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Revelation 4:8 - And the four living creatures, day and night they do not cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come."

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The information in this summary was taken mainly from my longer and more detailed reports on God's Plan and Prophecy that develop the teachings from Scripture. They are available. We are to live always under God's direction so that He works all things in our lives for good. He alone is qualified to do this. You are especially encouraged to read my prophecy paper: *The Pattern View of Prophecy; The Rapture Doctrines of Prophecy Show Clearly the Rapture Will Come Post-Tribulation* next. See how over 40 doctrines and Revelation's seven-sealed scroll, taken together, teach clearly a Post-Tribulation Rapture. The view is based on studying God's Plan for history and placing prophecy in as the end phase of His Plan.

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 come. This report is meant to come along side and bring added value. None of us have complete information.

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**2 Chronicles 16:9;
Matthew 6:33; 1 John 2:6**

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GOD ESTABLISHED A SPIRITUAL WARFARE TO DEVELOP OUR MATURITY IN CHRIST-LIKENESS. - God established a spiritual warfare between Christ and Satan for all of human history. The purpose was to bring the testing and proving ground to bring believers to maturity in Christ-likeness. Christ leads us to do right. Satan deceives us to do wrong, even when it looks right. Christ works to have God's elect believe and accomplish God's work. (The elect are those who God knew, a-priori before humans were created, would choose Him.) He works to bring believers, as they respond, to maturity in Him. Satan, on the other hand, works to prevent the elect from believing and accomplishing God's work. He also works to bring world government over which he and his man will rule. (He brought six world governments that sequentially ruled over Old Testament Israel. He, allowed by God, will bring another world government in our endtimes.)

We do not have sufficient data for Satan's motivation. But it appears that if Satan can prevent any one of the elect from believing and/or any one of God's work from being accomplished, he can win the warfare.

God sentenced Satan and his evil angels to be cast into the Lake of Fire before humans were created. If Satan could win the warfare (and he can not), God would exonerate him and his angels from the sentence of going to the Lake of Fire. If Satan does not win the warfare, God will be cast him and his angels into the Lake of Fire as God has sentenced. Satan has some motivation for accomplishment because he attacks people and our Lord throughout history. His sentence to the Lake of Fire is not carried out until after the end of human history.

What occurs is determined from the many books that in heaven are opened and compared, such as the Books of Life and of Works. This happens when the court sits at the time of the seventh trumpet after the Tribulation. The court determines that indeed all the elect did believe and did indeed accomplish all of God's chosen works. With this determination, the court determines that Christ has won the spiritual warfare over Satan. It awards Him (Christ) the Kingdom of the World that becomes the Kingdom of God and also the Title Deed of the Earth. With these awards, Christ is given complete legal authority to rapture the Church and to bring the consummation of history. (Compare Daniel 7:10, 13-14; Revelation 11:15-18; 20:11-15).

Thus, Christ, with direct biblical teachings, leads us to obey God as we trust Him to work all things together for good. Satan, on the other hand, works to deceive people to attempt to work all things together for good themselves, thus sinning. Working to prevent the elect from believing and accomplishing God's work, he works to keep the Church people immature so they will not become involved in God's work with any seriousness. They will not evangelize or mature their people. Thus, he encourages the churches to dumb down their training as she reaches out to the young

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people with mainly first level training - Milk of God's Word. With only or mainly first-level training, the Church maturity and knowledge of God's Word can plateau.

In order to keep from being deceived and do the will of God, we must check all we receive for direction against God's Word. This is the only way we can tell whether or not it is of God. It is very possible that much we are doing in our churches can be deception that Satan wants us to do. This can be true even when it looks very right, but is not or is not sufficient or adequate. This can happen if we fall short of all that God wants done. For example, we do less teaching and less evangelism than God wants done.

WHAT HAPPENED AND WHAT RESULTED IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN - God's plan was to create man and place him in a testing and proving environment to become mature in Christ. God knew that man would become sinful. But he also know that he would be led out and trained to become mature in Christ, and when in eternity, would no longer sin. This required man to respond to God and be developed in spiritual maturity. But this development process begins with spiritual immaturity.

Adam and Eve were created perfect, but without spiritual maturity. God placed them in the Garden of Eden. They did not, at this time, know of God's Greatness. They were in the Kingdom of God. In their immaturity, Satan deceived Adam and Eve to sin. Their major sin was wanting to be wise so they could work all things together for their good or benefit (their objective and Satan's goal so they would sin). This led to the sin of eating of the forbidden tree of the knowledge of good and evil (their and Satan's method).(If their love of God had been mature, they would have obeyed Him and would not have eaten of the tree. They would not have allowed themselves to be deceived.) Their sin in wanting to be wise resulted in their living sinfully like the Most High God. They, in their immaturity, wanted to be in charge, perhaps by default, not knowing, realizing, or understanding that God would help and care for them. (Genesis 3.)

As a result of their sin, several things happened. Adam and Eve received depraved natures that do not seek after God, sin, and have no ability to become mature in Christ. They will die. They came under the Law of sin and death. By sinning they come under God's condemnation that requires God's Justice to be satisfied which they cannot do. They were legally transferred from the Kingdom of God under Christ's eternal control into the Dominion of Satan under Satan's eternal control. Satan usurped from Christ the Title Deed of the Earth and the Kingdom of God which became the Kingdom of the World. Satan became god over all people as they are born. He is now the god of this world. (We know that unbelievers are in the Dominion of Satan (darkness) because when they believe in the Cross they are transferred into the Kingdom of God (Christ and light) - (Acts 26:18; Ephesians 1:13).

OUR THREE PROBLEMS - Because of his fall in the Garden of Eden, man has three problems:

1. He is born in the Dominion of Satan under Satan's eternal control. He needs to be transferred into the Kingdom of God under Christ's eternal control in order to go to heaven. This happens when God's justice is satisfied by Christ dying on the Cross and is applied to im.

2. He is born with a depraved nature that sins. His sin (transgressions of God's Laws) causes him to fall under God's condemnation. Thus, God's justice needs to be satisfied which man cannot do. If God's Justice for sin is not satisfied in some manner in his lifetime, depraved man will be

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cast into the Lake of Fire. It is an alternative method for God to satisfy His Justice for sin.

3. He has no ability to become mature in Christ. He needs a divine nature that he now does not have that does not sin. It allows him to pursue maturity in Christ.

