

SUMMARY: ISSUES AND DOCTRINES THAT DETERMINE ENDTIMES BIBLE PROPHECY

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Colossians 1:28- 29 - And we proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, that we may present every man complete in Christ. And for this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.

2 Chronicles 16:9 - "For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His. .. Acts 13:22 - .. a man after My heart, who will do all My will.'

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

Matthew 6:33 - "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you.

God has planned that we reach a mature spiritual ability in Christ-likeness so that we can know and relate to Him in His depth. However, God has initiated a sequence to terminate history. We are no longer in cyclic history. Prepare now for calamity and International Government of Revelation's Tribulation. If you are not already doing so, urgently place your people into small home support groups. Before the Tribulation comes, train them, especially your children and youth, in depth to become mature in Christ-likeness and to help accomplish area-wide evangelism, particularly of the children, for eternity purposes.

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INTRODUCTION AND ORIENTATION

When one studies Bible prophecy, one soon discovers that the situation is very complex. There are many doctrines and issues to consider. This has resulted in Bible students having over six different views with conflicting tenets of how the endtimes unfold without resolution. These views are undoubtedly held by godly, highly academic, and committed Christians.

Why do we not gain resolution? One main reason is that interpreters study prophecy as a stand alone. The approach we have taken is to study God's Plan for history and then see how prophecy fits into the end and terminal phase of His Plan. I believe that this brings the understanding when we consider the spiritual warfare over history and see what must occur first that allows or causes God to bring the Tribulation and Rapture according to His Plan and rules of the spiritual warfare.

I believe other reasons are that interpreters do not consider sufficient number of doctrines and then find the Bible's Harmonization of them. They do not ask sufficient questions and then seek out the answers. For example, when Revelation uses a seven-sealed scroll, one should ask how does God use scrolls in the Bible and then search and find the answer. They do not resolve the doctrines that seem to deny their view, and they make assertions that the Bible does not teach. Finding all the doctrines that apply is like searching for hidden treasure. The doctrines of prophecy are not presented in the Bible in easy- to-find declarative order.

This report presents many of these doctrines and issues mostly in the form of alternative questions, that, in my perception, are involved in any serious prophetic study to have a viable prophetic view. Many or most prophetic books I have read do not address many of these. Positions on certain doctrines, correct or incorrect, very often determine one's view.

With fresh insights and a fresh approach, I have discovered what I believe is what the Bible teaches. ***The fresh approach is to begin with God's Plan for history, not prophecy, and see how endtimes prophecy fits into His plan. This fresh approach with fresh insights is to examine a very large number of Bible doctrines (all I can find) and then determine the Bible's harmonization of these doctrines. It is also to discover how and why the events in Revelation unfold and to ask many questions. helping us to search for the answers.***

The detailed discussions and development from Scripture are presented in my books and in my prophecy report: *Summary: The Pattern View of Prophecy (The Many Doctrines of Prophecy, With New Insights, Show Unambiguously the Rapture Will Come Post-tribulational and the 1000 Years During Christ's Second Coming)*.

Many of the doctrines and issues one needs to consider are listed in the next section in the form of

questions that describe alternative views. Then afterward, I list the doctrines that I believe are the correct ones.

**A LISTING OF ISSUES AND DOCTRINES THAT
DETERMINE ENDTIMES BIBLE PROPHECY
(These are not presented in any special order.)**

