

The biblical concept is not whether one is a Jew or Gentile, but instead whether or not one is in Christ, being a Christian, and going to be with God in heaven - the new Jerusalem. This is so they can eternally know and relate to God toward His fullest in a close fellowship. As we enter heaven, in general, we will all have different spiritual abilities, fixed forever, for knowing and relating to God. Now is the time to gain this spiritual ability. We must not miss this course for each of us.

As will be stated later, apart from knowing and relating to God, there is nothing. Being in the land of Israel has no importance when compared to this. We are now to worship God in spirit and in truth world wide, no longer mainly in Jerusalem. We must be sure that we properly understand the Old Testament prophecies about the returns of Israel in regard to this central theme of all being one in and with maturity in Christ.

The Bible is centered in using Israel as a means to bring the Savior. This was her major function. This was so that man could be saved and gain maturity in Christ. This means that even though Israel had a prime role before the Cross that, after the Cross of Christ, Israel as a covenant nation is out of focus - only Christ, Himself, is in focus. Individual Jews can come to Christ, as the Gentiles do, and have everything that God has to offer in Him. Nothing else is of equal importance.

It is also helpful to remember that Israel "at any time" consisted of only a small percentage of believers. All Israel, the true Israel, is not Israel, only those who are according to promise - the believers. **After the Cross, all believers in Israel, as are the Gentiles, are in and are part of the Church.** If one is a believer in Christ, regardless of the time period in which one lives, one is in the Church. There is no alternative for the saved in Christ.

After the Cross, the Church consists of "all" believers in and from all time periods that having believed in Christ's Cross have been called out of the Dominion of Satan (where all unbelievers legally reside) ***into the Kingdom of God*** (where all believers in Christ legally reside from all time periods.) At His Ascension, Christ took all the believers who died previously to heaven with Him (Ephesians 4:7-10). This will be discussed in more depth.

Romans 9:6-8 - ... For they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel; neither are they all children because they are Abraham's descendants, but: "through Isaac your descendants will be named." That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants.

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Colossians 1:13-14 - For He delivered us from the domain of darkness [Dominion of Satan], and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son [God], in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Comments: Mine.)

SO WHAT IS HAPPENING?

What is happening in Bible prophecy and in the world today concerning the Jews and Israel? We know that God has not forsaken the Jews because they individually can have all the riches God has to offer them and everyone in Christ as they accept Him as their Messiah and Savior. Christ died on the Cross for their sin as well as for the sin of the Gentiles (Romans 1:16). They become one new man in Christ with the Gentiles with Christ now being the only one with preeminence or first place (Romans 10:12; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 2:13-19; 3:4-6; Colossians 1:18). ***There is now***

no distinction between the Jew and Gentile in Christ (Colossians 3:11).

So the ultimate plan that God has for the Jews or Israel is for them individually to receive Christ as Savior and to advance to maturity in Christ-likeness. This is the plan that God has for everyone who will respond to Him. Then they can live holy and righteous lives before and with God. This is God's plan for the Jews and all people, who will receive Christ as their Savior.

Colossians 1:18 - He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; so that He Himself might come to have first place in everything. (Bolding: Mine.)

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.

Romans 10:12 - For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call upon Him;

Colossians 3:11 - a renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.

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.

As will be discussed, after the Day of Pentecost following the Crucifixion, God is no longer interested in the Kingdom of Israel and the land of Israel in His redemptive and kingdom plan. He is only interested in the Kingdom of God, ruled from heaven. In His earthly ministry, Christ, Himself, never promised or taught a return of Israel as a covenant nation. He taught that everyone, especially the Jews, was to seek the relationship Kingdom of God first (Matthew 6:33), one ruled from heaven. Teaching the Kingdom of God was a purpose for His coming. The concept, as previously stated, is that when one becomes a believer, they are in the Kingdom of God. They are translated from the Dominion of Satan.

Matthew 6:33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Luke 4:43 - But He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose."

Peter asked Christ after His resurrection when would He restore the physical Kingdom to Israel. Christ presented only concerning the relationship Kingdom of God. (See Acts 1:1-11.) As believers in Christ, God rules over us from heaven as the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is taught as being here now throughout the New Testament.

(Check a concordance on the use of the Kingdom of God throughout the New Testament. The Kingdom of God is here now. It is a relationship Kingdom ruled from heaven, not from the earth. It was held as a mystery and thus, was not taught openly until and after the Gospel times, even though it applied then.)

WHAT ABOUT THE ISRAEL OF TODAY

But what about Israel as a nation today and in the future? What does the Bible say about this? God always returns the Jews to their land after disciplinary exile when or after they *repent* of their sin

and want to return to obey God (Leviticus 26:40-45; Daniel 9:1-19). So did God restore Israel to their land in May 1948? Is Israel simply a spiritual nation? They have not been a recognized nation with political boundaries in the land since the Romans destroyed them in AD 70 until 1948. The Jews were allowed to establish their present nation with their people in apostasy in the days after World War Two (May 14, 1948). The majority in Israel today have no interest in God, Christ, the Bible, or being saved.

People of Israel, in being returned to her land in 1948, did not come back as a nation in repentance to God or to believe in Christ as their Messiah. The Jewish nation today is an apostate nation from the perspective of a relationship with God, not centered in the Cross, not believing that Christ is her Messiah. The orthodox and the Christian Jews are in the small minority in the current nation of Israel.

Thus, from a biblical perspective, we know that because God only returns Israel to her land after repentance, we know that God did not bring them back into their land in 1948 because they came back to their land and now reside in their land in apostasy, in unbelief. They were brought back by Satan for his purposes so that his man can eventually rule the world from Jerusalem. He brought them back to help bring a Middle Eastern war that would help establish a world government over which he and his man would rule. Satan brought Israel back into her land so the church would have more incentive to believe the wrong re-Tribulation Rapture, and thus, not give warning or prepare for going into the Tribulation.

