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TWENTY BIBLE DOCTRINES TEACH UNAMBIGUOUSLY A POST TRIBULATION RAPTURE ●¹

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INTRODUCTION

Many Bible doctrines, individually and especially collectively, teach unambiguously a Post-Tribulation Rapture and that there is an endtimes Tribulation containing believers from “all nations” (both Jews and Gentiles), not just Jews, will experience. These doctrines teach how the Endtimes Unfold, and why Israel under Satan may bring back a physical temple (but God will not - the Church is now the temple or sanctuary of God. Bringing back animal sacrifices after the Cross would be sin and an abomination before God). A Pre-Tribulation Rapture of the all-nations (both Jews and Gentiles) Church is not possible and it is not taught in Scripture.●² This is verified by we, as believers in the Gospel, both Jews and Gentiles, are without ethnic division, and are on the earth for the single needed purpose to become maximumly mature in Christ-likeness. (The main most important purposes for national Israel were completed at Christ’s Ascension.) This is so we can have a maximum close walk with great fellowship with God, especially in eternity. The doctrines teach the all-nations Church will go into the endtimes Tribulation.●³

1. **BEGINNING:** If the Tribulation is a non fractional number of years except for the 6 months in the Mark-of-the-Beast Period, the Tribulation will begin 6 months away from the month of Christ’s Coming (in the fall of the year) to begin in some spring.

2. **PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE ORIGIN:** The “wrong” Pre-Tribulation Rapture View was first established by Margaret Macdonald in 1825 AD and then brought into the Irvinite Church. Then it went to John Darby, C.I. Scofield (Scofield Bible), Dallas Seminary, and then to thousands of churches. But the doctrine is not taught in the Bible. It is based on assertions, not doctrine. It is being used by Satan as strategy to have the churches believe falsely in a Pre-Trib Rapture so church people generally will have less incentive to study prophecy, will not mature their people in Christ, will not know the endtimes signs as to when the Tribulation will come, and will be caught blind sided when the Calamity comes. Not knowing these, and not being greatly matured in Christ-likeness including walking by great faith, there will come a great (major) falling away in the coming endtimes Tribulation.

3. **KEY REFERENCE ON MY WEB SITE:** *The Pattern View of Prophecy: The Many Doctrines of Prophecy Show Clearly the Rapture Will Come Post-tribulation and the 1000 Years During Christ’s Second Coming.* (71+ pages; dated: 5-3-06.

THE 20 DOCTRINES THAT UNAMBIGUOUSLY TEACH A POST-TRIBULATION RAPTURE

***1 Revelation teaches there is a special endtimes Tribulation. Revelation (chapter 7:9-14) teaches that the Great Tribulation (the Tribulation, the great one, in the Greek teaching a specific one - not the general Church period) is all nations in characteristic. It not exclusively Jewish, that would require or allow a Rapture of the all-nations (both Jews and Gentiles) Church before the Tribulation. (There are many-many saved people of a very large number that no one can count "from all nations" who die in the endtimes Tribulation, the great one. This doctrine alone, by itself, teaches there definitely is an endtimes all-nations Tribulation and a Post-Tribulation Rapture. Thus, the teaching denies a Pre-Tribulation Rapture of the all-nations Church that would require an "exclusive all Jewish" Tribulation. The situation is that an all exclusive all Jewish endtimes Tribulation is not taught in Scripture.)**

Also the "persons" of the beast and the false prophet are cast into the Lake of Fire at Christ's Second Coming teaching the 3½ year Mark-of-the-Beast Period comes just before Christ's Second Coming. This doctrine teaches there is an endtimes Tribulation.

The endtimes Pattern Sequence teaches (See the appendix for its description): (1) there is an endtimes Tribulation used for divine discipline on the Church and world; and (2) the Rapture occurs after the disciplinary period of the Tribulation at Christ's Second Coming.●⁴ (The churches experienced tribulation in the Church period. This was part of our testing to become mature in Christ-likeness. Thus, the word "tribulation" has general use in the Church Period as well as "specific use" when referring to the endtimes.)