GOD'S SOLUTION TO MAN'S THREE PROBLEMS - AND HOW GOD PROVIDED FOR THEM (WHAT IS THE CHURCH) - WHAT THE CROSS ACCOMPLISHED

Solution for Satisfied Justice - As written **only** in the Holy Bible, Christ's substitutionary death on the Cross satisfied God's Justice for man's sin. Christ died spiritually when His blood was purging all sin and establishing the New Covenant for salvation. He said *My God, My God, why has Thou forsaken Me*; (Matthew 27:36; Mark 15:34). When the New Covenant was established in His blood, He came back to spiritual life. He said *It is Finished* (John 19:30). He died physically to place the New Covenant into effect like a last will and testament (Hebrews 9:15-18). Taking His own life, He said *Father into Thy hands I commend My spirit* - (Luke 23:46; Hebrews 9:16-17). After His resurrection, He ascended into Heaven to be our mediator to God the Father (1 Timothy 2:5).

The New Covenant is a legal agreement and contract that God made with man (us). If we believe that Christ died on the Cross for sin according to only the Holy Bible, God will give us salvation (now no longer under God's condemnation). He will bring us into eternity at the resurrections and judgments. We are now under Grace and no longer under the law of sin and death. (Romans 1:16; 6:14; 8:2; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4.)

Christ's Birth and Sinless Life - Christ was born of the virgin Mary with a divine nature by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35). This allowed Him to be led of God the Father in a sinless life. (The sin nature is passed down by the husband or male.) Living a sinless life, He fulfilled the Law (Matthew 5:17). This fulfillment qualified Him to die and satisfy God's Justice for the sin of mankind. When we live by our divine natures granted at salvation, we live a sinless life. This is how we will live sinless in heaven.

Christ's New Power and the Church - After His Crucifixion and at His first Ascension, the heavenly court gave Christ all power in heaven and in earth (Matthew 28:18-20). This power gave Him the legal authority to bring justified believers held in custody under the Law into the Kingdom of God from the Dominion of Satan. Those transferred or translated became the Church of Christ. They are taken from Satan's eternal control and placed under Christ's eternal control.

When such transfers occur, Satan's head is being crushed (Genesis 3:15). He is losing control over the new believers. As such, Christ brought all the Pre-Pentecost believers into His Kingdom. This occurred when He took those believers captive who were being held captive under the Law in Satan's Dominion to heaven with Him. He transferred them into the Kingdom of God. They became part of His Church. Being now under Grace, they were free from the Law. (Ephesians 4:8-10.)

After the Day of Pentecost (soon after Christ's Crucifixion), Satan, sensing he was losing control over people, began to bring extreme persecution. But the believers in Christ spread the Gospel everywhere. The results were the opposite he wanted and intended.

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Christ taught the Jews (and Gentiles) we were to seek God's Kingdom and righteousness first in life (Matthew 6:33). He did not teach them to seek the Kingdom of Israel. As believers, it is now Christ in us, the hope of Glory (Colossians 1:27). We are now one in Him. In our new divine natures, it is Christ in us. As such, God's condemnation is removed from us (Romans 8:1). Now we can go to be with God in heaven when we die. We can now fellowship with God and each other forever in His Glory without sin. We will have a most wonderful future.

With this new authority, Christ could send His workers world-wide with the Gospel. Now all who believe are translated immediately into His Kingdom and become part of His Church. All believers are in His Church, having been called out of the Dominion of Satan into the Kingdom of God. The Church is defined as consisting of believers, that having believed in Christ's Cross, apart from any human works, have been translated or called into the Kingdom of God from the Dominion of Satan. One cannot be a believer without being in Christ's Church. Thus, all believers from all of history, past, present, and future, are the Church. (Acts 26:18; Ephesians 1:13.)

Christ rules the Kingdom of God from heaven. As such, He rules over all nations as directed by God's Plan. As such He now sits on the throne of David and rules over the Jews.

Acts 2:29-31 - "Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. "And so, because he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath to seat one of his descendants upon his throne, he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that He was neither abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh suffer decay.

He is now the King of Israel. When on the earth, our Lord offered the Jews the Kingdom of God. He never offered the Jews a return of Israel's Kingdom. The New Testament is silent about any such return of Israel's Kingdom under God like it was not important or would not happen. The New Testament emphasizes all believers are under Christ's authority and are the Church. They are now in the Kingdom of God and a holy nation and holy race of God.

Man receives this New Covenant with salvation by activated faith. He can activate his faith by a prayer to God that he so believes only according to the Scriptures when God works in him. He can also activate his faith by being water baptized or confessing Christ before man - Mark 16:16; Romans 10:9, 13. However, he is not saved by these activities or activations. Salvation is without human works or actions of any kind. We are only saved by faith in what Christ has done, not of works that any person should boast (Ephesians 2:8-9). God rejects all of our works and actions for eternal salvation (Justification). He accepts only the work of His Son. The Cross is complete in itself, being efficacious. This is according only to the Bible, not by any church, not by any other person, not by any other book, and not by any religion (1 Corinthians 15:1-5). When he believes with activated faith, spiritually speaking, God places him in Christ. He is crucified with Christ, causing the depraved or sin nature to die to the jurisdiction of the Law. He now lives under Grace.

Solution to Pursue Maturity and Gain Eternal Security for Going to Heaven - Thus, as a person, Jew and/or Gentle, believes in the Cross, one is placed into Christ, is spiritually crucified with Christ, is buried with Christ, and is raised from the dead with Christ. When raised from the dead, one receives the new creation and divine nature. (Romans 6:1-13.) This process is called the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. (The Baptism of the Holy Spirit has nothing to do with tongues or any power for how we live the Christian life.) It provides the ability by which we can live the

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Christian life by giving us a divine nature and freedom from the Law. This happens to all Christians as they believe the Gospel and are saved.

As the depraved nature dies with Christ, it no longer legally represents the new believer, though he still retains it. In his experience, he can sin using it. He is then resurrected from the dead with Christ. As this occurs, God imputes His righteousness to man. The new believer receives a new divine nature and new creation that now legally represents him. This new divine nature cannot sin. It cannot take any independent action from God. Because it does not sin, it does not incur any future condemnation from God. As such, it gives the new believer eternal security in Christ. It is the basis to pursue maturity in Christ-likeness. The believer can still use the depraved nature, thus, sinning and losing fellowship with God. But such sin does not effect the eternal security of the believer because the depraved nature no longer legally represents him. This fellowship is restored as the believer confesses his sin to God (! John 1:9). The new believer is also sealed and indwelt by the Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 1:13; 2 Timothy 1:14). This sealing also gives one eternal security in Christ.