From a biblical perspective, we know that, as previously stated, the Cross made the *believing* Jew and Gentile into one new man in Christ having broken down the Old Testament barrier between the Jew and Gentile (Romans 10:12; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 2:13-19; 3:4-6; Colossians 3:11). In the Old Testament, the Gentile has to become a Jewish proselyte in order to be saved. This is no longer true. They, as previously stated, now have equality in Christ. Only Christ now can have any preeminence or first place which was God's plan in the long range of things from the beginning (Colossians 1:18). Thus, the Jew nor any one other than Christ can never have any preeminence in God's plan in the future; the future from the Day of Pentecost following Christ's death and resurrection.

The Church as a holy nation unto God has replaced the Covenant Nation of Israel in His redemptive plan. All believers are now in the Church from all of history having been called out from the Dominion of Satan into the Kingdom of God.

1 Peter 2:9 - But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

We also know that the Cross put aside physical temples and animal sacrifices forever, for all future time periods to the Cross (Hebrews 8-10). They were but shadows of the Cross that helped to explain the Cross (Hebrews 10:1).

The Church today is the sanctuary of God (Ephesians 2:20-22) and is to be living sacrifices (Romans 12:1-2). The spiritual relationship with God has replaced a physical relationship. In God's plan it is the natural first, then the spiritual. This is strongly demonstrated by the Old Testament written in the natural or stories and the New Testament written in the spiritual in relationships.

1 Corinthians 15:46 - However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual.

Some believers today promote the return of another temple and animal sacrifices. **However, to**

bring back physical temples and animal sacrifices now would be an affront to Christ and what He accomplished on the Cross. Such a return would be a denial of Christianity. Such would be a denial of the efficaciousness of the Cross.

In Hebrews 5-6, the Bible teaches that once a person has tasted of the Cross and then returns to animal sacrifices and temples, one can no longer ever return to repentance to be saved. For God to bring back physical temples and animal sacrifices, He would deny His own Word. Thus, such cannot happen.

The natural is the Kingdom of Israel. The spiritual is the relationship (not physical) Kingdom of God. The latter replaced the former. The Church being the sanctuary of God and living sacrifices (the spiritual) has replaced the actual temple and animal sacrifices (the natural). The natural of being in the land has been replaced by the spiritual of being in Christ.

Some believe that based on Jeremiah 31:35-37 that Israel will exist forever as long as the stars and sun can be seen. But we know that Israel did not exist with political boundaries from AD 70 until May 1948. So what does the passage mean? **At the Cross, the whole world was blacked out so the stars and the sun could not be seen. So this passage has been fulfilled and Israel did not actually continue.**

Thus, in God's plan, there will not be a covenant nation of Israel in the future that has any preeminence over anyone or anything. There will not be any physical temples or animal sacrifices in God's future plans, though they could come in Satan's plan as a means of deception. ***In effect, to believe that God will bring back a physical temple in the Tribulation for His purposes, one has denied the Christian faith. It cannot and will not happen. Bringing them back cannot be for a memorial because the cup (His spilled blood) and the bread (His broken body) are the memorial. See 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.***

It should be realized, as stated earlier, that the Church consists of all believers of both Jews and Gentiles in Christ, who, having believed in Christ's Cross, have been translated from (called out from) the Dominion of Satan, the jurisdiction of the Law, and the power or sting of death into the Kingdom of God, under Grace, and freedom from the Law (Acts 26:18; Colossians 1:13). (All unbelievers from Genesis to Revelation are under Law.) This is the case for all believers. There is no other possibility. The Greek *ekklesia* for the English *church* means "called out" believers. (See 1 Corinthians 15:51-57.) (All unbelievers are born in the Dominion of Satan and are to be, as they respond to God, saved by the Cross to be brought into and under the Kingdom of God.)

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Colossians 1:13 - For He delivered us from the domain of darkness (of Satan), and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son (God), (Comments: mine.)

All believers, by this definition, are in and are the Church without exception. At His Ascension after having satisfied God's Justice for sin, Christ received all power in heaven and in earth. This allowed Him to take the Gospel to all the world's peoples.

Matthew 28:18-20 - ... "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. "Go therefore and make disciples [of the converts of the Gospel] of all the nations (including Israel), baptizing

them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, .. " (Comment: mine)

(It appears that the bodies of pre-Cross justified believers were held in custody under the Law in the grave such as David when his body underwent decay (Acts 16:36). Their souls and spirits may be in another place called Abraham's bosom according to the parable in Luke 16:19-31. In Revelation 6, the souls are under the altar. In Revelation 7, they are standing before the throne. These pre-Cross believers, being held captive under the Law, then were most likely taken captive by Christ after His Resurrection and were taken by Him to heaven after He satisfied God's Justice for sin and received all power in heaven and in earth. They became part of His Church at that time, after He received this new power (Luke 16:19-31; Ephesians 4:7-10). The other option is that they went straight to heaven after death. We know that Enoch and Elijah were taken to heaven without their bodies dying on the earth. We know that after the Cross and the Day of Pentecost that all believers are in heaven [Mark 13:27; Revelation 6:9-11]. The Bible does not appear to give us all the information we may desire. But the point to be made is that at the Ascension of Christ these pre-Cross believers then became part of His Church.

DISCUSSION OF DOCTRINES

The Bible teaches that as an Old Testament nation, Israel was married to God in concept (Isaiah 54:5; Jeremiah 31:32). It teaches declaratively in Jeremiah 3:8 that God divorced the Northern Kingdom of Israel because being in apostasy, the kingdom would not return to God in repentance: her people had hardness of heart, having abandoned the marriage with God. (Israel was divided into the Northern Kingdom of Israel and the Southern Kingdom of God.)

*Isaiah 54:5 - "For your **husband** is your Maker, Whose name is the Lord of hosts; And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, Who is called the God of all the earth.*

*Jeremiah 31:32 - not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a **husband** to them, "declares the Lord.*

*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. (Emphasis mine.)*

Thus, the Northern Kingdom is no longer a covenant nation to God forever.