***2 "All" believers (both Jews and Gentiles) in Christ as Savior (the Church) from all of history, have been called out from the Dominion of Satan under Satan's eternal control into the Kingdom of God under Christ's eternal control. The Cross broke down the barrier of the dividing wall between the Jew and Gentile where**

4. THE TWO TRIBULATIONS IN MATTHEW 24:21, 29: The Great Tribulation in verse 21 occurred when the Romans destroyed the Jewish temple and Jerusalem and greatly persecuted the Jews in AD70-72. In verse 29, the Tribulation, after these days, is the time just before Christ's Second Coming. Some have believed wrongly that both Tribulations are the same period. But interpreters must realize that there is an unmentioned hiatus in the passage which is the Church Period. It is not stated in this Gospel, because at this time, the Church Period was held as a mystery, not to be revealed until after Christ's Ascension when the Church Period started (Ephesians 5:32; Colossians 1:26-27). Also the great Tribulation in AD70 was mostly on the Jews. The one at Christ's Coming will be on all nations and races of people. They, in our view, are different tribulations.

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now they, both as believers, are one in Christ, and His Church without ethnic division. “All believers” (both Jews and Gentiles) in the Cross are “the Called Out Assembly” unto Christ. Thus, all believers from all of history are part of the Church. Thus, there is no biblical basis (or teaching) for a Rapture view that wrongly separates believers (after the Cross) into two separate groups, Israel and the Church, that would be required wrongly for a Pre-Tribulation Rapture.●⁵

Galatians 3:28 - There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:14-16 For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one, and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.

***3 All believers, no exceptions, both Jews and Gentiles, including those in the Tribulation, are (compose) the single Body of Christ and the only Church. The Church is the name given to all believers in the Gospel (including both Jews and Gentiles - all ethnic groups). They have been translated (called out) from the Dominion of Satan into the “relationship” (not physical) Kingdom of God. We, as the Church (both believing Jews and Gentiles), are here to become maximally mature in Christ-likeness in relationship living (living as Christ lives in relationship to the Father). This is so that in eternity we can know and relate to God in His fulness, righteousness, and holiness in close fellowship with Him and each other to the maximum, living amidst His great Glory forever. Apart from this relationship, there is nothing. Gaining this maturity is the main reason we are here. Our Lord on the earth demonstrated the life we are to live out by doing only what comes from the Father as a source. Everything for our life (in thought and in action) is to be directed from the Father as a source. (Today His general direction is in our Bibles - accurate translations, not interpreted paraphrases.) We can only learn to live by the greatest sacrificial love there is by seeing it expressed and demonstrated by God in Christ sacrificially dying on the Cross as explained in the Scriptures. Wrongly, having two groups of believers (Church and**

5. THE CHANGE BEGINNING WITH PENTECOST: The Church of only believers did not replace Israel of both believers and unbelievers. God is drawing believing people out of Israel to be part of (become) the Church with the Gentile believers. God no longer holds Israel, consisting of believers and unbelievers, as a covenant nation. The O.T. dealt with the physical kingdom of Israel ruled on earth. The N.T. deals with the spiritual (not physical) relationship Kingdom of God ruled from heaven, over all the earth. God did rule believers in the O.T. also.

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Israel) after the Cross, as Pre-Tribulation Rapture believers (must) believe, most wrongly denies this main purpose of being (becoming) maximumly mature in Christ-likeness. Thus, under no circumstances can the Pre-Tribulation Rapture view be correct.

Romans 1:16 *For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. (The Gospel did not leave the Jews to go the Gentiles (Greeks) until 3 ½ years after the Day of Pentecost at the beginning of the Church period.)*

***4** Christ divorced the Northern Kingdom of Israel in her history declaratively stated (Jeremiah 3:8).●⁶ The marriage to the Southern Kingdom of Judah was terminated when the Jews had the Romans crucify Christ - (when He died). Christ is now marrying the Church. He cannot have two wives at the same time (Titus 1:6 for church leaders). This would be bigamy and major sin. Thus, because Christ never divorces the Church, He cannot now or ever again remarry Israel. The Church (consisting of both Jewish and Gentile believers) as the bride of Christ in a legal arrangement does not now live with Him. She goes to live with Him at the marriage supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:7-9) which occurs after the endtimes Tribulation at the time of Christ's Second Coming. This is the time of the Rapture.