The work of Christ on His Cross satisfied God's Justice for all sin committed before one becomes a Christian. This is when the depraved nature legally represented him. After being a Christian, when one sins using the sin or depraved nature, the believer confesses his sin to God. He is no longer condemned before God because his divine nature now legally represents him. Then Christ's blood keeps on cleansing the sin and restores his fellowship with God. (Romans 3:25; 1 John 1:7-9.)

WHAT ELSE THE CROSS ACCOMPLISHED - The Cross broke down the barrier of the dividing wall between the Jew and the Gentile. There are now no ethnic divisions for those in Christ. There is no longer Jew or Gentile, male or female, or bond or free in Christ. All believers are one in Christ. All believers are now in and are the Church. The Church is now the holy nation unto God. After the Cross, Israel is no longer a holy nation under God. Both believing Gentiles and Jews are part of this new holy nation. (Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 2:13-20; 1 Peter 2:9.)

The Cross set aside all animal sacrifices and physical temples forever. They were in the Jewish age for worship and temporal forgiveness of sin (Hebrews 8-10). We are now to worship God, no longer only in Jerusalem and no longer in temples as is in the Jewish system, but now everywhere on earth in spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24). (Also it is not practical for millions to billions of believers to worship in a temple in Jerusalem at the same time.) The Church is now the sanctuary of God and is to be living sacrifices. Now only Christ is to have first place and preeminence in everything. We are to live under His headship and authority as He directs us using the Holy Spirit. ***Our Lord Jesus Christ and living under His authority are now to be central in our lives. When this happens, we live by God's Greatness. Christ with the Holy Spirit leads us to do only that which comes from the Father as a source.***

The Church and Christ are now in focus. Israel as a covenant nation is now out of focus. All believers in Israel, as all the Gentile believers, are now in and are part of the Church. Because all believers are now one in Christ and the Cross did away with the Jewish system of worship, there will be no future Jewish Periods. They have no future purpose.

The purpose now is that believers from the entire world are in Christ and become mature in Christ. This is why the Church is called a holy nation and a new race unto Christ. God wants all to believe and, as believers, to know and relate to Him in His depth and to live amongst His great Glory for ever and ever. There is nothing else.

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THE CHURCH PERIOD AND ISRAEL - The Church Period is when Christ completes everything in God's Plan and, at its end, brings the consummation of history (Ephesians 1:10). Israel as a covenant nation (not individuals) was divorced by God. The Northern Kingdom was divorced in her history. This is taught directly in the Bible. (See Jeremiah 3:8,) The Southern Kingdom was divorced at the Cross by implication when the Jewish leaders said let Christ's blood be on us and on our children. They were denying Christ as their Messiah forever and taking full responsibility for His death. A spiritual leader cannot have two wives at the same time (1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:6). Thus, Christ now marrying the Church is a definite sign He divorced Israel. The fact that now the Church is a holy nation to God is another sign that Christ has divorced the covenant nation of Israel. **(And after the divorce of Israel and marriage to the Church, Christ cannot remarry Israel or He would be defiled. He never divorces the Church.)**

The covenant nation of Israel has no future purpose in God's plan after the Cross even though she played a most vital role before the Cross. She was used to bring the Law, God's Word, and as a genealogy for our Lord. God has not in any way forsaken the Jews. Individual Jews can have all that God offers anyone - salvation and maturity in Christ. This is true also for the Gentiles who lived before Israel existed in the 2000 year time period from Adam to Abraham. They did not have all the information that we now have. But they knew to live by faith and by love. They knew that a Savior or redeemer was coming, though they did not have complete information as we do now.

Job 19:25 - "And as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives,..."

Thus, there will be no Jewish Tribulation and no Jewish Golden-Age Millennium. There will be no future special Kingdom of Israel in God's Plan, though there may be in Satan's.

(It was Satan that brought the current Israel into the land of Israel according to his plan for the endtimes. He will use her in the coming calamity in a major war with Islam. He may want his man to rule the world from Jerusalem. God restores Israel to her land only after and when her people have repentance (Leviticus 26:40-45). Most of the people in the land have no interest in their Messiah. They are in the land with great apostasy - certainly not in repentance. They only believe that God gave them the land. Thus, God did not bring them back.)

DOCTRINAL DISCUSSION - ***The only Kingdom of importance now is the Kingdom of God ruled by Christ from heaven. As stated, we are to seek it first. All believing Jews and Gentiles are now in the Kingdom of God. Bringing back animal sacrifices and physical temples would deny the Christian faith and the efficaciousness of the Cross. They will not happen in God's plan, though they might in Satan's. The only thing that matters now is that one becomes a Christian and then becomes mature in Christ. This is what God is doing and offers everyone. But they must respond to God. After the Cross of Christ, bringing back animal sacrifices would be an affront to God and to Christ. In God's Plan, they will not happen.***

Hebrews 5-6 teaches that after or when one who has been enlightened by the Cross and then returns to the Jewish system of animal sacrifices and temples, one can no longer renew their repentance to be saved. Christ died once for all for sin, In application, those Christians today who believe strongly that God will restore Jewish temples and animal sacrifices may not be saved and/or may not understand advanced spiritual truth. They may misunderstand how

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the endtimes unfold. (Such could be the case with Dispensational Theology that wants to bring back temples and animal sacrifices. Dispensational Theology that teaches a Pre-Tribulation Rapture and a Jewish Golden-Age Millennium is not taught in the Bible.)

To believe a Jewish Millennium after the Rapture divides believers without having all in the Church. There is no such teaching in the Bible. All believers are the Church without exception having been called out of the Dominion of Satan into the Kingdom of God. The Bible calls believers throughout the epistles the saints of God (Christ). The believers in the Tribulation are also called saints showing the Church is in the Tribulation (Revelation 5:8; 8:3-4; 11:18; 13:7, 10; 14:12; 16:6; 17:6; 18:20, 24; 19:8; 20:9). There will be no Pre-Tribulation Rapture. We should not expect one because judgement begins with the house of God (us) (1 Peter 4:17). The Church's falling away is largely responsible for bringing the Tribulation.