The Jews of the Southern Kingdom at the time of the Cross rejected Christ as their Messiah and Savior forever when they said let His blood be on us and all our children, we will not have this man rule over us, and we have no king but Caesar (Matthew 27:25; Luke 19:14; John 19:15). The Jews took responsibility for His death.

Matthew 27:25 - And all the people answered and said, "His blood be on us and on our children!"

Luke 19:14 - "But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over us.'

John 19:15 - They therefore cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar."

Thus, though not declaratively taught, being indirectly taught, we know that God effectively divorced the Southern Kingdom of Israel at the Cross forever as a covenant nation before Him. When Christ

died on the Cross, this dissolved the marriage to the Southern Kingdom. We know the marriage ended because God (and Christ) is now marrying the Church in the oriental marriage concept (Revelation 19:7) and because of the blood covenant the Jews made with God. The Church is now legally betrothed to Christ with eternal security and gets to live with Him at the marriage of the Lamb at His Second Coming. God does not allow any spiritual leader (which would apply to Him with consistency) to have two wives **at the same time** (1 Timothy 3:2 in the Greek teaches that a spiritual leader must be a one woman man).

1 Timothy 3:2 - An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,

Because the Church is now His wife (betrothed legally in marriage, e.g. Revelation 19:7), He, being a spiritual leader of the Church, must have divorced both the Northern and Southern Kingdoms of Israel as of the Day of Pentecost when the Church began. This is signaled when the Joel prophecy was fulfilled at Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was being poured out on all flesh - on both Jews and Gentiles (Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2:14-21). All of the New Testament when referring to Israel or the Jews refers to them being in Christ and no longer as a covenant nation. They have been called the Israel of God (believers in Christ - not the unbelievers in Israel).

God cannot remarry Israel again as a Covenant Nation ever again in the future because the Bible does not allow a spouse to remarry their original spouse if they have married another (Deuteronomy 24:1-4) (and He never divorces the Church). This brings defilement. Thus, we know that God cannot ever or will ever remarry Israel again.

So has God forsaken the people of Israel? Absolutely not (Romans 11:1)! He can marry the individual Jew as he or she believes in Christ as Savior. This because when they come to Christ they die to their husband of the Law. Having died to the Law and resurrected to new life, they are free to marry in the Lord, meaning to the Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 7:4)

Romans 7:4 - Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, that we might bear fruit for God.

As previously stated, the individual Jew (and Gentle) can have all that God offers anyone by receiving Christ as Savior and have all the riches of Christ. What else is there? Compared to this, being in the land of Israel in a supposed future kingdom has little or no meaning.

So what is the situation with Israel today? What about the Old Testament prophesies that seem to teach that God will return Israel to her land in some wonderful kingdom where Christ will rule the world from the throne of David? How does the present Israel fit into this scheme as the future unfolds or is something different going to occur or has occurred?

At His Ascension, Christ sits on the Throne of David at the right hand of God the Father.

Being correct as previously presented, Israel can never come back as a favored nation to God, even though she had a wonderful relationship in Old Testament times that led to the very important bringing of the Messiah and His Cross. Thus, Israel had a very important role in God's plan that led to the bringing of the Savior. But what about now or the future?

The Bible seems to prophesy a wonderful kingdom coming for the Jews that apparently (?) has not been fulfilled yet. But is such a kingdom coming, and what is happening because of these prophesies? Have these kingdom prophesies been already fulfilled in some manner that has

escaped the notice of many?

A “minority” of apostate Jews, Khzars, and others associated with them, believe they have the mandate from God to rule the world based on the *Babylonian Talmud* and other documents (*Zorah*, and the *Kabbalah*). These, in turn, are based on the Old Testament teachings of a prophesied Jewish Kingdom coming, that to many has never occurred.

The Khzars were originally from the country of Khzaria located in Russia between the Black and Caspian Seas. Shortly after 100 AD, Jewish missionaries went to this country, and the people accepted the Babylonian Jewish Talmud as the bases of their beliefs. So they adopted Judaism. They with the Jews developed Communism and Capitalism as a means to eventually bring the nations together under one world government over which they would rule.●³

Thus, based on the Old Testament and the Jewish Talmud, they assume the Jewish Kingdom in Israel’s land is coming in the future, and they have the mandate to rule the world from this kingdom. Thus, as God allowed, they established the present Israel where they could in principle, in some future time period, rule the world.

Such a future glorious kingdom has been the tenet in the Premillennial View of Prophecy for many years. Interpreters place this kingdom in the 1000 years of Revelation 20. (The Bible does not directly teach that this kingdom is in the 1000 years. It has been “an assertion” of interpreters because, from a human perspective, it is the only (?) logical place if such a kingdom is coming.) So is this kingdom coming?

There are some Old Testament prophecies of some wonderful times coming. Those in Isaiah 11 and 35 were fulfilled when Christ was on earth. Christ said this when He responded to the envoys of John the Baptist when He said to tell John that the dead are raised, the blind see, and the deaf hear. He was quoting Isaiah 35:54. (Compare Isaiah 35:5-6 with Luke 7:22.)

The prophecy of Isaiah 2 about instructions going out from Jerusalem was fulfilled as the Gospel went out in the sequence of Acts 1:8 just after the day of Pentecost. The prophecy in Isaiah 2 speaks to learning physical war no more. We know that there is physical war at the end of the 1000 years. The Bible directly teaches this. But as believers in Christ in the time period of Acts 1:8 and following in the Church Period, we no longer have physical warfare. We are now involved only in Spiritual Warfare. (See Ephesians 6:10-19. - the natural first and then the spiritual) This Isaiah prophecy has been fulfilled. Where as unbelievers have physical warfare, the believer in Christ now has only spiritual warfare.