***5** God gave a covenant to Israel that her people could live in their land forever. The Bible teaches that all of God's promises to Israel concerning the land were at one time fulfilled (Joshua 21:43, 45; Nehemiah 9:7-8, 24; Ezekiel 33:24). Israel at one time possessed all the land that God promised her. Israel was promised the land as an everlasting covenant. But to keep the covenant active, the Jews had to obey God. This was in a marriage relationship.●⁷

6. **DIVORCE OF THE NORTHERN KINGDOM OF ISRAEL:** *Jeremiah 3:8 "And I saw that for all the adulteries of faithless Israel, I had sent her away and given her a writ of divorce, yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear; but she went and was a harlot also.*

7. **PROMISE OF THE LAND:** God gave Israel the land in an everlasting covenant and possession (Isaiah 60:19-21). This required the Jews to obey God in order to stay in the land. By being disobedient to God, the Jews, themselves, broke the covenant and many Jews were taken out of Israel's land by the attack of world government into the land of world government (Leviticus 26:15; 44; Deuteronomy 31:16, 20; Jeremiah 11:10-11; Ezekiel 16:59; 18:18). But in repentance, God would reestablish the covenant and allow them to live back in the land, once again (Ezekiel 16:60). Then Israel would proceed to break the covenant again in the sequence presented in Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28. The Jews of the Northern Kingdom of Israel eventually would not come back to God from their disobedience, so God divorced the Northern Kingdom (Jeremiah 3:8). At the Cross, Jews of the Southern Kingdom of Judah broke the covenant again in a final arrangement by rejecting (continued...)

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But Israel could break the covenant by her disobedience. In their disobedience, breaking the land covenant, the Israelites were placed under the rule of an attacking world government (or empire) for divine discipline with many Jews being taken out of Israel's land into the land of the world government. God would re-establish the covenant with repentance after the discipline period and return Israelites to their land (Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 28). But there came a time for the Northern Kingdom when she would not repent. God did not restore the covenant and gave her a writ of divorce (Jeremiah 3:6-10). The Southern Kingdom rejected God at the Cross by rejecting their Messiah - having Him crucified. Because, she would not return to God in obedience, and having Christ crucified, the marriage to the Southern Kingdom was terminated when Christ died. Thus, the promise to the land by the everlasting covenant, God has revoked forever (Israel permanently broke the covenant by not returning to God in the needed repentance). So God will never return Israel to her land ever again as a special nation to Him (After the Romans destroyed their temple and their land in AD 70-72).

Satan (not God), in May 1948, brought the present Israel back into the land. The Jews are now in the land in complete apostasy without the required repentance for God to bring her back. They have no interest in their Messiah.●⁸ Satan will use Israel to bring the wars to help establish the Tribulation. He is using the current existence of Israel to have the Church believe wrongly in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture, wrongly having a Jewish Tribulation, and wrongly having a Jewish Millennial Kingdom. This wrong view deters believers (even though it should not) from seeking and becoming maximumly mature in Christ-likeness so less of God's work will be accomplished. This is part of Satanic strategy to help prevent the elect from believing and/or accomplishing God's work. Israel, as of the Cross, was terminated as God's covenant nation even though previously she was used greatly of God. She was used greatly to: (1) be the genealogy that brought Christ;

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their Messiah forever. So when the Jews had Christ crucified by the Romans, this broke the covenant and destroyed the marriage to the Southern Kingdom when Christ died. God gave them (of the southern kingdom) a 40 year probation from AD 30 to AD70 to repent and come to their Messiah. But this did not happen. This continued rejection brought the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple by the Romans. This destruction signaled that National Israel as a covenant nation (both Northern and Southern Kingdoms) in God's Plan was gone forever.

8. NATIONAL ISRAEL TODAY: A few years ago, a missionary told me that the population of Israel today consists of about: (1) 80% apostate Jews who have no interest in their Messiah, only the land; (2) 18% orthodox Jews; and (3) 2% Christians.

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(2) bring the law and animal sacrifices to show a Savior was needed - a sacrificial Lamb (the Messiah) must die for the forgiveness of sin; and (3) bring the sequence as a pattern for the endtimes.

