

God has initiated a sequence to terminate history. We are no longer in cyclic history. Prepare now for calamity and International Government of Revelation's Tribulation. If you are not already doing so, place your people into small home support groups and train them in depth to become mature in Christ-likeness and to help accomplish evangelism.

SUMMARY OF THE PATTERN VIEW OF PROPHECY

**The Many Doctrines of Prophecy, With a Systematic
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The Church has over six views of end-time Bible prophecy (eschatology) with conflicting tenets. They all cannot be correct. The Church does not have a consolidated view. This report brings a candidate for this needed consolidated view. It shows that Revelation's events unfold in a Pattern Sequence that terminates history. These are the events of Revelation's seven-sealed scroll which are required for Christ to win back the Title Deed of the Earth from Satan. As this is determined by the heavenly court after the Tribulation, it awards Christ the legal authority, according to God's Plan, to rapture the Church and bring the resurrections and the final judgments.

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Note: The details in this report were developed initially and reported in my book: *Watchman Warning* (1994). They were summarized in my other book: *Watchman, How Far Gone is the Night?* (1995). We encourage you to read these books for more detail and breadth for greater background and more complete understanding. They are available by contacting the above.

Because prophecy is complex, this report is periodically revised for clarity and adding additional doctrines that adds understanding, but does not change the overall prophetic view. The date of the revision is on the report.

This report is written for those who have some knowledge of the issues and doctrines in prophecy. Those wanting a more beginning view can read *Watchman, How Far Gone is the Night?*

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

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION;
THE SETTING OF THE SCENE;
THE ENDTIMES PATTERN SEQUENCE**

Report Contents

This report is a summary of the main and more detailed report with the same title. It presents "new and fresh insights using a systematic approach beginning with God's Plan for history" in the details and doctrines of Bible prophecy, much from my book *Watchman Warning*. This is to establish a new prophetic view that every Christian should know - a consolidate view that all Christians will adopt and believe. Our goal and hope is that the entire Church will adopt the view so her people will be informed of what is coming and what they can be experiencing as the endtimes unfold. They will know prophecy more accurately. Knowing what will happen, all of us should have additional incentive to obey God's command to mature our people, especially our children and youth, in Christ-likeness in relationship living before the endtimes Tribulation comes and especially before eternity comes. With more maturity in Christ, while in the Tribulation, we can stand stronger in Christ without falling away, become more mature in Christ, and live to bring more glory to God. It is our goal that the Church will increase her local evangelism.

These new and fresh insights from a systematic approach beginning with God's plan include the fact of and why: (1) the Rapture will be Post-Tribulational; (2) the events of Revelation unfold in a Pattern Sequence¹ similarly to the sequences that happened to Old Testament Israel; (3) Revelation's 1000 years occur during Christ's Second Coming (not before or afterwards); (4) how the United States fits into Bible prophecy; (5) Daniel's seventieth is history occurring at the time of Christ when He was crucified and offered the New Covenant for salvation; (6) The Church is a holy nation unto God, separate from the Gentiles and from Israelites as unbelievers; and (7) the requirements that must be fulfilled for the Tribulation to come and for the Rapture to come. God began the endtimes sequence as a means to terminate history. This reports shows that the events of Revelation's seven-sealed scroll that is part of the endtimes sequence is how our Lord wins back the Title Deed of the Earth and the Kingdom of the World that becomes the Kingdom of God from Satan. God uses it as means to terminate history. The Rapture can occur only after this happens.

Understanding the Pattern Sequence is one of the best ways to learn and understand what will happen as Revelation's endtimes unfold. Then we can make spiritual and physical adjustments. We need to know that Christ will come for us. This report presents the many doctrines that, when taken together, show the Rapture will come Post-Tribulational and there will not be a Jewish Golden-Age Millennium.

The details of the sequence with other doctrines give us the criteria that must be fulfilled that

1. The detailed development of the Pattern Sequence with all the Scriptures is presented in *Watchman Warning*. It is more detailed than the scope of this paper allows. This report summarizes and describes the Pattern Sequence.

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causes God to bring the Tribulation and the Rapture of the Church. The sequence with the seven-sealed Scroll is central to God's Plan for bringing the termination of history.