Christ and His Church are to be central, no longer the covenant nation of Israel. Those who wrongly look for a return of Israel may not see that God's major plan is to mature her people in Christ. God does not have a different future plan for the Church and Israel. There is only one plan. We are to become one in Christ and mature in Him.

Thus, wrongly believing the above, leaders can go to teaching mainly first-level training without also teaching God's Word in depth, not realizing they are bringing eternal harm to their people. (Do the churches know they are not teaching sufficient of God's Word?) The Bible commands that we are to leave mainly first-level training and pursue maturity (Hebrews 6:1) Thus, training with mainly first level training can be sin.

THREE DISPENSATIONS IN HISTORY - There were three dispensations or special periods in biblical history of about 2000 years each. The first was the Gentile Dispensation from Adam to Abraham. In this dispensation, God put forth some rules for the spiritual warfare. This dispensation included Noah's flood and the Tower of Babel. At this time, there were no Jews. The Second Jewish Dispensation of 2000 years was from Abraham to Christ. This dispensation centered in the nation of Israel and brought the law and the genealogy leading to Christ. It brought the Cross. There were Bible books written in both dispensations. The third and last Church Dispensation brings the consummation of history in Christ. This dispensation centered in Christ and His rule from heaven in the Kingdom of God. Most of the New Testament books were written in this period.

OLD TESTAMENT TEACHINGS LEAD TO THE CROSS - Old Testament believers were justified in their lifetimes before the Cross came by looking forward to the Cross coming. In God's mind, Christ was crucified before the world's foundation - before man was created (Revelation 13:8). Romans 4 teaches that Abraham, in His lifetime for example, was justified before God. The Old Testament believers were led of the Holy Spirit, were filled by the Holy Spirit, and lived by faith. But the Old Testament says little about it.

Adam and Eve were promised that the seed (Christ) of the woman would crush the head of the serpent (Satan) - Genesis 3:15. Abraham was promised a seed (Christ) that would bring blessings to all the families of the earth (Genesis 12:3). Daniel's seventieth week, now history, promised that Messiah the Prince would come to bring the New Covenant for the salvation of all people. It does not refer to the anti-Christ or to the endtimes Tribulation. (Daniel 9.)

WHAT GOD HAS ENTRUSTED TO THE CHURCH (BE OUTCOME ORIENTED) - God (Christ) has entrusted to the Church that she, being outcome oriented, evangelize complete or entire local and

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foreign areas. She is to disciple converts to a maximum maturity in Christ-likeness with maximum high-skill spiritual ability in relationship living. This is in contrast, being mainly procedurally oriented, to doing only mainly some evangelism and working only mainly for some spiritual growth. Of course, we can be both procedurally and outcome oriented. God will lead individual churches for what part they should do in the evangelism and what should be taught first to take her people to maturity in Christ. (Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Corinthians 10:5; Galatians 4:19; Ephesians 3:19; 4:11-13; Colossians 1:28; Hebrews 6:1; 11:35; James 1:2-4)

Not being mature in Christ and not being involved in God's work as much as they otherwise could, believers can be impeded from knowing as much about God. They will not send as much spiritual wealth on ahead, and will not receive as many spiritual rewards in eternity that God wants to give. Their knowledge of God's Word will plateau, and there can be a loss of biblical intellect. This will bring an immature Church. Doing less of God's will, they will glorify God less. Is this not happening now? (Matthew 6:20-21; Romans 2:5-6; 1 Corinthians 3:10-15.)

ENDTIMES CRISES IN THE CHURCH AND WORLD, BRINGING THE ENDTIMES TRIBULATION (CAUSE AND SYMPTOMS - STRATEGIES OF SATAN; THE DIALECTIC PROCESS) - The average churches today, particularly in the United States, are now going mostly to first-level training and using the world's rock type music to reach new and the younger people (symptoms). They do this not recognizing the need to become mature before death, not being outcome oriented, and not recognizing the strategies of Satan (the cause), They generally are without also teaching in breadth with depth with a version of God's Whole Counsel. Churches may not have an established written detailed curriculum by which they use to mature their people, including their children and youth. There are no doubt exceptions.

There are reports that in some world areas, many new believers are coming to Christ. They are on-fire for God. Those in persecution areas are growing in Christ. This is good news.

As introduced earlier, Satan uses a strategy called the Heglian Dialectic Process. He brings a chaos or method (Anti-thesis) to take things from the way they are (Thesis) to where he wants them to be (Synthesis). His objective, if he is to win the spiritual warfare (which he cannot do), is to prevent some of God's elect from believing the Gospel and/or from accomplishing some of God's chosen work. Thus, he encourages the churches to do less than God requires (method). This is happening in the current Church Growth Movement, even though some good things are being accomplished.

Of course there probably are exceptions. But some have said that in the big picture the Church does not do what she believes. She is not going anywhere. For example, if she believes she should do area-wide local evangelism, is she doing it? If she believes she should mature her people in Christ at the highest levels, is she doing it? Is she training her people to live as Christ lives? If she believes she should impact her community with the Christian example and testimony, is she doing it? One author stated that the Church has no impact on the direction the United States is now taking. The country is acting as if the Christian Church does not exist.

As a method, Satan encourages churches to teach only or mainly first-level training of the Bible and to do but little evangelism outside the church building walls or property. He, through deception, encourages them not to have a major program to evangelize the children, such as with after-school Bible clubs in the public schools. (Statistics show that about 85 % of the people coming to Christ world wide do so by their 14th birthday; 99 % believe before they leave college. So why would we not emphasize evangelizing the children?).

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In this manner, as a method, he takes the churches from being obedient to God (the way things are), from teaching God's Whole Counsel and from attempting to evangelize complete local areas (particularly the children). He takes them to doing mostly first-level teaching and doing, but little evangelism outside the church buildings or property (method). He does this with the goal to take churches where they no longer or do little to preach the Gospel particularly in the community. (result). (Churches should work with Child Evangelism Fellowship to place tens of after school Bible clubs and use the Awana program to help reach the children and the Youth.)

Satan encourages people to believe and teach evolution so they will not seek after God. The Bible teaches that we know of God through His great power in creation (Romans 1:18-22). Satan gets them to believe there are errors in the Bible so it cannot be trusted. He gets churches to use paraphrased versions of the Bible that have poor accuracy and error. He gets people to believe there is no life after death. He encourages the churches to wrongly require water baptism and/or works to be saved. He gets them to do works to maintain their salvation. He has many strategies.

