, we will bow our knees (Phillippians 2:10) and probably fall on our faces.)**

DIALECTIC PROCESS: An overview of Satan's strategy is to use a method to take and transform things from where they are to where he wants them to be. This is called the dialectic process.●⁷² In the Garden of Eden, Satan transformed Adam and Eve etc into his dominion from the Kingdom of God, by getting them to sin. ***Now, he is getting the churches to dumb down their teaching, use rock music, and have limited sharing of the true Gospel to transform (or maintain) the Church to become immature with a loss of biblical intellect having a very low plateau of biblical knowledge including that of prophecy. It is to have the children and youth to have only a first level knowledge of the Bible if that.*** Then much of God's work will not get done. He is also dumbing down our American public high schools.

Thus, then when the calamity and Tribulation come, they will not be able to do critical analysis to determine what is happening. They will not know Bible prophecy. They may go along with world government and very likely fall away from the faith. Few will know and be able to teach the Bible (prophecy and other key doctrines) below the notion level, if that. ***This Church action is unknowingly implementing key satanic strategy that helps to prevent much of the elect from***

71. **ROCK MUSIC:** If a church should stop using rock music, world people continue to attend or go another church where there was rock music. In other words, do people come to church to worship God and hear God's Word or do they come mostly to experience the music. Of course some want both.

72. **SECULAR EXAMPLE OF THE DIALECTIC PROCESS:** He brought the situation of 911 with the destruction of the New York Trade Center as a method to transform where one has to have a court order to investigate people to now where one does not need one. It was probably used as a method to allow the invasion of Iraq. Undoubtedly many more such secular events will come.

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believing and accomplishing much of God's chosen work.●⁷³

This dumbing down is happening to our Christian youth now. Periodically, I ask our youth, even those on fire for the Lord and working in the Lord's work, from several churches about 8 questions on basic doctrine and they cannot answer any of them.●⁷⁴ We are no longer teaching sufficient sound doctrine and principles needed to mature our people in Christ. We teach some good things, but do not have a sufficient curriculum to cover the needed bases. Churches are working to have fellowship on the human level (but not with God) and activities for the youth without the teaching the meat of God's Word. Few now know the Bible much beyond the Gospel fundamentals and notion levels. Most know but little about Bible prophecy for how the endtimes unfold. ***I personally know but few people who know prophecy below the notion level. We are helping Satan ready the Church for the Tribulation and socialism when it will know but little. This dumbing down is now also happening in our public high schools. Is this not satanic strategy? Our young people will not know what is happening when the calamity and world government come. As such they are apt to go with the flow of the evil government without discernment. Of course many will stand strong with God.***

THE CHURCH FALLING AWAY: Our churches are falling way in different degrees. There are many that still teach the Word and sing the hymns. The main problem appears to be the lack of local evangelism and training people with a sufficient curriculum to mature their people. Many churches now are not training their youth beyond first level. But immorality, using rock music, and speaking in false tongues is on the increase.

Please observe carefully that the church's dumbing down is both sins of commission and of omission. It allows Satan more power to bring the Tribulation. It will lead to more falling away in the Tribulation allowing Satan more power. Thus, the current Church and citizen disobedience is a major cause of the Tribulation's coming. Thus, the Church is responsible for bringing her own discipline when the Tribulation comes. This is God's way. The Bible teaches that judgment begins with God's household (1 Peter 4:17). Thousands of churches are now falling away from God's required obedience in the modern Church Growth Movement consisting of seeker-friendly, emerging, and other churches. They are adopting the movement's nomenclature. Churches are involved in varying amounts. ***But there still are some churches that are standing strong and doing more of God's will.***

The problem is that our churches do not recognize their falling away. They are doing things to increase their ministries by reaching out to today's youth. They want to do right. But are they using God's acceptable methods? The result is that our churches are no longer enduring sound doctrine and are bringing a famine of God's Word. God said these times would come. Churches are not observing the signs and trends that signal the Tribulation can come at any time. They do not realize they are a primary cause of the Tribulation coming.

73. **EVANGELISM:** How many water baptisms of new converts has your Church had from the community (not from your Church fellowship) in the past, say, three years. For many churches, the number is zero.