A key doctrine is that **all** Old and New Testament believers in the Cross comprise the Church. The Church is defined by those, having believed Christ's Cross, have been translated, called out, from the Dominion of Satan into the Kingdom of God. All believers from all nations comprise one new man in Christ without distinction and comprise one holy nation under God. One cannot be a believer without being in the Church. The distinction of Jew and Gentile for believers in Christ has gone away. There are no ethnic divisions in Christ - no Jew or Gentile. This teaching precludes any future special Jewish Periods that are in God's redemptive plan. It precludes a Jewish Tribulation and a Jewish Golden-Age Millennium. Because the exclusive Jewish period of Daniel's seventieth week is history and that the characteristics of Revelation are all nations, not exclusively Jewish, there is no basis for the all nations church to be raptured before the Tribulation. It will not happen.

The Trends and Situation Around us Signal the Tribulation Can Be Coming

Many spirit-led Christians now sense that America is deteriorating sinfully in every category to the point that she can expect God's judgment at any time. There is persecution throughout the world for Christians. The European Union is making extraordinary advances. Changes are coming in our churches, schools, and general society for the worse. Our churches and schools are dumbing down their training. Few people now can do critical thinking to know what is happening and why. Few now know and can teach the Bible comprehensively. Few now know the doctrines of prophecy so they can articulate them and know what is coming and how bad the times will become. Our biblical intellect is disappearing. The Church is trending to be very immature. Immorality, particularly sodomy, is greatly on the increase. Our country's economy is in shambles. Mother earth is now getting more attention than is God. The Middle East is in turmoil. Americans hold the country and her military to be more important than God. America now has the god of wealth, the god of free enterprise, and the god of freedom. America is rapidly becoming an apostate nation with much idolatry. Fewer and fewer people percentage-wise now go to church anywhere. For example in Silicon Valley California, about 95% of the people do not go to church anywhere. Americans no longer hold or believe that all things that make America great came from God.

We should know that, in the spiritual domain, the Church people go as the Church leadership goes. Under poor leadership, the Church people do less and fall away. As this happens, the sin of the rest of the people increases. This overall situation is happening now. When the sin of all crosses God's allowable threshold for sin, He, according to His plan, allows Satan to bring the calamity and evil world government of the Pattern Sequence. This implements Revelation's end-times disciplinary Tribulation that God uses to terminate history.

Thus, those in Church leadership carry much of the prime responsibility for the Tribulation coming regardless of our view as to when the Rapture will come. Probably, we all carry some responsibility. Having responsibility, we should expect the Church will go through the Tribulation. If we believe otherwise, we should act to hedge about being wrong and give the situation much prayer. In both cases, if we are not already doing it, we should very importantly urgently train our people to become mature in Christ in relationship living, help do area-wide evangelism, and prepare by putting aside provisions to help us get through the beginning of these times.

We should do the training now, as God commands for all time periods, while we still can in freedom. When the Tribulation comes, the government will make war with the Church and this freedom and training time will be taken away. We should urgently adapt to what God wants us to do during these most difficult times. We must not leave our people unaware and/or unprepared for the Tribulation's coming that will place us under tight government control. This would be unthinkable.

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Because sin is every increasing in the United States, God wants us, as watchmen, to warn the Church of impending judgment. She is to be alerted to ensure that she is maturing her people, doing area wide evangelism, avoiding immorality, avoiding wrong divorce, avoiding speaking in false tongues, and avoiding using the world's loud dominate rock-type repetitive beat music. This music is spreading among our churches. But is it from God or Satan? Is it the holy or the profane? It is calling evil good? Where there are many exceptions, there is a growing number of today's churches that have these wrong characteristics. They are helping to bring the endtimes Tribulation. The watchman must warn or be guilty of the people's blood. If the people do not respond to the watchman's warning, then their blood is on themselves. If we were obeying God and doing adequate ministry of discipleship and evangelism, such a warning might not be necessary.

BY OBSERVATION, MOST CHURCHES, BY THEIR ACTIONS, DO NOT SEEM TO SEE THE SIGNS THAT SIGNAL JUDGMENT IS IMPENDING. THEY ARE NOT PAYING ATTENTION. THEY BELIEVE THE CURRENT TIMES WILL CONTINUE LONG TERM. THIS IS A MOST TERRIBLE AND TRAGIC MISTAKE. THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT THE TRIBULATION WILL COME SUDDENLY WITHOUT WARNING WHEN PEOPLE EXPECT PEACE TO CONTINUE, BUT WHEN SIN IS GREATLY INCREASING AND IN REALITY, THERE IS NO PEACE.

Some are not worried because they believe (wrongly) in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture. They believe wrongly they will not be here when the judgment comes. But this is a false belief and hope. A Pre-Tribulation Rapture will not happen.