REFORM AND REVIVAL - Many churches and organizations are working for reform in the United States. Reform by itself may delay the coming of the Tribulation. But it will not prevent it from coming. It will not change the country's destiny. Reform, delaying the Tribulation, can allow more time to evangelize and mature our people, especially the children and youth, before the Tribulation comes. Believing that reform will change the nation is a satanic strategy, if it executed without also working for revival. Only revival in the Church, turning from sin, will cause God to heal the nation (2 Chronicles 7:14). The problem of working for reform is that time and energy are taken away from the sharing of the Gospel and the teaching of God's Word for maturity. By itself, it will not change the country or prevent the Tabulation from coming. If one is working for reform, one must also be working to share the Gospel and working to mature one's people, especially the children and youth. These can work together. A Church works for revival when it trains her people to do evangelism and to become mature in Christ living as Christ lives. This means living by strong love and faith.

Satan wants the resulting outcome that churches do not preach the Gospel and do but little teaching of God's Word. He wants and works for churches to become the liberal unsaved church (not believing in the Gospel of Christ for salvation and certainly not preaching it). He encourages church people to become involved in immorality, wrong divorce, and speaking in false tongues.

(There are some righteous reasons for divorce and remarriage. For example, God divorced Israel and is now marrying the Church. God of course hates divorce and wants marriages to last a lifetime, as we should. A detailed discussion is beyond the scope of this paper. (I have an available paper on the subject.)

(I realize we may have differences here. But in my view, biblical tongues (always foreign languages in the Bible) were used to tell the first century Jews that the Joel prophecy was now being fulfilled (Joel 2:28-29; Acts 2:1-16). The Holy Spirit was now going to all peoples of the earth, no longer only to the Jews and their proselytes. This was a signal to the Jews that the Jewish period was now permanently over. Tongues, always foreign languages (never ecstatic utterances) a person did not normally know were a gift from God for this purpose. They have nothing to do with some spiritual power for living the Christian life. The Bible teaches that this gift has ceased (1 Corinthians 13:8).

The above wrong or incomplete actions and others help to bring the endtimes Tribulation. We need to do critical analysis of our own personal situation and give it much prayer. We should make needed changes even if they are hard to make. We do not want to be wrong before God.

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Satan also establishes false religions that do not teach the true Gospel. This is so that people involved and deceived will not find the true Gospel to be saved. The true Gospel is that Christ died on the Cross for our sins according to the Scriptures. He was buried and arose bodily from the death on the third day. (1 Corinthians 15:1-4) These religions wrongly add human works to be saved and/or believe that Christ was created (instead of believing He is God and has existed forever). They work to maintain their salvation They do not believe that salvation is not of works, only being by faith in the Cross. They do not believe the Cross is efficacious, complete in itself. They wrongly work to gain and maintain their salvation. Doing so, they may not and probably are not saved, even though they may teach the Bible. Only God knows their hearts.

The falling away situation in our churches most probably cannot be changed until Church leadership, followed by the Church people, have revival with greater obedience to God. Only then will God heal the country. Based on what happened to Old Testament Israel, very few churches, especially in the United States, are expected to change. Thus, the Tribulation will come sometime without recourse as prophesied. Signs now signal it could come at any time.

POPULATION CONTROL - *Satan works to control population so that the elect might not be born, believe, and/or might not accomplish God's work.* He does this by the HIV virus, AIDS, the plague, having abortions, and by the gay marriage movement. (No children). In the coming Tribulation, as God allows him, He will martyr many believers. As last result, In Revelation's second and devastating calamity at the time of the trumpets, he kills about 90% of the world's population by a major war. This is followed by the last and great Tribulation. In this Tribulation, he will bring the Mark-of the Beast system forcing people to accept the mark in order to buy or sell, formally denying the Gospel, or be martyred. Satan will leave a few Christians alive or God will destroy his forces. These are most likely the ones that are alive and remain at the Coming of the Lord. When Christ comes to rapture the Church, there will be but very few believers alive.

(It should be observed that the current government, or the one in the Tribulation's beginning, may require us to have a computer chip on our being. If it is not associated with a denial of the Gospel or adopting some false worship system, it is not taking the Mark of the Beast. Thus, if Christians go to the death wrongly believing it is the Mark of the Beast, they do so needlessly. Satan may attempt this ploy before the Mark-of-the-Beast Period as a ploy to martyr Christians.)

WHAT MUST HAPPEN, OCCUR, AND BE COMPLETED THAT CAUSES CHRIST TO BRING THE TRIBULATION - The Tribulation comes when the sin in the endtimes favored nation crosses God's threshold for sin. Signs signal now it can come any time. (As stated, only God knows the time.)

God has implemented a special endtimes sequence that implements the events of Revelation's seven-sealed scroll. It is similar to the sequences that He implemented with Old Testament Israel (Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 28 and the prophets). He uses it as part of His method to terminate history. (Because the sequence repeats, I call it a Pattern Sequence.) God uses a favored nation. It was Israel and now is the United States. When the favored nation in the sequence has good obedience, God brings her great blessing. God has greatly blessed the United States by orders of magnitude more than any nation in history, including Israel. When the favored nation has major sin, as is happening now to the United States, God brings warnings. Then, when people do not repent, He brings divine discipline using a foreign military and places the favored nation (both believers and unbelievers) and the other nations under the rule of world government for a number of years. For example, Israel's Southern Kingdom was placed under the rule of Babylonian empire for seventy years. This endtimes discipline period is the Tribulation when another world government will rule.

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God will deliver His people to Himself in the Rapture at the end of the discipline period, after the endtimes Tribulation. He delivered Israel, after her divine discipline in bondage, to her land. This sequence is developed in detail from the Scriptures in my book: *Watchman Warning*. This was determined by examining and comparing the phrases, vocabulary, sequences, entities, and happenings in Revelation with those in Old Testament Israel in Leviticus 26, Deuteronomy 28, and the prophets. There definitely is a matching pattern. This pattern is developed in detail in *Watchman Warning*.

There are several reasons for God using the endtimes Tribulation that occurs just before Christ's Second Coming. These include (some previously introduced):

(1) bringing the events of the seven-sealed scroll that allows our Lord to win back the Title Deed of the Earth from Satan. God uses scrolls in the Bible for many reasons. One was for how people gain back lost property; Jeremiah 32:11.