***6** The termination of history and the Rapture can only occur after all people who are to live, have lived, and have made formal and binding decisions to accept or deny the Gospel. The endtimes Tribulation is to complete this purpose. No one is born or saved after the Rapture. This is shown by the teachings: (1) the wheat (believers) cannot be separated from the tares (unbelievers) until AFTER all the tares are bundled for the fire in the endtimes Tribulation (Matthew 13:29-30); and (2) Christ sits on the right hand of God the Father until after all His enemies (unbelievers) become His footstool (Acts 2:34-35) and under His authority (being completed in the endtimes Tribulation). Both directly prevent a Rapture until after the endtimes Tribulation.

***7** The Bible uses the word “saints” for the “Church” (believers in Christ) throughout the N.T. epistles. In the latter part of the Tribulation in Revelation, the word, “saints,” is used, but not the word Church. This usage shows the Church is all through Revelation’s endtime period including in the Mark-of-the-Beast Period. (Believing Jews would be part of the Church and would be included in the “saints.” In Christ, there is no division between the Jew and Gentile as believers, both compose the Church. The Pre-Tribulation Rapture view denies this.)

***8** There is a spiritual warfare between Christ and Satan throughout history. God records who the elect will be and the works they will do. Christ works to have the elect believe and accomplish God’s work (not knowing in advance who they are or the works of God they will do). Not knowing also, Satan works to prevent some of either or both. He must prevent one in either category to win the warfare.●⁹ ●¹⁰

9. SPIRITUAL WARFARE STRATEGIES: See our web site document: *Aspects and Strategies in the Spiritual Warfare Between Christ and Satan Used to Gain Spiritual Maturity in Christ-likeness and to Terminate History*. Satan has many strategies by which he attempts to prevent the elect from being born or becoming the elect and to prevent the accomplishment of God’s work. These include the dumbing down of our church teaching, using rock music, doing little evangelism, and promoting same sex marriages (so the elect might not be born).

10. SATAN DEFEATED HIMSELF (This is God’s way): **Satan defeated himself in the spiritual warfare when He worked to have Christ crucified, including having Judas betray Him. All he had to do to win the warfare was to prevent (not cause) the Crucifixion and he would have won the warfare. No one then could (would) go to heaven or to the Lake of Fire, and Satan would have ruled over all angels and people forever. Having a sin nature, and not living by faith to gain revelation from God, He could not discern the O.T. Scriptures about Christ coming as the Messiah. He was more (or equally) enamored with himself than he was with God.** (The latter can sometimes be our problem as Christians without our

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The Rapture “can occur only after” the heavenly court, after the Tribulation, has determined (using the heavenly books, including the books of Life and of Works) that Christ has won the spiritual warfare and afterward has awarded Christ, according to the warfare rules, the legal authority to rapture the Church and bring the final judgements. The elect did actually believe and did actually accomplish all of God’s work. This determination is made “after” the endtimes Tribulation and “after” all people who are to live, have lived and have made formal decisions to accept or deny the gospel in life or by death. This warfare is developed and presented in detail in my web site document: *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*. The time after the Tribulation when the winner of the warfare is determined shows the Rapture can only come after the Tribulation.

***9** The Church is now the sanctuary of God and is to be a living sacrifice. Thus, the Cross has put aside all animal sacrifices and physical temples forever in God's plan. Satan could (may) bring them back in his plan to deceive the Church. To bring them back would deny the efficaciousness of the Cross. This would be major sin.

***10** Daniel’s “exclusive all Jewish” Seventieth Week is history at the time of the Cross. It “does not” refer to the Endtimes Tribulation requiring a Pre-Tribulation Rapture of the all-nations (both Jewish and Gentile) Church. The purpose of the Daniel 9 prophecy was to show: (1) when the O.T. Jews would return to Jerusalem; (2) that fellowship with God would transition from being under the Palestinian Everlasting Covenant for the land in a physical arrangement (when the marriage of Israel to God was terminated) to now being under the New Covenant under Grace in a spiritual arrangement (with believers being married to Christ;●¹¹ and (3) the chronology when Christ as the Messiah would come, minister, and be crucified. Most of the prophecy’s purposes were fulfilled through Christ on the Cross. This requires the Cross to be in the seventieth week. It occurred in its middle. The Gospel did not go to the Gentiles until after 3 ½ years into the Church Period. The prophecy has nothing to do with the endtimes Tribulation or the endtimes man of lawlessness. Thus, the endtimes Tribulation

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realization or desire especially if we use things, concepts, doctrines, or symbols from the world and ourselves, that are not in the Bible.)