Churches, not doing adequate critical analysis, just are not seeing the consequences of their actions or lack of them. Do they realize whether or not they are actually maturing their people and whether or not they are actually working to do area-side evangelism? Are they considering their future and that their wrong actions (sins) of commission and/or omission can bring God's judgment? It does not look as if they are.

And judgment begins at the household of God. When we know what is right to do and are not doing it, for us it is sin. We all need some self evaluation.

Lamentations 1:9 - Her uncleanness was in her skirts; She did not consider her future; Therefore she has fallen astonishingly; She has no comforter. "See, O Lord, my affliction, For the enemy has magnified himself!"

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?

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

The Tribulation bringing God's end-times judgment will bring unprecedented very severe most terrible times as Satan gains more power because of the churches' and people's sin. He will bring calamity and international government. Please understand, the calamity will bring the sword, the plague, and famine to many areas. Many will die in America. There will be war over one-fourth of the earth. During the calamity and afterwards, there can be major shortages of electricity, communications, food, water, and gasoline. The infrastructure will break down. Areas can be without electricity, food, water, gasoline, and other needs for days and months. There will be a financial crash and Martial law will come, removing our Constitution. The government will make war with the Church when most Christians will eventually be incarcerated, martyred and/or placed into slave labor. Pastors and Christian leaders will be arrested and executed as the calamity comes. Our children and youth will be educated satanically by the state without parents being able to do anything about it. Our real estate most likely confiscated. Under international government, Satan will attempt extreme control over people and, making war, he will bring martyrdom and great persecution to Christians and Patriots.

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America will change suddenly essentially over night from a life of freedom with all the goods that we need to one of essentially tight control minus freedoms with many shortages of goods. Under International government, will we have no protective rights or court of appeal. The government can take from us what it wants and place us where it wants. We can do nothing legally about it. There is much-much more.

Satan does this in an attempt to prevent God's elect from believing the Gospel and accomplishing God's chosen Work. He works also to establish his man as world ruler and himself as the world's god. (*Evil increases when good people do little.*) **Thus, the sin of the Church and of the rest of the people is causing God to allow Satan to bring calamity and international government for both His and Satan's purposes - the endtimes Tribulation.** The United States will lose her sovereignty and be torn apart. Read the potential scenario as to how the endtimes can unfold. It is an eye opener for how bad the Tribulation time will be. **Most churches probably have no clue as to how most terrible the end times will become. They most likely will not prepare and thus, will be caught unprepared and blind sided when the Tribulation comes.**

As stated, for preparation for this coming Tribulation and to have a closer walk to know and relate to God, we recommend, if we are not already doing so, that we most urgently train our people, including especially our children and youth to become mature in Christ. We need to train them to become mature in Christ-likeness in relationship living at the highest ability and skill levels we understand, and to help do area-wide evangelism. We should train them comprehensively with a version of God's Whole Counsel with an emphasis of becoming mature in Christ and doing God's work - in relationship living with God. This is commanded by God for all time periods. It would be good to put all our people into home support groups and to put in some emergency supplies. People then can be there for each other.

SUMMARY OF THE PROPHETIC DOCTRINES PRESENTED IN DIFFERENT WAYS WITH ADDED BACKGROUND

Short Summary of Prophetic Doctrines Believed to Be Correct

Many doctrines and discussions are presented in the main report with Scriptural foundation and the new insights that show without ambiguity: (1) the Rapture of the Church will come after the endtimes Tribulation at Christ's Second Coming when He comes both **with** and **for** His saints at the same time; (2) the Tribulation is a specific period that comes just before Christ's Coming; (3) Revelation's endtimes unfold in a Pattern Sequence (by the events of the seven-sealed scroll) similarly as to what happened to Israel that allows Christ to win back from Satan the Title Deed of the Earth and the Kingdom of the World that becomes the Kingdom of God from Satan; (4) Daniel's seventieth week is history (not equal to the endtimes Tribulation) when Christ offered the New Covenant to the Jews for salvation (the anti-christ and the Tribulation are not in the context of the passage); **(5) The purpose of the weeks was to tell the Jews when the Messiah would come bringing the New Covenant for salvation, not the anti-christ.** (6) the 1000 years come as part of and during Christ's Second Coming; not before or afterward; (7) in His earthly ministry, Christ offered the Jews the Kingdom of God (or of Heaven) ruled from heaven for salvation and a new relationship to Him via His Cross, not a return of Israel's earthly Kingdom; and (8) the Church consists (and is defined by) of all those, and only those, that having believed in Christ's Cross, have been called out from and translated from the Dominion of Satan into the Kingdom of God. As a result the Church includes all believers from all biblical time periods. **One cannot be saved without being in the Church.**