- Does the Church consist of believers from all time periods or only those believers in the Church period?
- Is the Church defined as consisting of all believers from all of history that have been translated from the Dominion of Satan into the Kingdom of God? Can one be a believer without being in the Church? Are not all people born as unbelievers in the Dominion of Satan under Satan's general control until they become saved and Christ calls them out into the Kingdom of God. Then, do they not come under Christ's Control?
- Are the saints (called saints) mentioned in Revelation part of the Church or a different set of believers or saints? Is not the Church called saints throughout the New Testament epistles?
- Are Revelation's events future occurring just before Christ's Second Coming or do they occur in past history somewhere in the Church Period? ***Does not Christ cast the persons of the Beast and the False Prophet into the Lake of Fire at His Second Coming? Does this not show the Tribulation is a special and particular period that comes just before Christ's coming? Why does Revelation 7 use the expression: "the" Tribulation, "the" great one? Does this not refer to a special endtimes Tribulation in the time of the seals?***
- Does not the marriage of the Lamb, occurring at Christ's Second Coming, imply this is when the Rapture occurs so that the Church now lives with Christ according to the oriental marriage concept or custom of the Bible?
- Why does the court sit in heaven at the time of the seventh trumpet after the Tribulation? What empowerment does this award provide and why?
- Does not the Tribulation contain the seven seals and the first six trumpets, but not the seventh trumpet or the time of the bowls? What does the court accomplish when it awards the Lord and His Christ the Kingdom of the World that becomes the Kingdom of God? On what basis does the court make its decision?
- What was God's main purpose for placing us on the earth? Was it just to be saved and afterward to help others to be saved? Or was it also to gain maximum maturity in Christ through training from God's Whole Counsel? Is this maturity not needed to know and relate to God toward His fullest now, during the endtimes, but especially throughout eternity? Apart from living by God's Truth, is there anything else?
- What is the impact of our not gaining maximum spiritual maturity in Christ? Can our mature spiritual ability improve in heaven? Or is it fixed at death forever? Does not God command pursuing this maturity and do not all the events of biblical history lead to us, when we respond to God, having maturity in Christ? So should we not pursue it, obeying God's command, and train with great commitment to become mature in Christ? What if we do not?
- After the Cross, is there any future purpose for Israel than to receive salvation and this maturity in Christ? What would it be and why? Why should there be and for what purpose?

- What is the purpose of the endtimes Tribulation? Is it for disciplinary or penal action? If it is disciplinary, could not the Church go through it? Why would you think the Church would not go through the Tribulation, especially because many believers die in the Tribulation? Are not all believers in the Tribulation part of the Church, having been called out from the Dominion of Satan into the Kingdom of God?
- What events in Revelation come before the Tribulation, in the Tribulation, and after the Tribulation?
- What must happen that allows or causes God to start the endtimes Tribulation?
- Do not the signs all around us now signal that the endtimes Tribulation can come at any time - implementing the events of the fourth seal? How do we tell when the Tribulation can be coming?
- What must happen that allows or causes God to end the Tribulation? What determines its duration?
- What is the purpose of Revelation's seven-sealed Scroll? Why does God use it? How does God use scrolls in the Bible or in Jewish history? When in event sequence is the first seal opened or broken? Why?
- Why is Christ worthy to break the seals of the seven-sealed Scroll? What would happen if He were not?
- Should not our people, particularly our children and youth, be matured in Christ before the Tribulation comes? Why or why not? Does it matter? What happens to them (us) in the Tribulation? Are not the children satanically educated by the state and most Christians martyred in the Tribulation?
- What must happen that allows or causes Christ to bring the resurrections and final judgments?
- Is the sequence of events in Revelation unique? Is the sequence patterned after what happened to the Old Testament Jews? Why and how does God use the sequence? In these sequences when the calamity was soon coming to bring divine discipline for sin, God used Watchman to warn the people. After the discipline was over, God delivered His people back to the land of Israel. Could not the Tribulation be the endtimes discipline for sin with the deliverance of God's people in the Rapture afterwards?
- **Watchman Warning.** Are we not now to warn the Church that the Tribulation is impending with only God knowing the exact timing? Should we not now be warned that the disobedience of the Church in America is one of the primary reasons the Tribulation is coming? Should we not now be encouraged to have revival in the Church, beginning with Church leadership, so that God will heal the nation? Because the children will be satanically educated by the state, should we not now have a priority program to evangelize as many we can reach and then afterward mature them in Christ and involve them in Christian ministry?
- How are the seals, trumpets, and bowls or vials sequenced? Do not the seven trumpets come out of the seventh seal and the seven bowls come out of the seventh trumpet? (The concept is that after a series of six, a series of sevens come out of the seventh like what happened in the battle of Jericho.)
- Is the seventieth week of the Daniel 9 prophecy history occurring when Christ gave the New Covenant for salvation or is it future equal to the endtimes Tribulation? Thus, will the duration of

the Tribulation be many years or only seven defined by the seventieth week? Does it matter how long the duration is?

