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**SUMMARY REPORT:  
INTERPRETATION ERRORS THAT WRONGLY  
HELP ESTABLISH THE WRONG PRE-  
TRIBULATION  
RAPTURE VIEW**

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**INTERPRETATION ERRORS SHOWING  
THE PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE VIEW IS INCORRECT  
AND IS NOT TAUGHT IN SCRIPTURE  
(Clearly The Post-tribulation Rapture View Is Correct  
and Is “Unambiguously” Taught in Scripture)**

**INTRODUCTION**

**SUMMARY REPORT PURPOSE:** *This report presents and explains the interpretation errors that are used wrongly to inadvertently establish the wrong Pre-Tribulation Rapture view, showing the Rapture actually comes Post-Tribulational, not Pre-Tri-Tribulational.*<sup>•1</sup> (Details begin on page 6.)

This is a summary report to help readers to grasp the situation quickly and the main Bible teachings concerning the Rapture timing with respect to the Tribulation. The detailed development from the Scriptures is presented in the References<sup>•2</sup> available from the web site. One of these is: *The*

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**1. TRIBULATION AND RAPTURE DEFINITIONS FOR REFERENCE:** The Tribulation includes the time of the seals and the first six trumpets. The seventh trumpet and the time of the bowls occur after the Tribulation. Revelation events unfold by the seven trumpets coming out of the seventh seal and the seven bowls coming out of the seventh trumpet. The bowl events come during the time of the 1000 years (as a day of time - 2 Peter 3:8) and during the time of Christ's Second Coming, but after the Tribulation and after the Rapture.

The word Rapture is not in the Bible. But the term has been adopted by interpreters to mean the time when the Church is caught up to meet Christ in the clouds at His (Second) Coming when He comes with the dead saints.

**2. REFERENCES ON MY WEB SITE THAT GIVE THE SCRIPTURES AND THE DETAILED DEVELOPMENT:** My book: *Watchman Warning* and my reports: (1) *The Pattern View of Prophecy - The Many Doctrines of Prophecy Show Clearly the Rapture Will Come Post-Tribulational and the 1000 Years during Christ's Second Coming* (Scriptural development of the Post-Tribulation Rapture View); (2) *Summary: Issues and Doctrines That Determine Endtimes Bible Prophecy* and (3) *Interpretation and Critical Understanding of Endtimes Prophecy*, and other documents found in *Prophecy* on the Web Site such as (1) *The Jewish Situation; Understanding the Endtimes Biblical Jewish Situation and What We Must Do Now* (continued...)

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*Pattern View of Prophecy, The Many Doctrines of Prophecy Show Clearly the Rapture Will Come Post-Tribulation and the 1000 Years during Christ's Second Coming*. This report is must reading.

**We bring Watchman warning.** One main purpose is to show the errors made in wrongly establishing a Pre-Tribulation Rapture View and why it is not taught in Scripture and why the Post-Tribulation Rapture View is clearly correct. This is so that Bible students will adopt the correct doctrine and ensure we are maturing our people in Christ. It so that leaders will brief and ready their people, especially their children and youth, for entering the soon-coming Tribulation.

We write this report from our love for the Church and wanting God's best for her for eternity and for when the Tribulation comes. Not implementing God's command to pursue maturity and falsely believing the Church will miss the Tribulation by the Rapture has led many churches to dumb down their training without believing they are bringing damage to her people. Our churches need both to see the need to mature their people and to prepare (be ready) for going through the Tribulation.

**KEY UNDERSTANDING:** When Bible students separate believers into the Church and Israel in order to establish their endtimes prophetic view, they very often miss or pay little attention to the Bible teaching and exhortation to mature their people in Christ. This maturity is needed to know and relate to our perfect God in His fullness in eternity. And our maturity in Christ we have at death, we may have forever. **Not maturing their people and not preparing them to stand strong in the Tribulation will cause their people to be caught blind-sided when the Tribulation comes suddenly without warning in a whirlwind. They may not know as much about God.** The reason we are here now is to gain this maturity. Most believers, not being matured can fall away under the great persecution, as the Bible teaches, in the Tribulation. **All leaders should hedge about being wrong if they do not believe we will go through the Tribulation and train and prepare their people as insurance. Not to do so is unthinkable when understanding how terrible the times will be when the Tribulation comes. It is a most serious situation.**

**TARGET AUDIENCE:** This report assumes readers are familiar with the terms of endtimes prophecy. Those not familiar can read my report: *Orientation to Bible Prophecy* on my web site. This report is meant for those who are responsible for the teaching and the training of others and for those who want to know how prophecy most likely will unfold. It is for those who want to mature in Christ and be ready and prepared before the Tribulation comes.

## **VIEWS AND BACKGROUND DISCUSSION**

Our churches and godly men have over six different views as to how the endtimes unfold. Why? Does the Holy Spirit lead us differently? Two of the major views include the Pre-Tribulation Rapture and the Post-Tribulation Rapture. As will be shown, in our view, the Bible teaches clearly that there is an endtimes Tribulation, the Church's Rapture occurs at Christ's Second Coming after the Tribulation, and the 1000 years come during, not before or after, Christ's Second Coming. And there is only one Second Coming.