11. CHRIST IN MARRIAGE: Christ could (can) marry Jewish believers now as the Church after the Crucifixion because He died to the Law (dissolving the marriage to Israel) when He was crucified. And when the Jews became believers, they died to the jurisdiction of the Law when they were crucified spiritually with Him.

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is not forced to be exclusively Jewish (forced wrongly by the all Jewish 70th week) that would require the Rapture of the all-nations (including the Jews) Church to occur before the all-nations Tribulation. See my detailed appendix (Daniel's Seventy Weeks) in my book *Watchman Warning*. The appendix is available by itself on my Web Site. (As presented in Revelation, the character of the endtimes Tribulation is all nations, not just exclusively Jewish. Thus, there is no match that would allow for the all Jewish 70th week to be the all-nations endtimes Tribulation. In fact, it prevents it from happening.)

***11 The Pre-Tribulation Rapture View is not credible. Without any believers in the Tribulation period in any nation at its beginning (all people left after such a Rapture will be in extreme apostasy with no interest in the Gospel), this "very large" number of believers from "all nations" including Israel (as stated in Revelation 7:9-14) (most likely) could not be saved in less than 7 years as this view would require. Initially, there is no one in any nation to preach the Gospel and one only becomes a believer when one hears God's Word, and as God works in them.**

***12 The Greek New Testament uses the article (the) with "the" Revelation, "the" Appearance, and "the" Coming of Christ (all terms used were only in the singular) teaching (signifying) "there is only one" (that occurs after the endtimes Tribulation (see Matthew 24:29-31). There are not two that would be required or allowed for a Pre-Tribulation Rapture. The Bible teaches only one resurrection of the Just, not two that would allow and be needed for a Pre-Tribulation Rapture.**

Matthew 24:29-31 "But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken, and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. "And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

***13. The Church will miss the wrath of God. It comes with the Day of the Lord. This wrath of God and the Day of the Lord the Church will miss in the endtimes come in the bowl period that occurs "after" the Tribulation and "after" the Rapture during the latter time (or latter part) of Christ's Second Coming. The endtimes wrath of God is not equal to or in the endtimes Tribulation forcing a Pre-tribulation Rapture. The Tribulation brings the discipline on the Church for her falling away. Revelation unfolds: The seven trumpets come out of the seventh**

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seal, and the seven bowls come out of the seventh trumpet. The bowls come after the Rapture which occurs at the seventh trumpet with the coming of Christ.

14 Revelation 3:10 - Pre-Tribulation Rapture interpreters teach that Revelation 3:10 implies the Church will be raptured before the hour of trial (“assumed to be” the Tribulation without proving the hour of trial is equal to the Tribulation) - but the Bible does not teach this). Revelation 3:10 in the Greek can mean that believers go through the hour of trial but are kept from its effects (are preserved from harm and/or its effects by God). The Greek word or preposition *ek* used in this passage is used elsewhere in John 17:15 with this meaning (even though not an exact match). The believers are preserved in the Tribulation from the evil one because they have eternal security in Christ. God preserves them. The passage, according to the Greek, does not require removal of the Church before the period begins. It teaches just the opposite. An alternative legitimate translation or interpretation is: *Revelation 3:10 - 'Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from [implied separated from but still in the presence of] the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell upon the earth. Also the Bible does not define directly whether or not the Hour of Trial to be the endtimes Tribulation, whether or not it is correct. Interpreters, however, have made this assumption. However, referring to the endtimes Tribulation, the time of testing could very likely refer to the time when one either takes or denies the Gospel when taking or denying the mark-of-the-beast. Those who are already Christians, God preserves.