- If the exclusive seventieth week is history, then can the all-nations church be raptured before the all-nations Tribulation?
- How can Daniel's seventieth week apply to the Tribulation when the prophecy was given only to the tribes of Judah and Benjamin? Revelation has 12 tribes? Could it not apply to all tribes if the seventieth week is history and brought the New Covenant for salvation?
- Is the Tribulation mainly all nations in characteristic or mainly exclusively Jewish as would be required by the all exclusive Jewish seventieth week if it were equal to the endtimes Tribulation?
- Is the great Day of the Lord that the Church will miss equal to the entire Tribulation or does it occur during the bowls after the Tribulation and after the Rapture? Are the bowls part of the Tribulation or do they come after the Tribulation and after the Rapture during Christ's coming in the 1000 years?
- What must happen that allows or causes God to rapture the Church?
- Does the Rapture come Pre-, Mid-, or Post-Tribulational? Why?
- Does Christ come with and for His Church at His Second Coming or does He come for His Church before the Tribulation and with His Church after the Tribulation? Does Christ have the authority, according to God's Plan, to rapture the Church before He receives the Kingdom of God at the time of the seventh trumpet that occurs after the Great Tribulation.
- Is God a God of partiality where He would put some of His people in the Tribulation and keep others out by a Pre-Tribulation Rapture? If the Rapture would be Pre-Tribulational, why would God put some believers in the Tribulation and rapture some before the Tribulation begins?
- Is the Church partly responsible for the Tribulation coming? If so, would we not expect the Church to go through the Tribulation?
- Is a Pre-Tribulation or a Mid-Tribulation Rapture viable because a very large number of believers die in the Great Tribulation of so large a number no one can count them? How could this number believe in but seven years? After such a Pre-Tribulation Rapture, there is no one left to share the Gospel, the government is making war with the Church, unbelievers do not seek after God, and the people generally are in great apostasy. Does it not make more sense and be more viable that they were saved before the Tribulation begins and then die in the Tribulation as they are martyred?
- Do the events on Matthew 24:15 occur in AD 70 or must they occur in the endtimes Tribulation? Why?
- Because Christ sits at the right hand of God the Father until His enemies actually come under His authority as His footstool, and because the wheat cannot be separated from the tares until after the tares are bundled for the fire, can the Rapture come at any time except after the Tribulation? Can there be a future 1000 years Jewish Golden Age? There are **only** unbelievers in the 1000 years. Thus, would not Christ have to sit in heaven until after the 1000 years and the wheat could not be separated from the tares until after the 1000 years. Thus, would not the Rapture then not occur until after the 1000 years? So are not all people who are going to live, do live, and make formal decisions in life or death to accept the Gospel in the Tribulation? Can anyone be raptured until after this time? Is anyone born or saved after the Rapture? Does not the entire Church (all believers from

all of history) go to be with Christ at the marriage of the Lamb at His Second Coming? Can there be any believers on the earth after the Rapture? If so, why would there be some? What possible purpose would God have?

- Satan is bound in the abyss (a prison) for the duration of the 1000 years. God uses him and his angels to influence the Church to disobey God in the Church Period. God uses Christ to influence the Church to obey God during the testing of man to bring people to believe the Gospel, and as a believer, to grow in Christ. With Satan bound, would God's Plan for these now work? Does it not make greater sense that the Church is raptured before the 1000 years and all unbelievers make formal decisions to deny the Gospel before the 1000 years and before the Rapture? Does not Christ use the 1000 years (the bowl period) as a day of time so to ascertain whether anyone left on earth after the Rapture will or can believe (and of course none do). The bowl period is after the Rapture and when the Church reigns with Christ. Is a Jewish Golden-Age Millennium even possible?
- What are the motivations of Satan as he makes war with the Church and the world's people? What does he hope to accomplish? Is he attempting to keep any one of the elect from believing and accomplishing any one of God's chosen works? What benefit does he hope to have if he is successful?
- Why is Satan and his angels sentenced to the Lake of Fire before people come on the earth, but the sentence to the Lake of Fire is not carried out until after the end of human history?
- Why did not God create us with the spiritual ability He desires for us in eternity and not use the earth development period? He could then avoid sending anyone to the Lake of Fire. Why would He want us to have depraved natures?
- Because the more mature in Christ do God's work, does not Satan work to influence the Church to: (1) teach only first level training so as not to mature people in Christ; (2) do little to evangelize their local areas; (3) do little to evangelize the children outside the Church buildings; and (4) bring in the world's rock-type music to desensitize people to the leading of the Holy Spirit and not to become involved in God's work. (The music subject is not taught in detail in Scripture, but we can know what the music does by observation. But all do not agree on the conclusions.) Does he not now influence people to speak in false tongues, and to be involved in immorality.
- Because this is now happening, are not our young people growing up with but little knowledge of the Bible? Do they know and can they teach the Bible comprehensively? Are we not heading into a very immature Church with the loss of our biblical intellect? Can we be there now? Are we not in this situation, because Church leadership does not understand the warfare or its major job under the Lord.? Is not the Tribulation coming because Church leadership is falling away followed by the Church people, especially the newer people in the Church? Thus, is not Church leadership first responsible for the Tribulation coming? ***Is not leadership working more for the temporal bringing new people into the Church instead of working for the eternal by, at first priority, maturing their own people in Christ?*** Should not leadership spend most time with their own people, particularly the gung how and faithful, instead of with the newer people? Would our Lord not want us to do this? Is this not what He did? Is not one worse than an infidel if he does not first take care of his own?
- In the Tribulation, Bible teaching will be disallowed by law. With this famine of the comprehensive knowledge of God's Word now in our churches not lead to a great spiritual darkness in the Tribulation?
- Are there Scriptures that teach declaratively or directly that the Rapture will come before the