DOCTRINES AND THE WAY THE BIBLE IS WRITTEN

God wrote the Bible in a manner to be fair in the spiritual warfare to God (and Christ), the angels, and mankind. It is written in a manner in the Old Testament that, if you did not compare Scripture with Scripture, one would believe that a wonderful Jewish Kingdom is coming on earth. **But if one will compare Scripture with Scripture, one will realize that the only kingdom that God is bringing is the relationship Kingdom of God ruled from heaven, not a physical kingdom, ruled from the earth. In the long term, God is interested in our obedience to Him as He rules from heaven, not from the earth. He rules in an invisible**

3. References for Khzars -Video: *The Other Israel* hosted by Ted Pike and from the book by Pike entitled: *Israel, Our Duty..Our Dilemma*.

perspective.

Believing Gentiles and Jews were under the Kingdom of God in the Old Testament and Gospel times. We are not told this until the Gospel times by Christ because the concept of the Kingdom of God was kept as a mystery (Matthew 13:11; Mark 4:11). This means that the Kingdom of God existed previously, but it was not revealed in Scripture until now. It was not revealed, because if it were to be revealed, everyone would know that the only kingdom in the long term is the Kingdom of God. Thus, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory. It was not revealed before because Christ could not transfer believers legally into the Kingdom of God until He received legal power by the heavenly court to do so at His Ascension after the Cross (Matthew 28:18-20).

1 Corinthians 2:6-8 - Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away; but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom, which God predestined before the ages to our glory; the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory;

Whenever persons obey God in any time period, they obey under His Kingdom authority ruled from heaven, even when Israel had kings on the earth. Christ told the Jews that the Kingdom of God was the first thing they were to seek (Matthew 6:33). Obeying the Kingdom of God is taught copiously throughout the New Testament epistles. What other kingdom is there where we are to relate to God?

The believing Old Testament Jews obey in the Kingdom of God, but until the Cross and Pentecost came, they could not be called out legally as citizens from the Dominion of Satan into the Kingdom of God. They could not become the Church.

The apostate Jews at the time of Christ, not able to compare Scripture with Scripture using faith, believed that such a Jewish physical kingdom with their Messiah ruling from David's throne was coming on earth. Because Christ did not offer them that kingdom, but rather the Kingdom of God that would be ruled from heaven, they had Him crucified. They would not have Him rule over them (Luke 19:14). But because Satan thought that Christ could bring the physical kingdom as the Old Testament teaches, he had Christ crucified, because Satan wanted his man to rule instead of Christ (2 Thessalonians 2:8-10; Revelation 13). Had they known the information in the mysteries, they would not have crucified the Christ, the Lord of Glory (1 Corinthians 2:7-8).

All Satan had to do to win the spiritual warfare was to prevent the Cross. **Having Christ crucified, Satan brought his own defeat. This is the wisdom of God.** Now God can take people from under his dominion from his eternal control into the Kingdom of God under Christ's eternal control. Satan taking Christ to the Cross was to bruise Christ on his foot. As Christ was being crucified, Christ was crushing Satan's head. Satan was now losing control.

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

We must not make the same mistake that the Jews of Christ's day in believing that God will bring a physical kingdom on earth. When we believe this as occurring in the 1000 years, we cannot, with consistency, also believe that the only thing that God is doing is maturing believers in Christ. Not to see that God's major program is to mature His people in Christ is a major oversight. In bringing a Jewish Kingdom back again, we in effect are reestablishing the barrier between the Jew and Gentile. This will not happen.

These minority apostate Jews and Khzars (and others) who are internationalists, believing a physical kingdom is coming over which they will rule, are acting today in the role of Babylon the Great who are internationalists. They, as internationalists, plan to rule the world under what the Bible teaches will be the seventh head of the beast (world government or empire) in Revelation 17. They rule and greatly influence now from behind the scenes in secrecy, sorcery, and sensuousness (Revelation 18:3; 23). They have been deceiving and leading the United States and many other nations from behind the scenes secretly for many years. The average person on earth does not know or is aware of their presence or their rule. Today, they are commonly called the Illuminati. Thus, there is a satanic conspiracy in place to set up to rule of the world under Satan and his men to be implemented in the end time Tribulation period, specifically in the Mark-of-the-Beast Period (Revelation 13). (For good insight to these internationalists in modern times, see Ralph Epperson's book: *The Unseen Hand*.)

With careful discernment, we find the Bible actually teaches that the promises to the Jews have been fulfilled. The promises that were written in the Old Testament in a physical or natural manner (as the Old Testament is written) are fulfilled in a spiritual relationship manner with God in the New Testament (as the New Testament is written). For example, in the Old Testament, being in the land was equivalent to being in fellowship with God. The sinful nations in the land had to be destroyed because they were a type of sin in the lives of the Israelites. But in the New Testament, being in the land is being in Christ. Driving out the sinful nations is driving out sin in our Christian lives.

1 Corinthians 15:46 - However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual.

Many Bible interpreters believe that God will still bring back Israel as a nation in a wonderful environment because they cannot find that God has already fulfilled His promise to Israel regarding the land. They also believe that God has not given all the land to Israel that He promised to give them. The New Testament is silent on any such return showing that it does not happen or it is not important. So people believe (assume or assert) that the return will come in the 1000 years which the Bible does not teach. The context of Revelation 20 surrounding the 1000 years is judgment and resurrection. It is anything but a golden age.

However, in searching the Scriptures we find that the Old Testament declaratively teaches that all the promises for the Jews to occupy the land in and around Israel have been fulfilled (Joshua 21:43, 45; Nehemiah 9:7-8, 24; Ezekiel 33:24.).

Joshua 21:43 - So the Lord gave Israel all the land which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they possessed it and lived in it.

Joshua 21:45 - Not one of the good promises which the Lord had made to the house of Israel failed; all came to pass.

The New Testament teaches that Christ is now sitting on David's throne (Acts 2:30-33), but ruled from heaven, not from the earth.

Acts 2:30-33 - "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. "This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. "Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.