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*As the Endtimes Unfold; (2) Endtimes Scenario for How the Endtimes Unfold; (3) Insights Show that Revelation's 1000 Years Come during Christ's Second Coming, and (4) God's Plan over History for Man to Become Mature in Christ Needed to Eternally Know and Relate to Our Perfect God in His Greatness.*

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These many views, in our view, result from inadequate interpretation techniques by not using sufficient doctrines. (For example there are 20 doctrines that teach unambiguously a Post-Tribulation Rapture - See our web site report: *Twenty Bible Doctrines Teach Unambiguously a Post Tribulation Rapture*.) One is they do not consider the main reason God placed us on the earth - to become mature in Christ so that we could know and relate to our perfect God in eternity. All believers as of the Cross, both Jews and Gentiles, are one in Christ without division. They are the church and part of His body and are a holy nation to the Lord. They are to become maximumly mature in Christ-likeness. They are legally engaged to Christ for marriage. Thus Christ can no longer be married to national Israel.

When one understands the Greatness of God and it requires spiritual ability to grasp and live by much of this Greatness in relationship to Him, one will pursue maturity in Christ as God commands with commitment and excellence. When one does this, one can see that all believers are in Christ and are the Church. There are no believers outside the Church. All are one in Christ without ethnic division. When these concepts are clearly understood, one can see that there will not be and cannot be any future exclusive Jewish periods. This causes the Pre-Tribulation Rapture and a Jewish Golden-Age Millennium to go away. They simply will not happen. Then if one believes there are promises that God made to Israel that do not appear to be fulfilled, one must look for what happened that causes no Jewish periods to come after Pentecost.

The approach we took to determine endtimes prophecy that helps to avoid wrong interpretations was to begin with God's purpose for placing us on the earth to become mature in Christ. Then show how the events of the whole Bible lead to this result for all ethnic groups. We place Bible prophecy as the end and terminal phase of His plan. Then we avoid making serious errors such as dividing believers into two groups - Israel and the Church. There is only one group composed of believers from all of history. We will then understand that after the Garden of Eden all people are born into the Dominion of Satan and under His eternal control. When a person, including the Jew and Gentile, believes the Gospel, they are translated into the relationship Kingdom of God under Christ's eternal control ruled from heaven and, by definition, are the Church.

Then we will see that Christ's Cross set aside the Jewish worship system of physical temples and animal sacrifices forever. The Church is now the sanctuary of God and is to be living sacrifices. To separate "believers" between the Church and Israel is major error. Interpreters need to see that God divorced the Northern Kingdom of Israel in a direct Bible teaching (Jeremiah 3:8) and the Southern Kingdom of Judah at the Cross when Christ died dissolving the marriage, when the Jews declared let His blood be on us and on our children. They were denying Christ as their Messiah forever. By His own laws, Christ cannot have two wives at the same time. Thus, by Christ now marrying the Church, He must have divorced Israel. Scripture teaches that Israel at one time lived in all the land that God promised. But in their disobedience, they broke the everlasting covenant and would not repent. God is now no longer obligated to return Israel to her land.

At Pentecost, the Joel prophecy was fulfilled showing that national Israel is now going away forever, because now God's Word is going to all nations, no longer only to the Jews. This was a fulfillment of the covenant given to Abraham when a decedent (Christ) would bless all peoples. Bringing back Israel as a covenant nation has no purpose and denies the efficaciousness of the Cross. All that matters now is that both Jews and Gentiles are believers and one in Christ and now growing to a high skill level of maturity in Christ. This is happening in the Church Period. All through the Old Testament, all believers (even unbelievers) when they obeyed God were being ruled by the heavenly Kingdom of God. The rule of the Kingdom of God from heaven is for all periods of history. This is why our Lord told the Jews that the Kingdom of God was the first thing they should seek.

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Because our churches wrongly divide believers between the Church and Israel is one major reason our churches have over six different views on endtimes prophecy. ***In doing so, they forget the believers who believed in the two thousand years before Israel existed.*** Interpreters have sequenced the Rapture, the Tribulation, Daniel's seventieth week, and Revelation's thousand years in all the possible combinations. Because of this situation, many believe wrongly that prophecy is too complex to know the Bible's actual teaching on prophecy. The best that one can do is to compare the many views. But this is not so. In our understanding, when one sees that all of history is designed by God to build a mature Church in Christ, and when one places prophecy in the proper context as the end phase of history, it becomes clearer as to how prophecy actually unfolds. When one considers over 40 doctrines, checking them out with Scripture, as we have done, one, in our view, can know that the Rapture clearly unambiguously comes Post-Tribulation and the 1000 years (as a day - 2 Peter 3:8) come during Christ's Second Coming.

In our view, interpreters make over 15 interpretive mistakes (errors) in believing wrongly that the Rapture comes before the Tribulation (or that there is no endtimes Tribulation). These errors with the correct doctrines, as seen in our view, are presented. These errors, in our view, result from not considering sufficient Scripture and not checking their results with the rest of Scripture for agreement. They, as stated, do not consider that God's main reason for placing on the earth is to bring us to maturity in Christ with Christ having first place in our lives so that we can know and relate to God. All of prophecy leads to this result. Another major mistake is that interpreters do not understand what the Cross accomplished in addition to Justification, that lead to maturity in Christ, and that all believers are one in Christ without division and are the Church. The Jewish worship system that was a shadow to the Cross was set aside forever. These will be explained.