Tribulation and/or that there will be a 1000 year Jewish Millennium.? What are they? Or are these doctrines believed by conclusions made by declaration based on doctrines that man believes are correct (but in reality are not)?

- What was the role and the purpose of Israel as a Covenant Nation before and up to the Cross and after the Cross? Does she have a role and purpose after the Cross beyond Jewish individuals believing in the Cross to be saved and growing to maturity? Was the Kingdom of God our Lord offered the Jews postponed to later or was it implemented in the Church Period? How do you know?
- While Christ was on the earth, did He offer the Jews a return of Israel's earthly Kingdom or the Kingdom of God ruled from heaven for salvation and a close relationship with Him? Why would he offer them the Kingdom of Israel when He planned to take them from the Dominion of Satan into the Kingdom of God, and the Kingdom of God is the first thing we are to seek?
- Is Christ ruling now on David's throne from heaven according to Acts 2 or must He reign on his throne as some future time?
- What is the role of the United States in Prophecy and why? Is the United States a favored nation unto God such as was Israel?
- How are the Old Testament promises to Israel fulfilled? Is it possible that the promises to Israel stated in the natural are actually fulfilled in the spiritual - in relationships? There are many issues that show the latter. The Bible points the way. ***The teachings in the Old Testament were written in the natural or physical. The teachings in the New Testament are written in the natural or in relationships.***

A summary of many of those written in story or natural form in the Old Testament and implemented in the spiritual or relationship form in the New Testament is as follows (are they not true?): (1) heart circumcision replaced physical circumcision; (2) the spiritual temple of believers and believers as living sacrifices replaced the physical temple and actual animal sacrifices; (3) worshiping God in Spirit and Truth everywhere replaced worshiping in physical Jerusalem temples or tabernacles (buildings); (4) God's universal relationship Kingdom of God replaced Israel's territorial, physical Kingdom; (5) Christ's reign from heaven replaced the reign of Israel's kings on the earth; (6) Christ's priesthood, after the order of Melchizedek replaced the Aaronic priesthood; (7) Spiritual birth in God's Kingdom replaced physical birth in Israel's Kingdom;(8) for believers, spiritual warfare replaced physical warfare; and (9) the heavenly new Jerusalem replaced the earthly Jerusalem. The most important was being in fellowship with God by being in the land was replaced by being in Christ.

- Do Revelation's 1000 years come before, after, or during the Second Coming of Christ? Why? How does God use the 1000 years? What is their purpose?
- The number of man is six and its multiples. Is the total number of years for man on the earth equal to 6000 years? There have been 4000 years from Adam to Christ. The Church period is expected to last 2000 years. Then cannot Revelation's 1000 years be a short period of time such as a day as 2 Peter 3 implies and be included in the 2000 years of the Church period?
- Do the wonderful prophecies of Isaiah 11 and 35 refer to the time of Christ as the Gospels imply or must they be a future period to Pentecost occurring in the 1000 years? Where does the Bible teach they are in the 1000 years? Does not the Bible directly teach that all the promises to Israel regarding possessing all the land have been fulfilled, such as stated in Joshua?