So the only promises to Israel that are for now and will be fulfilled are for the believing Jews (a

small minority) to receive the New Covenant for salvation to become part of the Church in the Church Period and (in the resurrection, go to the new Jerusalem in the new heavens and the new earth. (The Jews were looking for the New Heavens and the New Earth and the new Jerusalem as are the people in the Church period [Isaiah 65:17; 66:22; Hebrews 11:10; 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1]. They go there also.)

The New Covenant is called new because it replaced the Covenant of the Law. In Christ, one is no longer under Law. There is only one New Covenant, and, founded on the Cross for relationship living, it is the basis, and only basis, for salvation for all people, both Jews and Gentiles in all time periods. This New Covenant was placed into effect on the Day of Pentecost after Christ's death and resurrection. This is the only plan that God has for everyone and most certainly also for the Jews (Romans 1:16). (There is no Biblical teaching that places a Jewish future kingdom in Revelation's 1000 years.)

Jeremiah 31:31 - "Behold, days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,

(The Gentiles are not mentioned in this Old Testament Scripture, even though it applied to them, because the concept of the Jew and Gentile becoming one in Christ was held as a mystery and not revealed until the New Testament times. See Colossians 1:25-29.)

Colossians 1:25-29 - Of this church I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God, that is, the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations; but has now been manifested to His saints, to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 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.

Luke 22:20 - And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.

1 Corinthians 11:25 - In the same way He took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

2 Corinthians 3:6 - who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter, but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Hebrews 8:13 - When He said, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear.

Hebrews 9:15 - And for this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, in order that since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant (the Law), those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. (Comment: mine.)

Many believe that, based on an interpretation of Romans 11:25-27, a large number of Jews suddenly will believe in Christ as Savior at His Second Coming. But this is not what the Bible teaches.

Romans 11:25-26 - For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery, lest you be

wise in your own estimation, that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles has come in; and thus all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, "The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob."

Except as happened on the day of Pentecost, people are saved one at a time. This is true for both Jews and Gentiles. The text in Romans 11:25-26 **does not** say, "And *then* all Israel will be saved." If God wanted to convey this thought, He could have used the word which means *then* (like using the Greek *tote* or *epeita*). But He used the Greek word *houtos*, which describes not temporal succession but manner, and which means *thus, so, or in this way*. God is **not** saying, "Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the fulness of the Gentiles has come in, and then (at that time, after this has happened) all Israel will suddenly be saved." But He is saying. " Israel has experienced a hardening in part, and in this way the rest of all Israel will be saved, like, in the same manner, the Gentiles are being saved."

The context of the passage in Romans 11 is that Israel will be saved as are the Gentiles and will have their fulness in the same time period that the Gentiles, being saved, will have their fulness. Those hardened, only a part of Israel, will continue to be hardened, never to be saved. Those being saved will be saved during the time the Gentiles are being saved.

Christ comes as the Deliverer at the end of the Tribulation. The fulness of the Gentiles (and of the Jews) occurs at this time because saved people are in the Tribulation. The Church (wheat or believers) is not separated from the unbelievers (tares) until the unbelievers (tares) are bundled for the fire. See Matthew 13:27-30. The tares are being bundled in the Great Tribulation as they take the Mark of the Beast, formally denying the Gospel. This means the Rapture cannot occur until after the Tribulation.

Just before Christ comes, all people alive will have made formal binding decisions to accept or deny the Gospel. No one will be saved at the time Christ comes.

The Rapture occurs when the Deliverer comes suddenly with great force. There is no time to believe. When He returns, Christ said the days would be like those of the Days of Noah. Will there be faith on the earth?

Luke 18:8 - "I tell you that He will bring about justice for them speedily. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?" (Meaning, from the Greek, very little faith or very few believers.)

Matthew 24:37-39 - "For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. "For as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, they were marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so shall the coming of the Son of Man be.

This means that, when Christ comes the Second Time, the world will be in almost complete apostasy with very few believers living and only a very small remnant will be left that is delivered in the Rapture from the earth. This is the meaning of "remain" in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 for those who are alive and remain at the coming of the Lord. Only a few believers will be alive and be raptured from the earth when Christ comes. The rest will be collected from all ends of heaven. Most will have died, especially through martyrdom (Revelation 6:9-11; 7:9-17). There will be but little if any public preaching of the Gospel at this time, especially with the government making war against the Church. There might be in private homes in secret. The Jews are saved just like the Gentiles are, one person at a time. Those Jews hardened by God will never believe: they are hardened forever (Romans 11:7-10).

The context of Romans chapters 9-11 is that God is saying that He has not abandoned the Jews or Israel in any way. The true Israel (saved Israel) is not one of physical birth, but instead one of spiritual birth, according to promise. The Jews are saved in Christ according to promise and by the promised New Covenant one person at a time as are the Gentiles. Those not saved are permanently hardened. The fulness of the Jews occurs when the fulness of the Gentiles occurs. That is, when all the Jews and Gentiles are saved that are to be saved, are saved, then the Deliverer will come. The Bible is not teaching that a large number of Jews are saved when the Deliverer comes. The Deliverer does not come until all the tares are bundled for the fire (having taken the Mark of the Beast). Thus when He comes, no one can be saved.

When Christ comes, He collects the believers both from all ends of heaven and from all ends of the earth. Thus, He comes FOR and WITH the saints at the same time.

Mark 13:26-27 - "And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. "And then He will send forth the angels, and will gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth (the Rapture FOR His Saints), to the farthest end of heaven (WITH His Saints). (Comment: Mine.)

1 Thessalonians 4:17 - Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up (The Rapture FOR His saints) together with them (WITH the dead saints) in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord.

This is the Rapture and Resurrection at His Second Coming. Then He with the holy angels kill all the remaining unbelievers (as He did in the days of Noah and the time of Sodom and Gomorrah after the small remnant was delivered) with the Rod of Iron and the Wine Press Operations (Revelation 19:11-16). There are none alive to enter any millennium.