(2) as a method, using the Mark of the Beast, to formally polarize the beliefs of all the final living people to formally accept or deny the Christ. This polarization allows Christ can bring the Rapture. The wheat cannot be separated from the tares in Rapture until **after** all the tares are bundled for the fire - the Lake of Fire; Matthew 13:29-30.

(3) to bring discipline on the endtimes favored nation (the United States) and other nations, now in the Pattern Sequence, for sin. In effect, God uses the endtimes Tribulation to begin history's termination as it leads to Christ's Second Coming.

WHAT MUST HAVE HAPPENED OR HAVE OCCURRED THAT ALLOWS CHRIST TO RAPTURE THE CHURCH; CHRIST'S SECOND COMING, THE RAPTURE, AND THE ETERNAL STATES -

After the endtimes Tribulation, at the seventh trumpet, the court sits in heaven. It sits after all people who are to live, have lived, and have made formal binding decisions to accept or deny the Gospel. It sits after all Christ's enemies become his footstool. It examines the books and determines that indeed all the elect did believe and indeed did accomplish all of God's chosen works. Thus, the court determines that Christ has won the warfare over Satan. As a result, the heavenly court awards Christ both the Kingdom of the World that becomes the Kingdom of God and also the Title Deed of the Earth. (Compare Daniel 7:10, 13-14; Revelation 11:15-18; 20:11-15).

These awards give Christ the legal authority, according to the rules of the spiritual warfare, to rapture the Church (at the marriage of the Lamb - Christ) and to bring the final resurrections and judgments. At His Second Coming (before the time of the bowls), He raptures the Church and then, with the holy angels, He kills all the rest of humanity (unbelievers) with the rod of iron and the wine press operations (Revelation 2:27; 14:17-20; 19:15). They are killed because of their formal commitment to deny the Gospel. Thus, these peoples can no longer be saved. Thus, the Rapture is Post-Tribulation. There is definitely an endtimes Tribulation. There will not be a millennial kingdom. According to the Scriptures, all promises to Israel for the land have been fulfilled (See Joshua 21:43, 45; Nehemiah 9:7-8, 24; Ezekiel 33:24).

God said that if He did not leave a believing remnant, the people would become like Sodom and Gomorrah (Romans 9:29). They could not longer be saved. Thus, after the Rapture, Christ will kill all the remaining people across the earth. They no longer can be saved. There is no millennial kingdom coming. Because there are believers (Church called saints) in the Tribulation, on this basis, there cannot be a Pre-Tribulation Rapture.

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He uses the 1000 years (most likely a day or short time period - see 2 Peter 3:8) in Revelation to determine whether or not any one remaining after the Rapture will repent. Satan is bound during this period. None repent, so Christ releases Satan and brings the final battles at Armageddon etc. that kills all the remaining people who no longer can be saved. (Revelation 16:11, 12-21.) The Church is resurrected before the 1000 years and the unbelievers after the 1000 years. (Revelation 20:4-6.) Christ, after the 1000 years, brings a warfare and casts Satan and his angels into the Lake of Fire (Revelation 20:10). By examining the many Bible verses when Christ comes in the clouds, the period of Christ's Coming includes the Rapture, the 1000 years (the period of the bowls), the resurrections and judgments, and the Great White Throne Judgment.

At the judgments and resurrections, all believers go to live with God in the new Jerusalem forever. All unbelievers go to be away from God forever to live in the Lake of Fire (Revelation 20-21). There is no Scripture that teaches that one will ever get out of the Lake of Fire, even though some believe it might happen (Universalism). If we believe it might happen, we must hedge about being wrong and share the Gospel in order for our loved ones and others to be saved. It is unthinkable to be wrong here. Even staying in the Lake of Fire for a short period is a most terrible experience. ***At some point in the resurrections and judgment, all knees, of both believers and unbelievers, will bow before the Lord Jesus Christ. They will declare Him Lord of all, to the glory of God the Father (Phillippians 2:10-11). (So why not do it now?)***

For believers, God will remove the depraved natures and their memories containing any sin when they enter heaven (Isaiah 65:17). No sin or memory of sin is allowed in heaven. God will remove from all unbelievers all knowledge they have of and from the Bible and of God. They will not know why God has forsaken them. The believers will be in perfect blessing. The unbelievers will be in both spiritual and physical pain. The believer will be in perfect light of Christ. The unbeliever will be in complete or absolute spiritual and physical darkness. They will never see another person forever. The Lake of Fire is a most terrible place. It is a most lonely place.

God has given us His Gospel from His love for the lost (us) (John 3:16). We should, also from our love for the lost, work with commitment to help everyone believe the Gospel, praying that God will work in them.

UNBELIEVERS ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE - It must be thoroughly understood that anyone who does not receive the Gospel to go to heaven, are without excuse at the judgment. God makes it clear in the Bible to all people that He exists through His power in creation. This allows man to pursue God by at least some faith. (Romans 1:18-22)

If the unbeliever chooses not to make this pursuit, it is his choice. This is a reason that teaching and believing evolution without creation is so devastating. God has put in the conscience of every person some law to be obeyed (Romans 2:14-16). Thus, when man disobeys this law, he sins, and he knows that he sins. This experience and knowledge of creation should give him some motivation to seek God. But man has a way of relating this sin to only making mistakes instead of breaking God's laws. Generally unbelievers, even Satan, do not understand that justice is necessary for sin (Proverbs 28:5). They may not even understand sin. Thus, he believes he is living a good life. And of course Satan brings them some deception to act like the Most High God in some manner. The sin nature also does this.

THERE WILL BE AN ENDTIMES TRIBULATION - God is not a God of partiality (Romans 2:11; Galatians 2:6; Ephesians 6:9). He would not have some believers miss the Tribulation and then

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have many believers die in the Tribulation of such a very large number than no one can count them. As the Rapture comes, the world will be in great apostasy as unbelievers and no longer can be saved. Very few Christians will be alive. Our Lord said that when He comes, will He find faith on the earth (meaning very little) - Luke 18:8? The days will be like the days of Noah. In Noah's time, very few believers were delivered, the rest were killed (drowned). This is the pattern. After the deliverance of God's people by the Rapture, God will kill the remaining people because they can no longer be saved. It occurs when Christ brings the rod of iron and wine press operations.