The signs and conditions all around us now signal that Revelation's endtimes Tribulation can be coming in the near future. Only God knows the timing. Our churches do not appear to recognize the signs and are not making preparations. Now that the Tribulation is coming, churches should be doing the best they can for their people in preparation. Where are many exceptions, they appear to be doing business as usual and trending to teach less comprehensively and many are doing inadequate evangelism. They are not attempting to reach all the people in their local areas, especially the children. Many are going to home

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groups with mostly first-level training. We are headed toward an immature Church with a loss of comprehensive Biblical intellect. Our churches do not realize how terrible the coming times will become that will come in a sudden change in a whirlwind with no warning beyond the signs and warning from watchmen. In our churches, we have over six different views of Bible prophecy with conflicting tenets. Many, tragically, believe wrongly they will miss the Tribulation by the Rapture. But when examining the many doctrines of Scripture, a Pre-Tribulation Rapture is shown not to be possible. Many doctrines preclude it.

The situation is serious because what is important now, as is in all times, is that we mature our people in Christ and help to do area-wide evangelism. We need to be in Christ as Christians. But also, very importantly, we need to be mature in Christ in order that we can know and relate to God in a close fellowship toward His fullest both now but especially in eternity. Because we have an immature Church, when the persecution comes in the Tribulation, we can expect a massive falling away from the faith with our children and youth satanically educated by the state. Our churches are now fueling the situation for this falling away by their inadequate teaching and training. They are emphasizing reaching out to new people, instead of maturing their own. Bible teaching and evangelism during the Tribulation will no longer be allowed by law and most Christians, in time, will be incarcerated, placed into slave labor, and/or martyred. We are heading into the greatest spiritual dark age in all of history. Our churches are fueling this situation now by teaching but little of God's Word. We need to mature our people before the Tribulation comes and before they die and enter eternity. **But will we do it? If we act like Israel did in her time, it will not happen, at least on a large scale.**

The Prophecy Situation

As the endtimes now appear to be coming soon, as stated, our churches hold to over six different views of Bible prophecy. Most do not see the signs of a soon coming Tribulation. So we need a new approach to the understanding of prophecy. We have taken that approach by:

- 1. Beginning with God's Plan for history with the spiritual warfare and placing prophecy in the end phase of His Plan. This is contrast of begining with mainly Bible prophecy.**
- 2. Examining and finding the Bible's harmonization of over 40 doctrines - all that we can find.**
- 3. Taking into account those doctrines that interpreters in their books etc. deem important.**

Watchman Warning

However, we are to be warned, that signs and conditions now signal and warn the calamity will come, suddenly, unexpectedly, without warning (without having verified information), in a whirlwind when most expect the current times to continue. This is a Watchman Warning that the Tribulation can come at any time now or in the next few to many years. The Tribulation will bring a very intense spiritual warfare with the government making war with the Church. Only God knows the timing. Most are not expected to change what they are doing or to prepare, and thus, will be caught blind sided and tragically unprepared. Millions in America and many other nations will no doubt die as we go under the endtimes calamity and international government of the seventh head of the Beast.

Thus, we should take heed and urgently prepare logistically to get through the early phases of the Tribulation. We should, if we are not already doing it, train our Church and families, including our children and youth, with a sense of urgency to become mature in spiritual ability in Christ-likeness in relationship living before the Tribulation comes. As stated, this spiritual ability is needed to stand strong and gain more maturity as the Tribulation comes without falling away. **It is needed especially for eternity so that we can know and relate to God toward His fullest. Apart from this relationship to God, there is nothing.**

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Cost of Studying and Training; Use a Short Training Schedule

For us to be adequately prepared for now, the endtimes, and for eternity, we should train and learn: (1) God's Plan for history with the spiritual warfare; (2) the doctrines of the Christian faith; (3) the attributes of God; (4) the doctrines of prophecy and how they interrelate; and (5) how to implement God's Whole Counsel for the Christian life in relationship living in depth in the trials and testings of life; and (6) how to implement glorifying and worshiping God by helping to accomplish His work. Thus, we should train to become mature in Christ and to help to do area-wide local evangelism and disciple converts. This work includes building godly families, planting churches, and reaching out to the needy. We should train how to establish and operate home groups and what do and not do as the underground church in and out of prison. We can add the study of Bible books and a Bible survey as a second priority. We should work with our children and youth to become involved in God's work where they can see God using them. This will give them more incentive to train and continue in the faith. This is true also for adults.