- Was not the prophecy in Isaiah 2 fulfilled when the Gospel went out on the Day of Pentecost in the sequence of Acts 1:8? Does not the Church now only have spiritual warfare? Has not physical warfare gone away for God's people, no longer fighting in physical warfare as the Old Testament Jews did?
- Is not the Church period the last one where all things are consummated by or in Christ? Can there be a future period to the Church Period?
- As part of God's Plan, did the Cross set aside physical temples and animal sacrifices forever or will they return in the Tribulation and/or in the 1000 years as part of God's Plan? Of course they might come back as part of Satan's Plan. Does it make sense for millions of believers worshiping in a physical temple? Are we not taught we are now to worship in spirit and truth world wide, no longer only in Jerusalem? Why would God bring back temples? Can you imagine bringing back animal sacrifices and physical temples after the Cross? Would this not be a denial of the efficaciousness of the Cross and the Christian faith? Would not this be an affront to God?
- Christ is now marrying the Church. Can He be still married to Israel? Can a spiritual leader have two wives at the same time? Did not Christ divorce the Northern Kingdom in Old Testament history and the Southern Kingdom at the Cross when the Jewish leaders made a blood covenant with God as they said let His blood be on us and on our children?
- Does not the fulfillment of the Joel prophecy on the Day of Pentecost declare and signal that the Jewish period is now permanently over? The Holy Spirit was now being poured out on all flesh, both Jews and Gentiles.
- Did the Cross break down the barrier between the Jew and the Gentile where they as believers are now one new man in Christ without distinction? Have not the ethnic divisions in Christ gone away from a spiritual perspective? Are not now the Jew and Gentile one new man in Christ? Can the Jew once again be above the Gentile? Can there be any future Jewish Periods such as in the Tribulation and in the 1000 years?
- Did the Church as a holy nation and new race replace the Covenant Nation of Israel? The holy nation of the Church consists only of believers. The Covenant Nation of Israel consisted mostly of unbelievers even though most went through the rituals. Is this not so when the Bible teaches that all of Israel is not the true Israel, but only those of promise.
- Christ said that when I return, the days will be like the days of Noah. During the days of Noah there were only 8 believers and the rest were in complete apostasy. In the Tribulation, most take the Mark of the Beast and can no longer be saved. They will be in complete apostasy. So when Christ comes, can any one be saved? For this situation, can a large number of Jews be suddenly saved at Christ's Second Coming? Will He not rapture His Church and then kill all the remaining people?
- When Christ comes, can a large number of Jews be saved? Or are the unsaved people in complete apostasy, having taken the Mark of the Beast, and no longer can be saved?
- When Christ comes the second time, will the world be in almost complete apostasy or will it be Christianized?
- Are there multiple resurrections of the Just such as one before the Tribulation, one after the Tribulation, and still another after the 1000 years? Or is there but one resurrection of the Just at the Rapture after the Tribulation at Christ's Coming and just before the 1000 years occur?
- When do the high priest and those that pierced Christ see Him coming in the clouds? Can they see

him unless they are first resurrected at the time of the Great White Throne Judgment? Then can not the Coming of Christ in the clouds include the rapture and resurrection of the Church, the 1000 years, and the resurrection of unbelievers and the Lake of Fire? Why would one not think this is the case?

- The Bible teaches that every person will bow their knee to Christ and call Him Lord. When does this happen for believers, and when does it happen for unbelievers?
- Does Christ have the power to take the Gospel to all nations because the heavenly court gave Him this authority or because Satan is bound so he cannot prevent it?
- Can the Rapture of the Church occur before all people who are to live, have lived, and have made formal decisions to accept or deny the Gospel? Does not the Tribulation, using the Mark of the Beast, bring this polarization? Is not this polarization one of God's intent for the Tribulation?
- Is the wrath the Church is to miss that of the Tribulation or that which follows the Rapture in the time of the bowls and in the Lake of Fire?
- Since the Rapture has not occurred for 2000 years since the Bible teaching on imminence, must the Rapture be imminent occurring just as the Tribulation begins, or can it be imminent just before Christ's Second Coming?
- Must the Church miss the hour of trial or having eternity security go through the hour of trial? Why not? Is the hour of Trial equal to the Tribulation? Why would this be so?
- Is the force that holds back the man of lawlessness from being revealed simply the restraining force of God until sin has reached His threshold state or must it be the Holy Spirit in the Church requiring the Church to be raptured before the Tribulation begins?
- Do the Greek words with the article for the appearing, the coming, and the revelation of Christ refer only to the single event of Christ's Second Coming or can there be two Second Comings, two appearings, and two revelations, or even three?
- Does not God destroy all unbelievers when there is not a believing remnant left? In other words, does not God destroy all the unbelievers after the Rapture because they are in great apostasy just like they were in the days of Noah and the days of Sodom and Gomorrah? Did He not kill all those left in both of these situations? Is this not what happens at Christ's Second Coming? Does He not rapture His Church, deliver His people, and then kill all the rest with the rod of iron and wine press operations? Are they not in apostasy and no longer can be saved? For this concept, if there was a Pre-Tribulation Rapture, would not God kill all those remaining, preventing a Tribulation from following?