***Bringing a Watchman warning, we encourage you that it is most important under God that you mature your people in Christ-likeness for eternity and be prepared before the endtimes Tribulation comes regardless of your Rapture view. One must not be wrong for the sake of our people. Thus, we encourage you, even as a hedge about being wrong about the Rapture timing, to mature, brief, and train your people with a SENSE OF URGENCY before the Tribulation comes. This is so they will know what is happening when it does come and will stand strong without falling away under the coming persecution. We do not know the time, but the signs now signal the Tribulation can come at any time. Only God knows the timing. But it is better to be prepared even 10 years early, than one second too late or believe wrong, and not prepare. Look at it as insurance to be prepared for whenever it comes and for what ever else comes. We do not want any of us, particularly our children and youth, to be caught blind - sided, unprepared, and without maturity in Christ. We should want all of us to be matured and prepared for eternity and the Tribulation. (This entire lifetime is meant for all gospel believers to become greatly mature in Christ-likeness for a maximum relationship with God in eternity. See our web site document: Keys to Becoming Maximally Experientially Mature in Christ-likeness In Godly Relationship Living.***

***We must appreciate the rules of engagement as the endtimes approach. When church leadership falls away, the Church people fall away. When both fall away, the people's sin increases. This, in general, is a continuous increase. When the sin crosses God's allowable threshold, God allows Satan to bring the Tribulation. The Tribulation is the discipline of God, not His penal wrath. And thus, Church leadership is largely responsible for the Tribulation coming and are responsible for the condition of their people, especially their children and youth, as they enter the Tribulation. Church leadership can expect judgment. Maybe we all should.***

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Israel had vital importance leading to the Cross and as a precursor to the Church period. Israel as a covenant nation has no importance or role in God's Plan after the Cross and Day of Pentecost. A political state of Israel does have a role in Satan's endtimes plan. Only being one in Christ with spiritual maturity has importance to God, so one can know and relate to God. It does not matter where we live on the earth. Christ taught we would worship the Father over all the earth (including in Israel) in spirit and in truth, no longer only in Jerusalem.

The relationship-based Kingdom of God is a chain of command with God and Christ as heads. It has been here in all of history. Believers, both Jews and Gentiles, all over the earth are in the relationship-based Kingdom of God ruled from heaven. One must see that the Kingdom of God ruled from heaven is not equal to the Kingdom of Israel ruled from the earth. All believers, both Jews and Gentiles, in Christ are now a "holy nation" to God (1 Peter 2:9). To place Israel as a separate entity with the Church after the Cross is major error.

The Church is married to Christ in the oriental marriage concept. In this concept, the bride becomes "legally" betrothed to the groom without living with him for a period. This is now the situation with the Church. Then at future time the bride goes to live with the groom. This is the marriage. This marriage for the Church to Christ occurs when the Church goes to live with Him (the Rapture). It occurs at Christ's Second Coming after the Tribulation. This is the marriage of the Lamb.

***The Church did not replace Israel as some state. Old Testament believers, both Jews and Gentiles, were held under Satan's eternal control in Abraham's bosom under the law and sin and death until the Cross came. We must remember that there were two thousand years before Abraham consisting of only Gentiles when many were saved by believing in some manner in the coming Messiah. At the time of the Day of Pentecost, Christ took those dead Old Testament and gospel period believers, both Gentiles and Jews, held captive under the law captive, and took them to be with Him in heaven and they became part of the Church. After the Cross, all believers in Israel are part of the Church. After the Cross, God offered Israel everything He offered the Gentiles - salvation and maturity in Christ so that they could know and relate to God. All believers are now one in Christ without any division. All believers are now in the relationship Kingdom of God that is ruled from heaven, not from the earth. The Kingdom of God is not equal to the Kingdom of Israel, ruled from the earth. Christ is now marrying the Church composed of both Jews and Gentiles. He can no longer be married to national Israel, composed of believers and unbelievers. As such there are no earthly future kingdoms of Israel coming that are from God.***

***One must see that becoming a Christian, one is in the relationship-based Kingdom of God ruled from heaven, not from the earth. God will not establish a future physical kingdom of His Son on the earth, such as a future physical Kingdom of Israel. His kingdom is one of head subordinate relationships ruled from heaven, not a political one on earth with mainly laws to obey, ruled on the earth. Christ told Pilate that His Kingdom was not of this world. He told the Jews to seek first the Kingdom of God. He taught the apostles about the Kingdom of God from His Resurrection until his Ascension, just before Pentecost.***

***The Tribulation begins*** when the sin in the endtimes favored nation (the United States) crosses God's allowable threshold for sin. ***The Rapture comes*** after all people who are to live, have lived, and have made binding decisions in life or by death (often by martyrdom) to accept or deny the Gospel. It comes after the enemies of Christ become His footstool, and after the heavenly court at the time of Revelation's seventh trumpet after the Tribulation has determined that Christ has won

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the spiritual warfare over Satan. **Note, the seventh trumpet comes after the Tribulation (before the bowls). The thousand years as a day come** during the time that the Church reigns with Christ during the time of the bowls to determine whether or not any one alive after the Rapture will accept salvation. None repent. **The purposes of the Tribulation** are: **(1)** a means to terminate history; **(2)** to discipline the Church for falling away especially in the favored nation - the United States; **(3)** to polarize the beliefs of all people who are to live; and **(4)** a means to allow Satan one last desperate attempt to prevent the elect from believing and accomplishing God's work.