74. **QUESTIONS:** (1) Why and how do we have eternal security In Christ?; (2) How do we walk by faith?; (3) How do we walk by love?; (4) How do we become mature in Christ?; (5) What is meant by redemption?; (6) What is meant by the atonement for inequity?; (7) What is the baptism of the Holy Spirit, nothing to do with tongues?;(8) What is the filling of the Holy Spirit, nothing to do with tongues?; (9) Explain something about Daniel's seventy weeks.

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The falling away is characterized by dumbing down the Bible teaching and using the world's (Satan's) rock music to draw the youth and in many cases meet the felt needs as seen by man and not the spiritual needs are seen and required by God. (The Bible teaches we are not to be a friend of the world. God is against this (James4:4).) It uses small groups with a facilitator, not a teacher, to gain consensus, not mainly and only what saith the Lord. It uses the world's advertisement methods. Many churches now have only elder boards, having discontinued deacon boards. It may be doing some good things in the horizontal toward man, but it falls way short in the vertical toward God. It leaves out the meat of God's Word. Churches have lost sight that they are hear to do only God's will, mature their people, and to glorify Him. Thus, we are trending to a socialistic human oriented church. It is helping man in his earthy needs, but falls short in meeting heavenly needs (beyond the fundamentals). Of course there are exceptions and churches are involved in varying amounts.●⁷⁵

Churches, as stated, are involved in different amounts in the movement. Some are teaching more of God's Word than others. Some still sing the hymns. Some have both a traditional service with the hymns and a contemporary service with the rock type music. Some still have good programs such as VBS and Awana for the children and the youth. The involvement is a matter of degree. Many churches have good foreign missions programs. The problem is that now thousands of churches world wide are in different amounts joining this apostate movement. This is a major falling away.

Satan can only be over-joyed. This falling away is a major cause of helping to bring the endtimes Tribulation when he can establish his world kingdom and make severe war with the Church. As the church falls greatly falls away in the first part of the Tribulation, Satan gains more power to bring the Mark-of-the-Beast Period. This persecution and pressure is to help to prevent the elect from believing and accomplishing God's work.

ENDTIMES CONCERNS

PLEASE UNDERSTAND: Signs and conditions now signal the endtimes Tribulation can come at any time now or in the next few to many years. Some signs have been with us for some time, but now they are becoming more acute and most serious. They are increasing. However, again, only God knows the time.

Because there will be financial crisis, everyone, including our missionaries, should have essential jobs.●⁷⁶ We must now with urgency train our children and youth, while we still can, to become mature in Christ and with doctrine to know what will be happening so they can

75, **DOCUMENTS:** For the falling away of the Church, refer to our documents: (1) *Serious Symptomatic Problems in Today's Churches Based on Four Major Causes with their Impacts and Indicated Solutions* (2) *Our Churches Are Falling Away, Being Transformed by the Dialectic Process to Bring World Government:* and (3) *Church and Government Overt Actions are Leading to the Endtimes World Government.*

76. **FINANCIAL CRISIS:** The thousands (millions?) of baby boomers (the service men in world war II) are now approaching age 65 when they will attempt to draw social security payments. Will this collapse the entire social security system (or bring greater inflation)? This will leave our retirees without incomes and medical payments. If this situation is combined with others, the United States financial system can be in great danger.

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stand strong and become more mature before the calamity and Tribulation come. See the topics and curriculum previously mentioned.

The Tribulation will come some time when we have babies, children, and youth. With the current dumbing down of our youth in the public schools and in most of our churches, the youth will not know and will not be able to do critical analysis to determine what is happening when world government comes. They may not know that they can face death and that Christ will come for them. Few now know much Bible doctrine including endtimes prophecy. The situation is most severe. Because our youth are being poorly taught and do not have a deep-rooted faith, there will be massive falling away when the persecution comes from world government in the Tribulation (2 Thessalonians 2:3). The children and youth need now to be trained to stand strong in God under the coming persecution, so they will not fall away.