A Pre-Tribulation Rapture (and a Mid-Tribulation or Pre-Wrath Rapture) view is not viable. (A Pre-Wrath Rapture is okay when it means the Rapture comes before the wrath of the bowls, but after the Tribulation. In this case, a Pre-Wrath and a Post-Tribulation View are the same.)

A Pre-Tribulation Rapture is not viable. After an assumed Pre-Tribulation Rapture, a number of believers from **ALL** nations come out (die and go to heaven) of Revelation's Great Tribulation of such a large number that no one can count them. (See Revelation 7:9-14.) The Tribulation is all nations in characteristic, not exclusively Jewish that would wrongly require a Pre-Trib Rapture of the all-nations church. These saved would have to be saved in three and one-half to seven years, based on Daniel's seventieth week being equal to the Tribulation, when after the assumed Rapture: (1) there are no believers to preach the Gospel (which the Bible requires: Romans 10:13-15); (2) no unbeliever seeks after God (Romans 3:10-11); (3) the government is making war against the Church, not allowing any open evangelism (Revelation 6:9-11); and (4) the world's people are in extreme apostasy, believing in anything but the Cross of Christ. God said that unless He leaves a few believers, the people would become like Sodom and Gomorrah and no longer could be saved.

Isaiah 1:9 - Unless the Lord of hosts Had left us a few survivors, We would be like Sodom, We would be like Gomorrah.

THUS, NO ONE IS BORN OR SAVED AFTER THE RAPTURE.

Thus, after a Pre-Tribulation Rapture, if there were to be one, all the people remaining after the Rapture would be killed by God because none can any longer be saved. There would not be a Tribulation period then. (This is what happens after the Post-Tribulation Rapture when Christ comes

using the Rod of Iron and the Winepress operations at the end of the Tribulation. After the Rapture, He with the angels kill all the remaining unbelievers. They can no longer be saved.) The situation of the large number of saints dying in the Great Tribulation is viable if most of this great number of believers are saved before the Tribulation begins, and die in the Tribulation. And after the Post-Tribulation Rapture that occurs at Christ's Second Coming, all the unbelievers are indeed killed. Being in great apostasy, they have taken the Mark of the Beast and no longer can be saved.

The Bible teaches only "one" resurrection of the Just (the Church), and this occurs at Christ's Second Coming. (For a Pre-Tribulation Rapture, one would have to have a minimum of two resurrections; one before the Tribulation and one afterward. If there were to be a Millennial Kingdom after the Tribulation there would need to have yet another one, making three total.) The Bible teaches that "all" the Church will be changed in resurrection at the same time - one resurrection - in the twinkling of an eye.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 - Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet (7th after the Tribulation); for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

God is no respecter of people (shows no partiality). He would not allow some believers to miss the Tribulation and then place a very large number of believers in the Tribulation to experience disciplinary times. What did these believers do that was so wrong to be in the Tribulation and have the others miss it?

Acts 10:34 - And opening his mouth, Peter said: "I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality,

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

Because God shows no partiality, it is not spiritually logical that He would rapture some believers before the Tribulation and leave other believers in the Tribulation. This make the Pre-Tribulation Rapture concept not viable. It will not happen.

WRONG CONCLUSIONS AND THEIR DISCUSSION

The Bible is spiritually discerned. So the unbeliever and believer who do not interpret the Bible using both the Old Testament and New Testament taken together and with sufficient doctrines, can and will come up most likely with wrong conclusions such as those that follow;

1. So when the Bible teaches that the Jewish and Gentile believers are now one new man in Christ and only Christ now can have any preeminence, we know that the Jew can never be preeminent before God again (such as in a Tribulation or Millennial Kingdom). Thus, when it appears that the Old Testament appears to show a return of the Jews to some future wonderful kingdom, we must look as to how these Scriptures are actually fulfilled. They cannot and do not refer to a future Millennial Kingdom in the 1000 years. ***(There is no reference to a Jewish Period in the 1000 years in the New Testament showing that it does not happen or it not very important.)*** There is no Bible verse that teaches this. These Scriptures have been fulfilled as has been previously discussed.)

2. When we study Daniel's all exclusive Jewish seventieth week (Daniel 9:24-27) and the details of Revelation, we find that the seventieth week is history when Christ brought the New Covenant. The context of Daniel 9 is restoration of the Jew in fellowship to God, first back into the land and then to Christ through the New Covenant. The weeks do not refer to the Tribulation or to the anti-

Christ making a covenant with the Jews. Several of the purposes for the seventy weeks such as the atonement for iniquity and the bringing in of everlasting righteousness occur at the Cross. **The prophecy states that Christ “was cut off after the sixty nine weeks.” This places the Cross in the seventieth week in the period of the weeks and not between the sixty ninth and seventieth weeks, outside of the period of the seventy weeks, as many have presented.** When we study the details of Revelation 7:9-14 (people died in Christ from all nations), we find that the Tribulation is extremely Gentile in characteristic and is not exclusively Jewish at all as would be required by the Jewish seventieth week, even though in Revelation 7 there is reference to 144,000 Jews. Because of the large number of Gentiles being saved, the Tribulation does not qualify as an exclusive Jewish period to be equal with the all Jewish seventieth week. The 144,000 saved are a small minority compared to the number of Gentiles saved, of such a large number that no one could count them. Thus, the seventieth week of Daniel 9 does not and cannot refer to the endtimes Tribulation.

Daniel’s seventy weeks only dealt with the Southern Kingdom of Judah that had only the tribes of Benjamin and Judah. In Revelation there are 12 tribes mentioned in Revelation 7. So there is not a match. Something has changed. So the end time Tribulation does not qualify to be Daniel’s seventieth week.

3. When we examine the context of the 1000 years in Revelation 20, we find it is a time of judgment and resurrection and is anything but a wonderful period. There is no wonderful kingdom period in the 1000 years.

So the Bible teaches that the Tribulation and 1000 years are not Jewish periods at all. So what we might think about a future Jewish kingdom based on one’s interpretation of Old Testament promises, we have to come to the realization that we can be wrong. We have to look again how these promises have been or will be fulfilled.