We know there is a future Tribulation because when Christ comes, He casts the persons of the Beast and the False Prophet into the Lake of Fire (Revelation 19:20). This shows definitely there is an endtimes Tribulation. Also the Bible teaches that the Tribulation is ***the*** Tribulation, ***the*** great one (See the Greek in Revelation 7:15:). The events of Revelation unfold in a Pattern Sequence for how Christ wins back the Title Deed of the Earth from Satan.

Kenneth Wuest in his translation of *The New Testament* has it:

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

WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN THE TRIBULATION COMES - We learn what will happen in the coming Tribulation by knowing that the Tribulation comes as divine discipline on the favored nation and on the other nations according to the Pattern Sequence. By studying what happened to Old Testament Israel in her sequences, we can know what will happen in Revelation's.

A calamity will come that will establish world government. As the Church falls sufficiently away and the sin of the rest of the people increases, God allows Satan to use a calamity, as a method in the Dialectic Process. Satan acts to take the world from independent governments to world government under one rule of world government (under Satan and his man with Babylon the Great). The calamity, will bring power black-outs, war, famine, and plague over one fourth of the earth (Revelation 6:8). The infrastructure, particularly in the United States, will break down, preventing goods from getting to the market place. There will come a financial crisis. Satan will use foreign military to bring the calamity that represents world government. This is God's way in the Pattern Sequences. They are now here. Foreign military has been training in the United States, Canada, and Mexico for many years under the United Nations. The United States, as the favored nation, has had more light from God than any nation in history. Thus, she can expect the greatest judgment of any nation in history. There will come a major war in the Middle East.

As this calamity happens, the then president will declare martial law as is allowed by an existing executive order. When this happens the then president will rule in dictatorship no doubt using FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and the military. The Congress, Constitution, and Supreme Court will now go away. They are no longer legal as long as martial law exists. The then president will bring in more foreign military to restore order. He will place the country under world government. Then we are in the Tribulation. The beloved America as we know her now will be gone forever. We will now have a controlled society, very likely under a military ruled government. And this will have come because the Church is falling away. She is bringing the Tribulation on herself. This is all according to God's Plan.

Satan directs the coming world government, as allowed by God, using a group of internationalists. (They are called Babylon the Great by the Bible and called the Illuminati by the world.) They rule secretly from behind the scenes (Revelation 17:3-7; 18) using sorcery. He uses the illuminati now

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to bring precursors that help establish world government. ***There is definitely a world conspiracy in place led by Satan to bring world government and the endtimes.***

We can know what will occur by studying what happened to Israel and comparing it with Revelation. When the calamity comes to establish world government, our biblical training time in freedom will be truncated. Our Constitution and government will be taken from us. It will be replaced by an evil one of the world government. With a new constitution, the coming world government can take from us what it wants and place us where it wants, and we will have no legal defense. Under world government, Church buildings will be confiscated. This government will make war with the Church. Most Christians, beginning with Church leadership, will be martyred. Our children and youth will be satanically educated by the state, being prepared for world government and not ever to be saved (Deuteronomy 28:32, 41). The government will most likely use the public and private school properties. Parents will not be able to do anything about it. They will be taught the endtimes world religion that can look authentic. They will never see a Bible again.

(How will you feel when your children, grandchildren, and youth are under satanic education and you did not take time to train them when you could and were warned of the coming situation? What will you do during the calamity when food, water, gasoline, communications, and electricity are not available from the grid for some long time period time? Churches and families should now put in provisions for their people in order to get through the calamity. They should have some preparation for the plagues that are coming.)

Our real estate will be confiscated. We will no longer have any rights. We will have a world false religion without justification for sin. World trade will flourish. There will come a new financial system. We will need (to be trained) to take strong stands against the world government's indoctrination and the severe persecution. (I have a detailed potential endtimes scenario as to how the endtimes can unfold and what we will experience. It is based on the Old Testament and Revelation's teachings regarding the Pattern Sequence and some secular data.)

THE TRENDS TODAY IN OUR CHURCHES - These churches today teaching mainly first-level Bible, can be becoming immature with a loss of Biblical intellect. The trends are such that now fewer know and can teach God's Word in breadth with depth. Few understand and can discuss the doctrines of prophecy in detail below the notion level. We are rearing young people now who know, but little of the Bible.

Are they being taught to live by faith and by love? Are they being taught to live in head-subordinate relationships patterned after the Son's walk with the Father? Are they being taught to stand strong on doctrine and in Christ when the persecution comes? Are we being taught to do area-wide evangelism?

With these trends continuing and because the teaching of God's Word will be illegal in the Tribulation under world government, we are heading into the darkest spiritual period in all of history. Very few will know God's Word comprehensively, including the prophetic doctrines. And the Church with its limited training is helping to fuel this now. God brings a famine of His Word and takes away our music (songs) when countries go under divine discipline (Amos 5:23; 8:11). Precursors are happening now as the churches are going to mainly first-level teaching and using rock music that is replacing the hymns. This is Satan's

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method to keep the elect from believing and from accomplishing God's work. It allows him to rule the world.

The Bible teaches there will come a great falling away, apostasy, or departure from the faith when the Tribulation comes (2 Thessalonians 2:3). Going into the Tribulation with very few people knowing God's Word in any depth and without adequate background, many will fall away from the faith under the coming persecution. This gives Satan more power. Many who believe a Pre-Tribulation rapture may fall away in the Tribulation believing they have missed the Rapture and therefore are not Christians. The Bible teaches that we perish when we have a lack of knowledge (Job 36:12; Isaiah 5:13; Hosea 4:6). The churches are fueling this lack of knowledge now by their limited teaching.

SUMMARY: WHAT THE CHURCHES ARE DOING TO FALL AWAY TO HELP BRING THE ENDTIMES TRIBULATION- In our understanding, the following, as a summary, is happening on the average, (though there are many exceptions even in some foreign countries) that lead to the coming of the endtimes Tribulation:

1. The Churches are doing but little *local* area-wide evangelism off the Church property, particularly in the United States.
2. The Churches are not adequately maturing their people in Christ-likeness, even though working for some Christian growth.
3. The Churches are speaking in false tongues and using the world's (not God's) loud rock type repetitive beat music to bring younger people into the churches.
4. The Church people are involved in immorality, wrong divorce, and wrong remarriage after divorce.
5. Many churches wrongly believe that God will bring back animal sacrifices and physical temples.