Please act immediately to train your children and spend more time to do so. If you do not, you will greatly grieve later when they are taken from you and are being transformed and persecuted by the evil indoctrination of world government. Hitler did this in his time.

WHAT THE CHURCHES SHOULD DO NOW WITH URGENCY: Churches should now wake up, come to red alert (general quarters and battle stations), and put their people into small mutual support home groups and mature them to the highest-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness they understand. They should priority on training their own. They should especially train them to live by strong faith, sacrificial love, and to stand strong on the basic Christian-Faith Doctrines. Believers should consider coming out of the churches and/or church services that mainly dumb down the Bible's teachings and use mainly or only loud syncopated repetitive beat rock music. (There can be good contemporary music to use instead.) They should train their children and youth to live by strong faith in God to care for them according to His promises. Churches should greatly increase their local evangelism especially including that of the children and the youth. They should use high quality Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) training materials in the Sunday Schools. They should place their children into all the CEF training they can find. They should work in and place their children in CEF after-school Bible clubs and in summer five-day clubs. The older youth can go to Bible Study Fellowship. They should be placed into the Awana program for the memorization of Scripture. They should be placed in summer Vacation Bible Schools. They should now attend churches that teach the Bible in depth for living the Christian life as our Lord walked and sing the great hymns of the faith (or such as Gospel music etc.) and use limited contemporary music (not loud rock or repetitive beat music). They should memorize much Scripture including the promises and some hymns. They will most likely be without Bibles and hymn books in prison. They should put in some provisions and Bible supplies to get them through the calamity that is coming that will establish world government. ***Churches would do well to have a separate Discipleship Training Center to help do the above training on an emergency schedule without effecting much of their regular Church operation.***

But remember, the calamity will come suddenly without warning with great force in a whirlwind when few expect it. It will bring the sword, famine, and the plague (Revelation 6:8) If, as stated, you wait for definitive information and exact schedules that will never come or you will receive before you act, you will

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be caught blind sided and unprepared. You must act now while you can based on the signs and God's commands.●⁷⁷ Will your Church act? Will you and your family act?

When the calamity comes as previously introduced, the infrastructure will break down. Food, water, gasoline, communications, and electricity will most likely be in short supply. We should put in some supplies with some urgency while we still can that includes supplements that will help fight the plague.●⁷⁸ We should greatly detoxify our bodies. We should have a hand-cranked battery charging radio with both long and short wave reception. We may need a long wire outdoor antenna for best reception. We can help each other. When the calamity comes, it will be too late to prepare. Those not prepared will be caught blind sided and can die from lack of supplies and/or from the plague. Signs and conditions now signal loudly the calamity can come at any time. ***Churches should do these things with as sense of urgency regardless of their prophetic views even as a hedge and insurance about being wrong about the Rapture time or how soon the Tribulation might come. Check our web site for helps. Praise the Lord if we get many more years.***

WATCHMAN WARNING: There is no longer time now when we are guaranteed our freedoms in America. This report brings a warning and an alert that the endtimes can come at any time when our freedoms will be taken away. Be on the red alert and get prepared. Some are being taken away now. Again, only God knows the time when the calamity will come. You can be judged for any disobedience or incomplete obedience especially if you are a church and/or a family leader. Get your church and family people alerted, briefed, and prepared with urgency. Train them to become mature in Christ, not just use random teachings. Not to do so can be irresponsible. Work especially with the children and the youth. Unfortunately, most churches are not expected to change to greater obedience and prepare. Thus, most churches will most likely be caught blind sided. This happened to Old Testament Israel. They did not heed the watchman's warning. How will your church and family be caught? What about mine?

Church leaders should carefully understand that if they are involved and responsible for the dumbing down of the Church and using rock music, they are helping to bring the Tribulation and are subject to judgment. The major question is what does God think? Recognize that your decisions are leading the Church on a path that will bring the endtimes Tribulation and an immature

77. **DO NOT WAIT:** Years ago I had a friend who had cancer. We gave him nutritional solutions. But he would not do anything until he knew everything about the situation as he was doing a search for the cure. As a result of waiting, the cancer became acute and killed him. Had he acted, he might be alive today.