SO WHAT HAS HAPPENED AND WILL HAPPEN?

The minority apostate Jews, Khzars, and others as internationalists are setting up to rule the world under Satan. This is one reason Satan brought back Israel into her land. Because a section of the Christian community believes wrongly that God will establish a new temple in the Tribulation in a Jewish period, they have supported their goal. Many Christians are looking forward to another temple being built in Jerusalem. The Bible teaches that the day is coming when people will worship God everywhere in spirit and in truth, and no longer just in Jerusalem. After the Cross, as stated earlier, God is through with physical temples. However, Satan may build the temple to deceive people.

John 4:21-24 - Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, shall you worship the Father. "You worship that which you do not know; we worship that which we know, for salvation is from the Jews. "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

America being influenced heavily by these internationalists has supported Israel so that the internationalists and Satan can have their man rule the world from Jerusalem. Satan wants to demonstrate to God that he can work all things together for good on his behalf and get the world to obey and eventually worship him as god. **So the Christian community, as it supports modern**

day Israel, is helping Satan to establish his kingdom beginning with the New World Order, World Governance, or the Untied Nations or whatever it will be called (or organized) when formed.

Whether or not Satan's man rules from Jerusalem, Satan brought Israel back into her land to support the calamity of the Tribulation that will bring world government. All Islamic and Arabic nations will be brought under the rule of world government.

In order to bring the endtimes, God has established a sequence to end history (indirectly taught).(See my books: *Watchman Warning* (Chapter 5) that develops this in detail and my book *Watchman, How Far Gone is the Night?* for a summary). In His sequences there is the favored nation (now the United States), the world empire (the United Nations as the seventieth head of the Beast), the military of the world empire (the military of the United Nations), and the internationalists (Illuminati) called Babylon the Great who are allowed to rule secretly from behind the scenes. Babylon the Great has religious, political, judicial, and financial (world trade) interests for world rule. She is portrayed greatly as a religious system, but she includes all three.

Many of these internationalists are apostate Jews and Khzars. This world empire is allowed to come to power as the apostasy increases in the favored nation. So now as the Church is falling away from active faith (no longer teaches God's Whole Counsel, no longer maturing their people in Christ, and no longer doing area-wide evangelism), this allows the sin of the people to increase.

When the sin of the Church (the falling away) and the sin of the people crosses God's threshold for allowable sin, He brings calamity on the favored nation (and on the other nations) and places her under the reign of the world government - the endtime Tribulation. The signs that this calamity is impending are all around us. The calamity comes with foreign military invasion, the plaguing of cities, and shortages of food and water.

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

The things that could bring this calamity, according to the underground media, being right or wrong, (e.g. The Patriot Report), are already in place. (Foreign military is now and has been distributed throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico, and many terrorist groups with plague in hand are throughout the United States. The well-trained foreign military will bring the calamity on the United States.) (See Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28 for a good summary of the sequence that happened to the Jews and is now happening again in Revelation's times.)

CONSIDERATION OF AND THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR VIEWS

When integrating the many biblical doctrines, we see that Dispensational Theology with its Pre-Tribulation Rapture and Jewish Golden-Age Millennium is not taught in Scripture. In our view, major tenets of the Dispensation Theology Prophetic View, that we believe are wrong, are to believe that: (1) God has different future plans for Israel (go into the land) than He does for the Church (into the new Jerusalem); and (2) the Church does not include all believers from all time periods, but instead only those in the Church period that is defined wrongly to be from the Day of Pentecost to the beginning of the Tribulation. In our understanding, the Bible does not teach either of these tenets.

Regardless of our view of prophecy, we must be sure to realize that the maturity we have at death we may have forever, without future opportunity to improve or increase it. Thus, we need to train

our people, especially our children and youth, to become mature, do evangelism, and be prepared for the coming Tribulation. They need to be told what is coming and how to respond to coming events. They are going to be most terrible.

We believe that the spiritual ability in Christ-likeness we have at death we can have forever, even though God has left as an issue of faith - not telling us declaratively, because: (1) God commands that we pursue it in this lifetime; (2) the environment that God uses now of the world, flesh, and the devil to produce this maturity in us is not allowed or will be in eternity; and (3) all the events of biblical history lead to us being mature in Christ.

In my view, we will most likely go into eternity with whatever spiritual ability has been developed in our spirits, souls, and new divine nature at the time of our death. If we all were to have the same spiritual ability in eternity, God could have just created us this way. We had to be in this world development so we could know the depths of God's love, mercy, grace, and longsuffering through the Cross of Christ. We must hedge our lives for our spiritual ability being fixed at death forever being true. If we do not pursue spiritual maturity, and it is true, it is fixed forever at death, we, as stated below, will have done ourselves and our people a most terrible eternal disservice. God may use our spiritual abilities in eternity in a different manner than we cannot know now. We must, by necessity, pursue His plan as commanded.

*Hebrews 6:1 - Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, **let us press on to maturity**, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,*

*Ephesians 4:11-13 - And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; **until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ.***

As a result, churches who dumb down their teaching instead of teaching God's Whole Counsel and do not do area-wide evangelism bring harm to their people and to Christ's ministry. They do not adequately nourish and cherish their own people. Doing this, one does not carry out *the scope and intent* of the Great Commission. These are major sins and are heavily influenced by believing wrong doctrine. God works through people, and His only top-level program is to evangelize the world and mature His people (converts) in Christ using His Whole Counsel so that they can know and praise Him in depth now but especially in eternity.

(On a scale of 0-10, 10 being the highest, many, if not most, of today's American churches are doing many good things and are getting many good results say from 0-5. This is mostly at the elementary or Milk-of-the-Word level without the Meat-of-the-word level. Even though there are many exceptions, they appear to be doing poorly in maturing their people and evangelizing their areas say from 6-10. In other words, they are not working **for excellence** before the Lord according to the Scriptures. They, although are doing many good things with many good results, are not attempting to carry out the full scope and intent of the Great Commission. Our churches in doing some evangelism and working for some spiritual growth are procedurally oriented. They are not outcome oriented as would be the case if they were to work to evangelize their entire local area and to mature their people to the highest skill levels they understood. The Scriptures command us to be outcome oriented.)