CONCLUSIONS:

WHAT WE BELIEVE THE BIBLE TO TEACH REGARDING BIBLE PROPHECY

In our perception, after examining the many doctrines, in summary, the Bible teaches the following (See my prophecy report for more details and for many more doctrines of belief):

- The Rapture will be Post-Tribulational at Christ's Second Coming. There will not be a Pre- or a Mid-Tribulational Rapture. The Rapture will come before the bowl period which occurs during the 1000 years and during Christ's Second Coming.
- ***A Watchman Warning*** - the signs all around us signal and warn now the Tribulation can come at

any time. We do not know the maturity of the signs. Many have been with us for several years. However, we should now do ruthless self evaluation of our conduct, belief structure, and ministries, and immediately make needed changes. Church leadership is to be warned that their falling away and sin are primarily responsible for the Tribulation coming. They can be severely judged. We all no doubt carry some responsibility?

- The 1000 years occur during Christ's Second Coming when the Church reigns with Christ to determine if anyone left will believe (and they do not). Christ's Second Coming includes the Resurrection and Rapture of the Church, the 1000 years, the binding of Satan, the resurrection and judgment of all unbelievers including the Great White Throne Judgment. There will not be a Jewish Golden-Age Millennium. The 1000 years do not occur in the Church period because the Bible teaches the resurrection of the Just, many who have not taken the Mark of the Beast, occurs before the 1000 years.
- Israel does not become the Church. She consisted of both believers and unbelievers. The Israel of God is the believers in Israel in the Church. The Church consists of believers from both Israel and the Gentiles. Both as believers have been called out from the Dominion of Satan into the Kingdom of God. All the rest of Israel remain in the Dominion of Satan.
- The Tribulation is definitely future and its seal events are how Christ wins back from Satan the Title Deed of the earth and the Kingdom of the World that becomes the Kingdom of God. Christ lost both at the fall of man. Satan usurped them.
- Daniel's seventieth week is history occurring when Christ offered the New Covenant to the Jews - really all people. The purpose of the seventy weeks was to tell the Jews when the Messiah the Prince would come and bring them salvation - such as the atonement for iniquity and everlasting righteousness - the New Covenant for salvation. The seventy weeks have nothing to do with the anti-christ and the endtimes Tribulation.
- The Covenant Nation of Israel has been divorced by God as of the Cross and has no future in God's Redemptive Plan. Israel had the most important role before the Crucifixion to bring aspects and the genealogy that brought the Christ. Israel brought the oracles of God. God also used the Jewish leaders to have Christ crucified. God is now marrying the Church. Israel is now, particularly after AD 70, only one of the many nations. She is out of focus.
- God's purpose for mankind was to bring them salvation with Justification for sin and then grow them to have maximum high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness in relationship living. This was for the purpose that responding people would know and relate to God toward His fullest throughout eternity. Apart from this life with all its dimensions, there is nothing. People must pursue this maturity at the highest skill levels under the Holy Spirit with great commitment.
- The Cross broke down the barrier of the dividing wall between the Jew and Gentile where all believers are now one new man in Christ without distinction. ***Spiritually speaking, being in Christ, the ethnic groups have gone away. In Christ, there is no longer Jew or Gentile. It is not possible to have a Jewish Golden-Age Millennium.***
- The holy nation of the Church in the Kingdom of God has replaced the Covenant nation of Israel.
- The Church is defined by, and includes, all believers in the Cross having been called out from the Dominion of Satan into the Kingdom of God. One cannot be a believer in the Cross without being in the Church. All unbelievers are born in and remain in the Dominion of Satan until God calls them to believe the Cross.