This situation of sin in our churches causes the sin of the rest of the world to greatly increase. (Sin will continue to increase to Christ's Second Coming.) Believing wrongly in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture or that there will not be a Tribulation causes some to go spiritually to sleep. Some believe the present times can continue for many more years, which will not happen. They will be truncated without warning. People not prepared, can be caught blind sided. ***Churches generally do not know and recognize the signs that signal the Tribulation can be coming soon. Thus, most will be caught blind-sided when the calamity suddenly comes.*** This falling away and lack of discernment are primarily caused by Church leadership falling away. They can expect great judgment.

WHAT OUR CHURCHES SHOULD DO NOW - We should now take serious warning - a Watchman Warning - and act urgently and with commitment. Current signs and conditions now signal that the Tribulation, beginning with calamity, can come at any time. Only God knows the timing.

The overwhelming sign is that because America is deteriorating sinfully in every category, we know for certainty, the overall church is falling away. World government is being planned. God is bringing warning through acts of God and through His Watchmen. We are now calling

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evil good and doing what is right according to own eyes. We no longer endure sound doctrine. We can no longer tell the difference between the holy and the profane. There is accelerating debt in the favored nation. People are declaring peace- peace when there is none. There is a great increase in sodomy. Peace-peace is a tenet of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture for believers because they believe (wrongly) they will miss the Tribulation. There is a decrease in the knowledge of God. The people have forgotten the true God. When God brings warning of judgment coming, He brings flooding rain (Ezekiel 13:11-13). (Are Katrina and the Napa area flooding (2005) strong signs of judgment coming? Also the far-east Tsunami (2004) could be a strong warning.) The many signs are listed in my prophecy report and books.

All church leaders should now warn their people that the Tribulation can come soon at any time. They should now prepare their people for going through the Tribulation to stand strong and gain more maturity in Christ and especially for eternity. They should do this with great urgency and commitment if they are not already doing it.

Churches and families should encourage their people to work to mature their people, help do area-wide evangelism, and no longer use rock music. **Church leaders and family heads should urgently work extra time training their children and the youth.**

(We will all bow before the Lord Jesus Christ in heaven. We will do this to the Glory of the Father.

Philippians 2:9-11 - Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

We will be in great awe standing before Him. But we will have the attitude to play rock music, have body motions, dance, and wave our arms, or will we have the attitude to sing *How Great Thou Are, To God Be the Glory, Crown Him With Many Crowns, and Great is Thy Faithfulness?* You know my answer. If we would only do the latter as we stand before the Lord in heaven, why would we now use the former in our worship services? Of course some of us may believe differently here.)

Church and family leaders should especially train and prepare their children and youth to stand strong in Christ with the coming satanic educational system. All should be taught Christian-Faith Doctrine, how to walk by faith, and how to walk by love. They should be told what will happen in the Tribulation so they will know what will happen and that Christ will take them in the Rapture. They should place their people into small home support groups. They should put in provisions to get through the coming calamity. **They should do these now while they still can. When the calamity comes it will be too late.**

MINIMUM SUGGESTED TRAINING - In our view, the training, heavily applications oriented, should at least include: (1) Christian-Faith Doctrines; with God's Attributes; (2) God's Plan for History including the spiritual warfare and endtimes Prophecy; (3) Christian-Life Relationship Principles patterned after Christ's walk with the Father including building strong marriages and families, how to walk by strong faith and strong sacrificial love, especially under persecution; (4) how to witness the Gospel; (5) How to establish and operate small groups; (6) the Voice of the Martyr's materials for what to do and not do in and out of prison as the underground Church; and (7) with more time, the Harmony of the Gospels (life teachings, and ministry of our Lord) and selected Bible books such

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as Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians. We should train our people to do critical analysis of our situations and about what is happening, what is coming, and what we should now do. With the poor training most are getting now, and not concentrating on God, very few are able to do such analysis or even think to do such analysis. (I have a list of items that can be included in the above topics.) (I am available to help when needed.) We can modify the above teachings when God gives us leading.

KEY PERSONAL QUESTIONS THAT REQUIRE URGENT ACTION - Are you a Christian? How do you know? Are you and your people becoming highly mature in order to know and relate to God toward His fullest in eternity? How do you know? If you are a church or family leader are you with urgency maturing your people, especially your children and youth in Christ? What would make you think that you are? How and by what should they be trained? Are your children and youth prepared to stand strong without falling away against the satanic indoctrination that is coming? What would make you think they are? Are you prepared with needs-of-life provisions and needed Bible materials if the Tribulation should come without warning in a whirlwind today? The calamity and its effects could last for a long time period. Do you have a personal doctrinal statement? Do you know what you believe? If you are a leader and not maturing your people and not helping to evangelize your local areas, do you not expect judgment? If not, why not?

ENDING THOUGHTS - *Have you considered your future? The Bible teaches that Israel in her sin did not consider her future that she would come under judgment (Lamentations 1:9). Our churches today should consider their futures as the coming of the endtimes Tribulation is now impending. The bottom line is that we mature our people in Christ, help do are-wide evangelism, particularly of the children, place all our people into small home support groups, and put in some provisions for when the calamity comes. This is good insurance. So why not do it? I am working to do this. Lets work together. We can help each other. Would this not be part of God's best?*

We must be careful to obey now. The Bible teaches that God does not or may not answer our prayers when the discipline comes because we did not adequately obey in good times (Jeremiah 7:16;14:10-12). Even if the Tribulation is delayed, we should want to be prepared even 10 or more years early, than to be one second too late. But what if it comes this year? Should we not urgently prepare? It takes time to train, especially the children. And what are results if we do not? Are we not bringing eternal harm to our people? Will they not know and relate to God less. Will they not send less spiritual wealth on ahead and receive less heavenly rewards? What would make you think otherwise? Is not our Church leadership mainly responsible?

If we appreciate God's Greatness, we will do these things so our people can know and relate to God toward His fullest and be prepared for the coming Tribulation and for entering eternity. We want to know as much about God as we can and do all His will to the extent and scope that He desires and has planned for us. Knowing and relating to God the Father through Christ toward His fullness is all there is. We should live our lives to the glory of God. May Christ be exalted in our lives. We should major in the major of which there is but one - maturity in Christ to know and relate to God.

1 Corinthians 10:31 - Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

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PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW. PRAISE HIM FOR HIS GREATNESS.