But because the Church will go through the Tribulation and because our maturity in Christ is most likely fixed at death forever, churches that take this route of not maturing their people do a most terrible eternal disservice to their people.

Because God commands them in Scripture, it should be clear that leadership that does not mature their people and involve them in area-wide evangelism are subject to and can expect serious judgment from God. We may all receive some judgment. Judgment begins at the house of the Lord. We should be carrying out the full intent of our Lord's Great Commission.

Because the signs are now all around us, it appears that the calamity and world government can come any time this year or in the next few to many years. Only God knows the timing.

In the Tribulation, the world government will then make war against the Church in America and satanically indoctrinate her children and youth. The Tribulation, whose duration not being defined by Daniel's seventieth week, can last 18 or more years, leading to Christ's Second Coming at which time the Rapture will occur and all the unbelievers killed. Then the final judgments and the eternal states will come.

It appears that Christ is not allowed by the plan of God the Father to rapture His Church until the heavenly court at the time of the seventh trumpet gives Him legal authority. This by the plan of God is for the spiritual warfare. This happens when the court determines that Christ has won the spiritual warfare between Himself and Satan. When it does, it awards Christ the legal authority over the physical kingdom of the world that becomes the Kingdom of God which gives Him the legal authority to rapture and reward the Church and bring the final judgments. (See Daniel 7:13-14, 26-27 and Revelation 11:15-18.)

THE JOB OF THE CHURCH

The job of the Church is now, as it is for all times, to return to or continue in maturing her people in Christ-likeness and doing area-wide evangelism. Because of the impending Tribulation, she should now wisely place her people into small home support groups as the underground Church. Being in small groups, the Church will still be under good Church leadership when the calamity comes and will not be scattered when the Church building doors will be closed by the government. They can still teach their children in a home schooling environment and continue their ministries. ***It would be good to go to home schooling now and be prepared for these future happenings.***

SUMMARY AND ENCOURAGEMENT

In summary, as of the Cross, Israel as a covenant nation to God is gone forever. But individual Jews can have all that God offers anyone in the riches of Christ. The apostate Israel of today is being used by Satan's internationalists so they and Satan's man can rule the world from Jerusalem and the world will worship Satan as god. They have established Israel as a means to help bring world-wide calamity through which they will bring world government. There will not be a future Jewish Golden Age Millennial Kingdom. When Christ comes, He raptures the Church and kills all the unbelievers. There is no one to enter any such Jewish or other Millennium.

After the Rapture during Christ's Second Coming, the Church reigns during the 1000 years (as a day - 2 Peter 3:8) during Christ's Second Coming with Christ (who reigns eternally) to determine if any of those left on earth after the Rapture will believe. This is the time of Revelation's bowls or vials. But none do (See Revelation 16). So then Christ proceeds, with His angels, to kill all the unbelievers as Satan leads them to make war against Christ and His armies. They can no longer be saved.

The Church includes all believers from all time periods. No exceptions. The Rapture of the Church can only come Post-Tribulational after the heavenly court awards Christ the legal authority after it

declares Him the winner of the spiritual warfare. The main reason we are on the earth is to gain high-skill mature spiritual ability in Christ-likeness needed for eternity. The job of the Church is to evangelize the whole world and to disciple their people to maximum maturity in Christ. We must do ruthless self-evaluation of our ministries and make needed changes to make this happen.

A good vision statement for our Church might read:

- 1. Every believer worshiping and glorifying God; every believer knowing and relating to God toward the fullest in his depth- breadth.**
- 2. Every believer standing strong in Christ knowing the doctrines of the Christian faith.**
- 3. Every believer disciplined to become mature in Christ likeness in relationship living with high-skill spiritual ability. - a life patterned after Christ's walk with the Father.**
- 4. Every believer helping to evangelize our entire local area, disciple converts to maturity, plant churches, build godly families, and reach out to the needy.**
- 5. Every marriage and family walking in unity and living godly.**

Church leadership that does not work diligently to accomplish these can have sins of omission and can be severely judged. We all may be facing some judgment.

James 4:17 - Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do, and does not do it, to him it is sin.

1 Peter 4:17 - For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

Regardless of our belief structure, we should take the attitude that our prophetic views and whether or not our maturity in Christ is fixed at death may be wrong. So if the Rapture is Pre-Tribulational or Post-Tribulational, we must hedge about being wrong and train our people in either case for going through the Tribulation or for an imminent Rapture. For example, if the Rapture were to be Pre-Tribulational, we must train our people before the imminent Rapture occurs. We must train them to become mature in Christ-likeness and do area-wide evangelism. Whether or not our maturity is fixed at death, because pursuing it is commanded, we must hedge about this being true and obey Scripture to mature our people. Both must be done with a sense of urgency.

Gaining this maturity, requires training in God's Whole Counsel, not using only or mainly elementary training. Then our people will be prepared according to God's plan for eternity and for what ever happens as the endtimes unfold. But as we train we must ensure we are training with God's Whole Counsel and not in unawareness really only doing elementary training.

The trends today are to go to mainly elementary training for new people and ignoring the in-depth training for our own people. This action does not mature one's own people. This is a most terrible mistake. It leads eventually to a very immature Church and a lost of our biblical intellect.

Lets work together to mature our people, help do evangelism, prepare for the Tribulation and eternity, and make the future the best we can have.

Philippines 3:13 - Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,

I (we) will now pursue becoming highly spiritually mature in Christlikeness so I (we) can have a great relationship with God now, but especially in eternity. Our church and family leaders should train so this actually happens. (See my web site document for keys so this can happen: Document updated 1-2-2015. *Keys to Becoming Maximally Experientially Mature in Christ-likeness In Godly Relationship Living.*