***There is no Scripture in the New Testament that teaches a Pre-Tribulation Rapture or that there will be a special Jewish Period in the thousand years. Such wrong concepts, are by the declaration of interpreters. There are direct teachings in Scripture that the Rapture comes after the Tribulation and at Christ's Second Coming.***

### **INTERPRETATION ERRORS SHOW THE PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE VIEW IS INCORRECT; CORRECT DOCTRINES TEACH UNAMBIGUOUSLY A POST-TRIBULATION RAPTURE**

The following teach that the tenets of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture view are not taught in Scripture. The Bible clearly teaches the Rapture comes after the Tribulation at the time of Christ's "single" Second Coming.

**1. TWO GROUPS OF CHRISTIANS:** Many churches today believe wrongly that the Bible teaches that God's people, the saved in Christ, are divided between the Church and Israel (all believers are not the Church)(.wrong doctrine and interpretation) This concept allows one to have a Pre-Tribulation Rapture (of the all nations Church) and have an exclusive Jewish Tribulation period (exclusive Jewish believers) after the Rapture. (Wrong interpretation and wrong doctrine). Revelation teaches that the raptured Church contains saved people from all nations (including Israel) of such a large number that no one can count them. Both Jews and Gentiles are in the Tribulation. The Tribulation definitely is not exclusively Jewish. (correct doctrine.) All saved people are the Church. - no exceptions. ***Both Jews and Gentiles are one in Christ without division.*** They have been called out of the Dominion of Satan into the Kingdom of God. This understanding precludes a Pre-Tribulation Rapture.

The Pre-Tribulation Rapture view implies that God is partial. He can keep some believers out of the Tribulation and yet have a great number in the Tribulation. The Bible teaches the reverse that God is not a God of partiality (correct doctrine). Thus, there cannot be a Pre-Tribulation Rapture. ***All believers are the Church and in the Kingdom of God and are the single body of Christ. This characteristic of the all-nations Tribulation precludes a Pre-Tribulation Rapture. Believers (the Church) of all nations alive at the time will go through the Tribulation.***

In this concept (wrong interpretation - wrong doctrine), the Pre-Tribulation Rapture view requires or implies that one must believe that, after the Rapture, God saves this very large number of believers in the Tribulation in less than seven years when no believer is left to preach the Gospel (including the 144,000 Jews), no one is seeking after God, the government is making war with the Church, the Bible by law is not allowed to be taught, and most people do not have and/or do not read the Bible. The concept is not viable. A Pre-Tribulation Rapture simply will not happen. It simply is not taught in Scripture.

**2. IMMINENT RAPTURE:** The Bible implies that the Rapture, our gathering to Christ, can be

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imminent. In order to be imminent, interpreters have stated wrongly that the Rapture must occur before the Tribulation begins (wrong interpretation - wrong doctrine). However, because the Rapture has not yet happened for over 2000 years (there were many prophesied events that must occur in this 2000 year period before the Tribulation begins), the Rapture could be and is imminent at the end of the endtimes Tribulation (correct doctrine). Imminency does not force a Pre-Tribulation Rapture and very definitely allows for a Post-Tribulation Rapture.

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

**3. NUMBER OF RESURRECTIONS:** Those who believe in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture must also believe in two resurrections of the Just. One occurs before the Tribulation at the Rapture and one occurs at Christ's Coming after the Tribulation. (Wrong interpretation - wrong doctrine). The Bible teaches there are only one Rapture and only one resurrection of the Just that occur after the Tribulation at Christ's Second Coming just before the 1000 years begin. (Correct doctrine) The resurrection of the unjust occurs after the thousand years. If there were to be new believers in the 1000 years, there would have to be another resurrection and rapture after the 1000 years. The Bible does not teach this rapture and resurrection. Thus, there is no Millennial Kingdom coming.

**4. CHURCH IS NOT APPOINTED TO PENAL WRATH AND TO THE DAY OF THE LORD:** The Bible teaches that the Church is not appointed to God's wrath that comes with the bowl happenings and the Day of the Lord (God Almighty) in Revelation 16. People have believed that the Tribulation contains God's wrath and represents the Day of the Lord, and thus, the Rapture must occur before the Tribulation begins (wrong interpretation - wrong doctrine). This view ignores the fact that there are many believers from all nations that die in the Tribulation. Are they appointed to wrath? Perhaps to disciplinary, but not penal. However, the penal wrath and the Day of the Lord the Church is to miss occurs in the bowl period that comes after the Tribulation and after the Rapture at the time of Christ's Coming (correct doctrine).

**5. REVELATION 3:10:** Some wrongly believe that Revelation 3:10 teaches (requires) the Church will be removed before the hour of testing or trial comes, and they make the hour of testing equal to the Tribulation (wrong interpretation - wrong doctrine). The Greek text allows that the Church to be preserved through the hour of testing, not requiring her removal (correct doctrine). There is no teaching that clearly teaches the hour of testing is equal to the Tribulation. (God apparently uses the Tribulation to mature His people and thus, it could be called a time of testing or trial.)