We should attempt to learn the doctrines needed to become mature in Christ. We should study to become more mature, not taking longer than 9-12 months to accomplish the primary and most vital training. We can add other training afterward. Then we should continue to review and practice the training, having now on-the-job training for experience. We need to do our training with a sense of urgency because the signs signal the Tribulation can come at any time which can truncate our training time. We do not know how much time we have left.

Other Aspects in the Report; The Pattern Sequence

This report shows that in the endtimes sequence, now occurring, the Church falls away followed by the increased sin of the people especially in the favored nation. This falling away and sin gives Satan more power that helps to bring the endtimes Tribulation. Thus, we should now examine ourselves to become more obedient to God and depart from known sin, working for revival before the Tribulation comes. But will we do it?

Because the events of Revelation unfold in a Pattern Sequence that is similar to the ones that happened to the Old Testament Israel, by studying what happened to Israel in her sequences, we can gain understanding of what can happen in Revelation's sequence (e.g. see Leviticus 26, Deuteronomy 28, and the prophets for the Old Testament model). Things are now happening similarly. This is how we know the signs that signal the Tribulation is impending. The signs now in the United States are similar to those that were in Israel just before Babylon Invaded placing Israel into bondage and servitude. By seeing that a favored nation exists and world government is coming are signs that a Pattern Sequence exists.

In the Pattern Sequences, there is the: (1) favored nation (was Israel and is now the United States in these endtimes); (2) world empire or government that took over and ruled the favored nation (was Babylon, and now is a version of the United Nations); and (3) internationalists the Bible calls Babylon the Great who rule over the world government from behind the scenes in secrecy, sorcery, and sensuousness. Today some call these people the Illuminati. Babylon the Great brings a one world government, religion, court system and financial and world trade system. The degree of obedience to God and her sin, as in the favored nation, is largely responsible for when the endtimes come in the Pattern Sequence established by God. We know that the United States is a favored nation because she exists in the endtimes, her characteristics match those of Israel, and she has been blessed by God more than any nation in history by orders of magnitude.

The Pattern Sequence consists of the following elements especially regarding the favored nation: (1) God gives the country great prosperity when the people have generally good obedience; (2) warnings and curses come with disobedience, particularly the disobedience of the Church - God's people; (3) the warning

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and curses increase with increased disobedience with watchmen warnings; and (4) with greatly increased sin, God brings the military of the international or world government against the nation and takes the nation into bondage and exile for a period of years for divine discipline. He places all the nations of the world under this international government. The world government is ruled secretly from behind the scenes by a group of internationalists (Babylon the Great) that few know about. During the endtimes discipline period many believers will be martyred and children and youth educated satanically by the state. After the discipline period has run its course, God delivers the people into His fellowship once again (such as a return to the land of Israel) and then destroys the international government that came against the nation. This sequence was repeated many times in Old Testament Israel. Thus, I call it a Pattern Sequence. The sequence is a model for how the endtimes of Revelation unfold.

In these endtimes, God has greatly blessed the United States as His endtimes favored nation. An international government is being formed (such as the United Nations or what it may be called), and it is ruled from behind the scenes secretly with sorcery by the internationalists, Babylon the Great (the Illuminati). Now as sin in the favored nation is greatly increasing, God is bringing warning and curses. He is bringing warning through acts of God and using His watchmen. Then as the sin increases, He brings the Tribulation as divine discipline on the favored nation in particular and all nations in general. He brings the armies of the world government against the favored nation. Then after the Tribulation as discipline has run its course, He delivers His people in the Rapture of the Church to Himself, and then brings the destruction of the world government. In this case, it is the destruction of all unbelievers world wide using the rod of Iron and winepress operations during our Lord's Second Coming. Then eternity comes. Believers will be in the new Jerusalem with God, and all unbelievers will be in the Lake of Fire away from God.

Prophecy is complex.² As introduced, Bible interpreters have established over six prophetic views of sequencing the Rapture, the Tribulation, the 1000 years, and Daniel's seventieth week in all the possible combinations. These views have stood over time without resolution to a single view that the whole Church accepts. Their differences have caused believers to stand apart without unity.

Because there are these many different prophetic views, this report attempts to bring what we believe the Bible to teach as a candidate for the consolidated view that all might adopt.³ This is the Pattern View of

2. Prophecy is quite complex from the perspective there are many things and doctrines to take into account. It helps to view each doctrine as a facet of a diamond. So studying each doctrine one at a time eventually allows the diamond to be formed and doctrines seen simultaneously. Then we should find the Bible's harmonization of these doctrines.