78. **PROTECTION FROM THE PLAGUE:** We may not have adequate protection from the stronger viruses used in the coming biological warfare such as Ebola, Anthrax, the Bubonic Plague, new viruses, serious flu, and Mad Cow Disease. For these we may need to use electronic zappers, colloidal silver, and tetracycline. But maintaining a solid alkaline PH body condition with **thorough** detoxification should aid the healing and restrain the effects from such strong viruses. We may need flax seed oil. ***Supplements to help rid of the plague can help the most only if our bodies have a thorough detoxification and rennin ph alkaline. The latter can best be maintained if we eat 85 % of our foods as raw fruits and vegetables, organically grown.***

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Church. We should know that the sin of the nation increases commensurate with the increasing sin of the Church. Will not serious judgment come?●⁷⁹

Are you preparing for eternity, or just enjoying life as much as you can? What is your Church doing? What are you doing to become mature in Christ? Or are you just attending Church? Do you see the signs that signal a warning? Are you increasing your training and evangelism?

Your Church may be like a good ship (a boat) doing many good things. But it can contain serious holes of inadequate obedience of commission and omission. If it does, it can be headed for the rocks of the coming Tribulation. What is the condition of your ship? Do you need to make changes? Make them now. This is what I am doing.

THERE IS SOME POSITIVE: *There are still some Churches standing strong on doctrine and attempting to mature their people and using the hymns. Those who will repent and stand strong in the coming Tribulation can gain greater maturity in Christ for the sake of maturity. What ever has been the past, make the remaining future the best we can have. None of us may do things perfectly, but we can help each other and prepare for the Tribulation and to gain a maximum maturity in Christ.*

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSING FLOW

REFERENCES ON MY WEB SITE THAT CONTAIN THE DETAILS AND THE SCRIPTURAL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE INFORMATION PRESENTED IN THIS REPORT

(Please read these documents next. *More to come. Regularly visit our web site.*)

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God's Plan for History - *SEE BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW ON WEB SITE*

- * *God and His Greatness Must Be Central*
(Detailed development of the Overview and Big Picture. It is an earlier and a parallel document to this one.)

Becoming Mature in Christ (Learning to live as Christ lives in relationship living.) *SEE TRAINING ON WEB SITE*

- * *Keys to Becoming Mature in Christ-likeness in Relationship Living*
- * *Seek God's Best and Greatness: Pursue Spiritual Maturity in Christ-Likeness as God Commands With Excellence and Great Commitment.*
- * *Report: Living by God's Righteousness*
- * *See the ppt charts under Christian-Life Relationship Principles*

79. *In my view, as stated, using tongues and rock music is not being able to tell the difference between the holy and the profane. Those involved need to pray about this.*

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(More are coming.)

Endtimes Prophecy (God's Plan for the Endtimes); Know How the Endtimes Unfold. SEE PROPHECY ON WEB SITE

- * *The Pattern View of Prophecy*
(**Detailed Doctrines** of the Rapture, Revelation, and 1000 Years; this is a Post Tribulation Rapture View with the 1000 years occurring during Christ's Second Coming)
- * *The Jewish Situation*
(What has happened and will happen to the Jews after the Cross.)
- * *Endtimes Scenario as to How the Endtimes Will Unfold*
(You will not like this. What happens in Revelation that we will experience.)
- * *Insights Show that Revelation's 1000 Years Come during Christ's Second Coming*
- * *Interpretation and Critical Understanding of Endtimes Prophecy*
(This is a study of interpretation techniques needed to learn prophecy accurately.)
- * *My Book: Watchman Warning*
(The Big Picture and the Pattern Sequence detailed development founded on God's Plan)

The Falling Away of the Endtimes Church Bringing the Tribulation. SEE BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW ON WEB SITE

- * *Serious Symptomatic Problems in Today's Churches Based on Four Major Causes with their Impacts and Indicated Solutions*
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What Christians Believe

- * *My Doctrinal Statement*

How One Becomes a Christian and Go to Heaven

- * *God Is Reaching Out to You to Become a Christian*

Ways to Begin the Christian Life

- * *Next Steps Soon after Becoming a Christian*