**6. ALL BELIEVERS NEED NOT BE SAVED BEFORE THE RAPTURE:** Interpreters wrongly believe that God will rapture the Church before all who ultimately are to be saved are actually saved. Thus, the Rapture can occur before the Tribulation and others will be saved in the Tribulation. (Without making any declaration, they must also wrongly believe that another rapture occurs at Christ's Second Coming for the Tribulation saints at the marriage of the Lamb.) At Christ's Second Coming after the Tribulation then, Christ would bring with Him those who have been raptured and those who have died while He collects the rest of the believers from the earth. Such is not taught in the Bible. Thus, the wheat can not be separated from the tares before all the tares are bundled in the Tribulation for the fire by taking the mark of the beast (This is the opposite of what the Bible teaches). (Both wrong interpretations and wrong doctrine.) The Bible clearly teaches that the wheat will not be separated from the tares until after all the tares are bundled for the fire (in the Great

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Tribulation). The Church is defined as having believed in Christ as Savior, one is transferred from the Dominion of Satan into the Kingdom of God. Christ has only one body. There are no ethnic divisions in Christ (e.g. no Jew or Gentile). All believers, both Jews and Gentiles, are the Church and are one in Christ with only Christ having first place. (Correct Doctrine; correct doctrine) Thus, an exclusive Jewish Tribulation is not in God's Plan and is not taught in the Bible.

The Bible teaches that when Christ comes the second time, He will separate the sheep (believers) from the goats (unbelievers). The sheep go to heaven, and the goats to the Lake of Fire. There is no millennium kingdom coming.

Christ sits at the right hand of God the Father until all His enemies become His footstool and under His authority. This happens as the Mark-of-the-Beast Period polarizes all people to accept or deny the Gospel and after the heavenly court after the Tribulation wards Christ the authority over them. This doctrine precludes a Pre-Tribulation Rapture and teaches the Rapture comes after the Tribulation.

**7. REMOVAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:** Some believe that the Rapture must occur as the Holy Spirit is taken out of the world before the Tribulation's man of lawlessness (antichrist) is revealed. (Wrong interpretation - wrong doctrine). But we know that many are saved and many believers are led by they Holy Spirit to obey God in the Tribulation. So the Holy Spirit is in no way removed. If these believers were saved before the Tribulation, it shows the Church (with Tribulation believers) goes through the Tribulation. (Correct doctrine.)

**8. OLIVET DISCOURSE:** Some believe that the abomination of desolation and the great Tribulation recorded in the Olivet Discourse, especially in Matthew 24:15-22, comes in fact as the endtimes Tribulation (Wrong interpretation - wrong doctrine). Then, in wrong interpretation, because the passage is only addressed to the Jews, the Tribulation is Jewish. Thus, this conclusion implies wrongly we have a Pre-Tribulation Rapture of the all-nations Church composed of both Jews and Gentiles. But when comparing the other Gospels on the discourse with Ezekiel 5:8-9 as a pattern for such events, we see that the abomination of desolation (Romans armies in the Temple) and Tribulation recorded in the passage occurred when the Romans came in AD 70 to destroy Jerusalem and the temple (correct doctrine). God gave the Jews 40 years probation from AD 30 when Christ was crucified before He destroyed the temple and the land. Thus, a Pre-Tribulation Rapture will not happen.

Later in the Olivet Discourse, the Bible teaches that Christ, after the endtimes Tribulation, using the angels, gathers all believers from all parts of heaven and all parts of the earth (in Rapture) to be with Him. First Thessalonians 4:13-18 teaches the same thing. Thus, Christ comes, but once, with and for His saints at the same time, but at the Tribulation's end. He has only one second coming and it is after the endtimes Tribulation. (If there were to be a rapture before the Tribulation, there would have to be a second rapture at Christ's second coming as He gathers all believers from all parts of the earth. The Bible does not teach two raptures, only one at Christ's Second Coming.

**9. THE WORD CHURCH IS NOT IN REVELATION RE IN THE TRIBULATION:** Some wrongly believe that the Church is not in the Tribulation because the word "Church" is not found in Revelation after chapter three. This is wrong doctrine. The word "saints" is used both in the Church period referring to believers in the Church before the Tribulation and in the Tribulation's Mark of the Beast Period for believers. This shows the Church (saints) is in the Tribulation.

