

# **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.**

## **PART ONE: PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION 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.●<sup>1</sup> 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. ●<sup>2</sup>*

*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,*

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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.●<sup>3</sup>***

*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.***

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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.●<sup>4</sup> 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.

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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.●<sup>5</sup> These indicators are listed in the main report. God

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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.●<sup>6</sup> 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.●<sup>7</sup> The Tribulation can only come after the sin of the Church and**

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**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.●<sup>8</sup> 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.●<sup>9</sup>

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

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**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, ●<sup>10</sup> 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

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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.)●<sup>11</sup>

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.***●<sup>12</sup> ***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**

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**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.●<sup>13</sup>**
- 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**

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**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. ●<sup>14</sup>

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**

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**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 come 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.●<sup>15</sup> 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.***

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**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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