- Animal sacrifices and physical temples have gone away forever.
- God established a spiritual warfare to bring the fall of man, salvation in Christ, and as a testing environment to mature His people in Christ. Christ works to bring the elect to believe and to accomplish God's chosen works. Satan works to prevent these from happening. If he would be successful and he will not be, God's sentence of him and his fallen angels to the Lake of Fire would not be implemented. Thus, Satan works to influence the Church to do but little local area-wide evangelism and to only teach first-level training so as to not mature their people. It is the more mature that generally do most of God's work. Churches that teach mainly first level training without also teaching comprehensively God's Whole Counsel and do not train their people to do area-wide evangelism are implementing key satanic strategy.
- The job that Christ has entrusted to His Church is to evangelize **entire** local and foreign areas, not just do some evangelism in these areas. It is bring converts to the **maximum** skill in spiritual ability in Christ-likeness in relationship living with great maturity they understand, not just work for spiritual growth and just be followers of Christ. In order for this to occur, one must be trained with both the Milk and the Meat of the Word. One must be trained with an adequate amount of God's Whole Counsel with a life and ministry emphasis not mainly first level training or mainly Bible content. The evangelism must have a major effort to evangelize children because most people, who do come to Christ, do so by a very large percentage as children.
- We are to train and encourage all believers to be in ministry somewhere. When they do, they bring much glory to God. The Lord said that He glorified His Father in heaven because He accomplished all the work that His Father gave Him to do.
- In the Tribulation, we can expect the world government to make war with the Church. Church leaders and pastors will be arrested and executed. In time most Christians will be martyred. The children and youth will be satanically educated by the state and all property will most likely be confiscated. All Church buildings will be taken by the government. It will be against the Law to preach the Gospel and to teach the Bible. We can have shortages of all kinds including food, water, gasoline, electricity, health supplements, and goods. Travel can be restricted. Most who are not in the work force most likely will be eliminated. There will come great world trade, perhaps the greatest in all of history, in the first part of the Tribulation. The government will clamp down on all who will not accept its world religion, world trade, world financial system, and world government and court system.
- The events of Revelation's seven-sealed scroll unfold in a sequence similar to what happened to the Old Testament Jews. This sequence, using a favored nation (was Israel and is now the United States) includes: (1) great prosperity in obedience; (2) warning and curses in disobedience; (3) having a world government that most likely will put the country into bondage for greater disobedience for purpose of corrective; (4) disciplinary action, the deliverance of God's people back to Him after the disciplinary period; and (5) then a destruction of the world government and people that took His people into bondage. The endtimes disciplinary period is the Tribulation. The deliverance of God's people is the Rapture. The destruction of the world government is the killing of all remaining people by the wine press and rod of iron processes. The signs that were in Israel just before Babylon invaded are now throughout the United States. They signal and warn the Tribulation can come at any time. There will be two phases of world government in the Tribulation represented by the seventh and eighth heads of the Beast. The Mark of the Beast system is during the government of the eighth head.
- If we are not already doing it, we should now train our people, especially including our children and youth, to become mature in Christ with utmost urgency. We may get one year or few to many years before the Tribulation comes. Only God knows the timing We must not set dates. It is best to be

prepared ten years early than one second too late. Because most come to Christ as children, we should do all we can to evangelize the Children such as working with CEF to put after school Bible clubs in the public schools. We can lead them to Christ, disciple them in Christ, and then invite them into our churches and Awana program. Imagine what would happen if ten churches in each area put 3-5 teams together and reached 30-50 schools of from 20-30 or more kids per school.

- We need a curriculum, representing God's Whole Counsel, that we believe contains most of the elements for gaining maximum maturity in Christ and helps us to evangelize our entire local and foreign areas. The training curriculums, taken from Genesis to Revelation, should, in our perception, consist of at least Christian-Faith Doctrines, Christian-Life Relationship Principles, How to live by love and by faith, The Plan of God for history, Endtimes Prophecy, Spiritual Warfare, Help Build Godly Families, the Harmony of the Gospels, Selected Bible Books, and ministry skills of teaching, leading, discipling, and evangelizing. We should include a study of the Voice of the Martyrs' (VOM) materials for how to operate the underground Church (no longer using church buildings) in and out of prison, as the endtimes unfold and many Christians are imprisoned. And probably much more can be added afterwards. We need to memorize the promises and hymns.
- ***The bottom line*** is that we are to receive God's Justice for sin by believing in Christ's Cross and then, very importantly afterward, pursue and have the highest skill-level of mature spiritual ability in Christ-likeness in relationship living we can have in preparation for eternity. This is all that God has planned for us. This ability is needed to know and relate to God toward His fullest throughout eternity in holy and righteous living, living by faith and love in close relationship fellowship. Apart from this, there is nothing.