**10. DANIEL'S SEVENTIETH WEEK:** Another incorrect view holds that the all exclusive Jewish



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seventieth week in Daniel 9:27 is equal to the endtimes Tribulation, and thus, it requires the Rapture of the all-nations Church to occur before the exclusively Jewish Tribulation begins. (Interpretation error and wrong doctrine) The seventy weeks of Daniel's prophecy were to tell the Jews when their Messiah would come. They have nothing to do with the antichrist or the endtimes Tribulation. The purposes of the seventy weeks (such as the atonement for iniquity and the bringing in of everlasting righteousness) for the seventy weeks are fulfilled in the Cross, and thus, the Cross must be in the period of the seventy weeks. The Daniel 9:24-27 prophecy states the Messiah was cut off (crucified) **after** the 69th week (not at the exact end of it). Placing or identifying the seventieth week as the endtimes Tribulation places the Cross and the purposes for the seventy weeks outside of the seventy weeks period. This is flawed interpretation and is incorrect. The seventieth week is history and contains the Cross of Christ. The Cross was in the middle of the seventieth week and the Gospel, as the Church period began, did not leave the Jews until the last three and one-half years were completed - the last half of the seventieth week. It was Christ who made the covenant with the many, not the antichrist. As stated earlier, the Tribulation is all nations in characteristic and is not exclusively Jewish that would be required by the erroneous seventieth week interpretation. The Tribulation does not qualify to be the seventieth week. Thus, the Rapture cannot occur before the all-nations Tribulation. (correct doctrine.) There are many other reasons that the seventieth week is history. See the large appendix in *Watchman Warning* or on the web site.

Daniel's seventieth week referred only the Southern Kingdom of Judah that contained only 2 tribes. Revelation 7 has many tribes. There is no match.

And further, there is no preposition in the Hebrew that would exactly specify at what point in the seventieth week of Daniel 9:27 the covenant was made or establish its duration. Many translations have assumed the preposition is "for" such that the Prince (Christ) makes a covenant "for" one week. But other prepositions can be chosen. Some Bibles have the Prince making the covenant "in" the week or "during" the week.

**11. ONE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST:** Some believe that there are two comings of Christ - one before the Tribulation to Rapture the Church and one after the Tribulation to bring the termination of history (Wrong interpretation - wrong doctrine). The Bible uses the definite Greek article with its references to Christ's Coming, Revelation, and Appearing only used in the singular. These Scriptures generally refer to the time of Christ's Second Coming as being after the Tribulation and at the time the man of sin is destroyed. Using the Greek article shows there is only one future "the" Coming, "the" Revelation, and "the" Appearing (correct doctrine) that occur after the Tribulation. This teaching precludes a Pre-Tribulation Rapture.

**12. ENDTIMES TRIBULATION:** Some believe that there is no endtimes Tribulation or that the Tribulation occurs throughout the Church Period, much of it now being history, even before AD 70. (Wrong interpretation or wrong doctrine). The Bible teaches that when Christ comes, He casts the persons of the Beast and False Prophet into the Lake of Fire. This teaching shows there is an endtimes Tribulation (correct doctrine).

Some believe in a partial rapture theory where Christ comes for the believer when they die. This would be like a continuous Rapture and continuous coming of Christ. This view is not taught in Scripture. The Scriptures with the article teach it is "the" coming of Christ - a single one time coming.

**13. REVELATION'S SEQUENCE:** Our churches generally do not see that God terminates history

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with a special sequence similar to the ones that He used to terminate Israel (correct doctrine - taught indirectly in Scripture). (This doctrine is not well known in the literature but its derivation is in my book: *Watchman Warning*. (1994). Thus, they do not see or recognize the sequence-associated signs which signal the discipline period is coming - the endtimes Tribulation. Thus, not recognizing the signs of the coming Tribulation, they wrongly operate as if the present conditions will continue long term. (Wrong interpretation and wrong doctrine.) Knowing this sequence allows us to know more about the events that will occur in the Tribulation. This sequence is developed in detail from the Scriptures in *Watchman Warning* (chapter on Revelation).

**14. PROMISES TO ISRAEL:** Many interpreters believe that God will restore Israel after the Cross based on His many promises to her in the Old Testament (wrong doctrine). Thus, they declare that God has future periods for Israel in the Tribulation and in the 1000 years. (wrong interpretation - wrong doctrine) The Bible does teach these promises, but not that there are future periods after the Cross in these two periods. These are man's declarations. The Bible does not teach either one. But the Bible teaches that Israel in her disobedience broke the everlasting covenant of the land so that God is no longer obligated to return Israel to her land to fulfill His promises. The current return in 1948 is by Satan. God only returns Israel to her land in her repentance to obedience. The current Israel is in complete apostasy - Most Jews have no interest in God, Christ, the Bible, or being saved. They only have interest in the land. (correct doctrine) And further, any such return has no purpose because all believers, both Jews and Gentiles, are now one in Christ and the Jewish worship system has been set aside forever. Such a return of physical temples and animal sacrifices would deny the efficacy of the Cross and Christianity. It would be an affront to Christ.

What matters in God's Plan is that one is mature in Christ so one can know and relate maximally to God now and especially in eternity. As stated, it does not matter where one lives on the earth. Only the Church, composed of both Jews and Gentiles, after the Day of Pentecost comprise, God's people. The current return of Israel is being used by Satan to help bring the endtimes and to strengthen the Pre-Tribulation Rapture view so that transformed leaders will do less to mature their people and prepare them for the Tribulation. Then there will be a major falling away in the Tribulation as the Bible teaches will happen. This is Satan's plan.

***The Bible does not declarative teach we should prepare for the Tribulation. But it infers we do via watchman warning for the coming divine discipline period. We must if we are not now already maturing our people, if we now have a only few supplies, and now are not helping to do area-wide local evangelism.*** We need to have our people, especially our children and youth, stand strong in Christ without falling away when the severe persecution comes under world government in the Tribulation. Since the Bible implies a major falling away will come, most probably most churches will not mature their people. They will continue their dumbed down training having a most immature Church.