***15 The Rapture, as Scripture states, occurs at the last trumpet which occurs after the endtimes Tribulation. This means the last trumpet is the seventh that occurs after the endtimes Tribulation or one after it. (1 Corinthians 15:51-52) This situation places the Rapture after the endtimes Tribulation. (The Jewish systems (in application) teaches that the Second Coming of Christ with the Rapture will occur at some Feast of the Trumpets (Rosh Hashanah) in the fall of the year (autumn). This feast comes at the Jewish seventh month for a gathering of the saints and a time of coming judgment. See Leviticus 23:24. Unbelievers at that time, after the Rapture, would be cast into the Lake of Fire, judged commensurate with their works.)**

***16 Christ said that He would raise all believers on the “last” day (John 6:39, 40, 54). (Martha also said she would be raised on the last day - John 11:24.) This is after the Tribulation. He raises the believers at the beginning of the last day and the unbelievers at the end of the last day. The last day is the period during Christ’s Second Coming of the 1000 years which the Bible teaches can only be**

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a day of time (*2 Peter 3:8 But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*). There is no 1000 year physical kingdom of God on earth after or during Christ's Second Coming.

***17** There is no partiality with God. He would not rapture some saints before the Tribulation and then leaves others to be in the Tribulation under severe persecution (even if they were to become believers in the Tribulation). (The U.S. church has fallen away before the Tribulation begins. This falling away is the cause of the Tribulation coming.) (Acts 10:34; Romans 2:11)

***18** The Rapture occurs after the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. This fulfillment occurs in the endtimes Tribulation. There are both Gentile believers and unbelievers in the Tribulation. (Luke 21:24)

There is no Scripture that teaches the endtimes Tribulation has only Jewish believers that would require or allow the Rapture of the all-nations (both Jews and Gentiles) Church before the Tribulation. The Bible teaches there is a very large number of Gentile believers from all nations that die in the Great Tribulation. The Tribulation is "all nations" in characteristic. This prevents a Pre-Tribulation Rapture.

***19** Many Interpreters say that the Bible infers the Coming of Christ can be imminent. Even if true, since it has not happened for 2000 years, it does not have to be imminent just before the Tribulation begins. It can happen (and be imminent) after the Tribulation at the time of Christ's Second Coming which teaching is in agreement with many other doctrines.

Christ said (Luke 18:8): *When I return will I find faith on the earth?* The meaning of the Greek is that He will find very little. This means that when Christ comes, there will be very few Christians alive. This coming is after the Tribulation. (The concept is that when God's people are delivered, there are few believers on the earth to be delivered. This was also true for the delivery of God's people at the time of Sodom and Gomorrah and at Noah's world-wide flood.)

***20** The 1000 years of Revelation 20 as a day of time comes during the Second Coming of Christ as a time of the final judgments (See 2 Peter 3:8). (There is no Scripture that teaches there will be a future physical Jewish Millennial Kingdom on the earth. The Kingdom of God is a relationship kingdom ruled over by Christ from heaven (over all the earth). It has existed throughout the Church Period.)

SUMMARY: The Church will go through the Tribulation for divine discipline

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because she (particularly the American Churches in their falling away) is responsible for its coming. The Church is raptured at Christ's Second Coming at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb to be forever with the Lord.

APPENDIX THE PATTERN SEQUENCE

Study shows the major wording and sequences in overview (not the details) in Revelation match those in overview as to what happened to OT Israel. This provides information for how the sequence of Revelation unfolds.●¹²

There was a favored nation (was Israel and is now the United States). In obedience, the nation has great blessings from God. The United States has been blessed by God more than any other nation in history, including more than Israel in her prime. As God's people begin disobedience (a falling away) (source), the nation begins to fall away (symptom). As this falling away becomes significant, there are signs everywhere that signal this is happening. These signs are here now in the United States. When the falling away crosses God's allowable threshold, God brings a world government military against her to place her under the rule of world government using a Calamity. The overall situation results in divine discipline on God's people. In these endtimes, this government rule is discipline in the endtimes Tribulation. After the end of this period, God returns His people to Himself. This will be the Rapture of the Church at Christ's Second Coming. Then He destroys the world government. After the Rapture all the unbelievers will be cast into the Lake of Fire. This will be but a day in the endtimes.

12. **THE ENDTIMES PATTERN SEQUENCE:** The pattern sequence is derived in my book *Watchman Warning*.