When Christ was crucified, God rent the temple's veil from the top to bottom signally the Jewish worship system was over forever. Tongues ("only" foreign languages - ecstatic utterances are not of God) spoken on the Day of Pentecost signaled that the Joel prophecy was now being fulfilled where the Gospel and God's Word are going now also to the Gentiles, no longer only to the Jews. Thus, any special all-exclusive Jewish Period was gone forever. God is now dealing with all people from all over the earth to bring them to salvation and to maturity in Christ. There are no future Jewish periods in God's Plan.

The Bible promises that a descendant of David would sit and rule on his throne over Israel referring to the Christ. The Bible in Acts teaches that Christ is ruling on David's throne now, but from heaven,

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not from the earth, as He rules over all believers world-wide in the Kingdom of God.

**15. SAVING OF THE JEWS:** Many believe that when the fulness of the Gentiles is complete, there will be a large number of Jews saved at the same time that will enter the Millennium. (wrong interpretation - wrong doctrine). This will not happen. The Greek in this passage allows for the teaching as the Gentiles are being saved one at a time, so are the Jews being saved one at a time like the Gentiles. Thus, when the fullness of the Gentiles occurs, so is the fulness of the Jews. And also when the Gentiles are raptured so are the Jews. There is no one to enter a Millennium as saved people. ***And no one is born or saved after the Rapture. (correct doctrine)***

***If there were to be a Jewish Millennium with only saved Jews in unresurrected bodies with Satan being bound, there would be insufficient way to gain maturity. This makes no sense. It makes no sense if they were in resurrected bodies. If the believers had children, initially unsaved, and then they were saved, there would have to be another rapture and resurrection which the Bible does not teach. There is only one resurrection of the Just and one resurrection of the Unjust. All believers go to the New Jerusalem. Because of these concerns, it becomes very clear there will not be a future Jewish millennium***

**16. THE New Covenant:** The New Covenant God gave to the Jews is the same New Covenant that God gave to the Church. The New Covenant ministry was that of the Church. The Gentiles were not mentioned when the New Covenant was announced in Jeremiah 31:31 to Israel because the fact that the Gentiles at that time were to be included was held as a mystery. This means that the Gentiles were to be included, but the fact was not known until after the Cross.

**17. THE SPIRITUAL WARFARE:** Satan uses much strategy to prevent the maturing of the elect so they will not be involved in much true ministry. I believe Dispensational Theology with different plans for Israel and the Church is one of his strategies to put the endtimes Church to sleep regarding maturing her people. Satan works to transform the Church from orthodoxy to one of being immature with a loss of biblical intellect and with a low plateau of biblical knowledge, especially including that of how the endtimes unfold. Our churches are now fulfilling his strategy by mainly dumbing down her teaching, not maturing their people, to reach the youth and new people and by other methods. Few believers are now being taught Bible prophecy and what they will experience in the Tribulation. Many, as a result, will fall away in the Tribulation's persecution and difficult times.

## **SUMMARY**

There are no future exclusive Jewish periods coming in the Tribulation and/or in the thousand years. They have no purpose. The Rapture occurs at Christ's Second Coming after the endtimes Tribulation. The Church goes through the Tribulation for discipline (not the penal wrath of God) for her falling away. Church leadership, now no longer enduring sound doctrine, is largely responsible for the Tribulation coming and can expect judgment. The wrath of God with the endtimes Day of the Lord comes in the bowls after the Rapture and after the Tribulation. Signs now signal the Tribulation can come at any time. The Tribulation purposes include: (1) to have all people who are to live polarized by making formal and binding decisions to accept or deny the Gospel in life or by death - allowing God to terminate history; and (2) one last attempt by Satan to prevent the elect from believing. This is so Christ can bring the Rapture and final judgments.

***Again, no one is born or saved after the Rapture. After the Tribulation, the heavenly court, after determining that Christ has won the spiritual warfare over Satan, awards Christ the***

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***legal authority, according to the rules of the warfare, to Rapture the Church and bring the final judgments and resurrections and take all people to their eternal states. Christ cannot rapture the church until He is awarded this authority. To gain this authority, he must have also won back the title deed of the earth He lost to Satan in the Garden of Eden. This occurs in the period of Revelation's 7 seals.***

Throughout history, there is a spiritual warfare between Christ and Satan, Christ works to bring, and Satan works to prevent, God's elect to believe and to accomplish God's chosen work. The Rapture, as being presented, cannot occur until after the heavenly court determines that Christ has won the warfare over Satan - the elect did actually believe and did actually accomplish God's chosen work. This determination is made at the seventh trumpet by the heavenly court after the Tribulation (but before the bowls). Only then does Christ have the legal authority to rapture the Church and have eternal control over unbelievers that to this time were in the Dominion of Satan and under his authority.

There are 6000 years of human history. 4000 years occur from Genesis to Christ's Crucifixion in AD 33. This signals the Rapture will occur near the time of 2033. Only God knowing the precise timing. This timing signals the Tribulation my last 18 or more years if it begins soon. Signs now signal it can begin any time. We must be prepared now.

***The Rapture comes Post-Tribulation. And the Tribulation beginning soon can last 18 or more years (Daniel's seventieth week is history and does not refer to or define the duration of the endtimes Tribulation). There are no future Jewish Periods in God's Plan. They have no purpose. The 1000 years occurs during Christ's Second Coming, not before or afterward. There is no Scripture that teaches a Pre-Tribulation Rapture or that there is no endtimes Tribulation. There is no Scripture that teaches a Jewish Golden-Age in the 1000 years. We are to train to become mature in Christ so that we can know and relate to our perfect God toward His fullness and live amidst His great Glory forever. Apart from this life, there is nothing.***

***Are you and your people prepared for eternity with large experiential maturity and for the Tribulation? Am I? Be warned, the Tribulation can begin at any time. Mature and train your people, especially the children and youth, put in some supplies, and be prepared to stand strong in adversity. It is unthinkable and irresponsible not to do so. The adversity is coming under world government when the government will make war with the Church. Get ready.***

***Church leadership should now "with great urgency," maximumly mature their people in Christ-likeness, warn and prepare them for the very soon coming Tribulation, and train them to share the Gospel. They should put their people into small home groups for people to help each other for when the government will close our churches and for when times are tough.***

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- \* We, both Jews and Gentiles, are here to become mature in Christ-likeness in relationship living (living as Christ lives in relationship to the Father) so that in eternity we can know and relate to God in His fulness in His righteousness and holiness in close fellowship with Him, living amidst His great Glory. Apart from this, there is nothing.
- \* Christ is our only role model. The degree of our maturity is measured by God in how we respond to God in all aspects of life in comparison to how Christ, being perfect, would respond, if He were to act in our place.
- \* The events of the Bible, with the spiritual warfare and the world, flesh, and Satan, lead us to becoming mature in Christ.
- \* Believers from all of history have been called out from the Dominion of Satan under Satan's eternal control into the relationship Kingdom of God under Christ's eternal control. All believers, both Jews and Gentiles, are one in Christ without division. All believers, both Jews and Gentiles, are the Church. Christ has divorced national Israel and is now marrying the Church.
- \* The main ministry of the Church is to bring their people to a maximum spiritual maturity in Christ, living by great love and faith. She does this by training her people to exalt and glorify God, live godly lives, help accomplish ministry, and to know and stand strong on the doctrines of the Christian faith.
- \* God is using the United States as a favored nation in a special endtimes sequence to bring the termination of history.
- \* The termination of history and the Rapture can only come after all people who are to live, have lived, and have made formal and binding decisions to accept or deny the Gospel. The endtimes Tribulation is for this purpose.
- \* Christ can rapture the Church and bring the final judgments only after the heavenly court has determined He has won the spiritual warfare over Satan and has awarded Christ the legal authority according to God's Plan.
- \* The Rapture comes Post-Tribulation and the 1000 years come during the Coming of Christ.
- \* There is no such thing as a Pre-Tribulation Rapture and a Jewish Millennium.

**APPENDIX**

**SIGNS SIGNAL THE TRIBULATION IS COMING: *Some of these warning signs and conditions, especially in the favored nation of the United States, are (but not limited to)(Many have been with us for some time, but now are worsening): (1) the acts of God in areas of extended severe weather, flooding rains, fire storms, mud slides, hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, tidal waves, especially droughts that effect the food supply and amount of drinking***

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*water*, etc; **(2)** the coming of the endtimes International government (seventh head of Revelation's endtimes Beast); **(3)** the existence of the favored nation (the characteristics of the United States match those of Israel) and the action of Internationalists as Babylon the Great that rule secretly over International government needed for the endtimes special sequence; **(4)** great increase in immorality, *particularly sodomy - same sex marriages like in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah*; **(5)** people calling evil good and cannot discern the difference between the holy from the profane (churches using false tongues and the world's loud rock-type repetitive beat music) and churches and people doing what is right according to their own eyes and teaching mostly pabulum to reach the youth, instead of teaching in breadth with depth maturing their own people in Christ-likeness; **(6)** the falling away of our churches from carrying out the scope and intent of the Great Commission and the increased sin of the people especially in the favored nation; **(7)** the famine of God's Word in our churches; churches are now teaching but little of God's Word; They no longer know or endure sound doctrine; **(8)** the build up of "the northern army" for the invasion of the favored nation (limited numbers of foreign troops are now deployed throughout the United States, Mexico, and Canada, acting under the United Nations for training - check the internet for what is happening and watch for sudden larger build up of military forces; **(9)** unholy reforms are being planned and implemented in our public schools transforming our children to be ready for world government. They are also teaching sodomy in the grammar schools; **(10)** the peace-peace policy without war in the Russian Glasnost, Pre-Tribulation Rapture Theory, and a general peace condition without war; **(11)** great debt in the favored nation and in the world; **(12)** many gods in the land of the favored nation; people hold the favored nation more important than God; **(13)** people are worshiping the work of their hands, such as products from the chip industry; **(14)** there are many terrorists groups now (the foreign military that have been here for over 20 years) in the United States that could bring the plague and incurable disease; and **(15)** people have forgotten the true God and no longer fear God, so they increase their disobedience. (The gods of America include the gods of freedom, prosperity, wealth, and free enterprise.) (See *Watchman Warning*, pages 30-34, for more details and the many Scripture references.)