Our understanding to determine our prophetic view is helped when we observe that: (1) the events of Revelation unfold in a Pattern Sequence; (2) God's main plan is to take responding people to a mature high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness for eternity's sake; and (3) the Church is defined as believers that have been transferred from the Dominion of Satan into the Kingdom of God. When one is a believer, they are part of the Church. If you are an unbeliever, you are in Satan's Dominion. If you are a believer, you are in the Kingdom of God and are part of the Church. There are no other alternatives.

Our understanding is also helped when we observe that the Cross of Christ put aside all physical temples and animal sacrifices forever. The Cross made all Jewish and Gentile believers to be one new man in Christ without distinction or ethnic division when now only Christ can have preeminence. These teachings deny any future period with physical temples and animal sacrifices. They deny the Jews will be over the Gentiles again. And they deny having the Jews once again being prominent in any manner. We are now to worship God in spirit and in truth everywhere and no longer exclusively in Jerusalem. **Thus, they deny the concepts of a Pre-Tribulation Rapture with a Jewish Tribulation and a Jewish Millennial Kingdom.**

3. This adoption is desired so our Church people will know what is happening and what they can expect.

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Prophecy. A summary of the tenets are presented later.

Our Approach to Determine Bible Prophecy (This approach was introduced earlier.)

In order to gain the best understanding of prophecy, we have found it helps to begin with God's Plan for human history with the spiritual warfare and then add prophecy as its end phase and how God is terminating history. This approach is to understand that the events of Revelation unfold in a sequence (we call a Pattern Sequence) that is similar to the ones that happened to the Old Testament Jews. Because Revelation's events unfold in a Pattern Sequence, I call this (my) view the Pattern View of Prophecy. We have found it helps to see that the Church is defined as consisting of all believers. They have been translated from the Dominion of Satan into the Kingdom of God. It helps to see that the events of the seven-sealed scroll is how Christ wins back the Title Deed of the Earth and the Kingdom of God from Satan. **We have found that it helps to determine the Bible's harmonization of many-many doctrines simultaneously (e.g. over 40).** These doctrines include the ones that interpreters deem important to consider. This view has a Post-Tribulation Rapture occurring at Christ's Second Coming with the 1000 years coming during and part of His Coming. Daniel's seventieth week is history with Christ's Cross in its middle when He brought the New Covenant.

While discovering the Pattern Sequence, we looked at the vocabulary, entities, sequence of events, phrases, concepts, etc. that were in Revelation and found the same or similar ones in Israel's Old Testament history. By making this comparison, we found that the events of Revelation unfold in a similar manner and sequence as to what happened to the Old Testament Jews many times. The detailed Scriptural development is found in Chapter Five of *Watchman Warning*. Chapter six and Appendix A describe how the endtimes unfold and what will happen when they do. By examining what happened to Israel in her sequences, we can know what can happen in Revelation's. Things are now happening that way. Thus, we call our view of prophecy, The Pattern View.

We should now pay careful attention because the endtimes Tribulation brings God's disciplinary judgment for sin. America is deteriorating spiritually in almost all categories. Sin is greatly on the increase. The Church, particularly, is falling away from adequate obedience to God in an ever increasing way. **She is not working to mature her people in Christ at the higher skill levels and involving her people greatly in God's work. These actions are symptomatic of not working with eternity in mind and not realizing one is implementing key satanic strategy.**

The Bible's "many" prophetic doctrines when considered together, in our view, show unambiguously the Church will go through the endtimes Tribulation for God's disciplinary, not penal, judgment for sin. Using the Tribulation, God is bringing the Pattern Sequence and the events of the seven-sealed scroll to terminate history. He is using them also to determine the winner of the spiritual warfare between our Lord and Satan.

Benefits and Importance of Knowing Prophecy

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Knowing they are in perilous times, they should have more incentive to prepare, especially their children and youth. **But to have such an adoption will require people to see new things especially in relationships and to give up some "ingrained" wrong doctrines they have held for many years.** For example, they must give up that God will establish a wonderful Jewish Kingdom in the 1000 years and that Daniel's seventieth week is equal to the endtimes Tribulation. They must give up that God's wrath that the Church will miss is in the endtimes Tribulation instead of in the Lake of Fire. They must give up the wrong concept of a Pre-Tribulation Rapture. For such will not happen. Believing these doctrines causes one to believe prophecy incorrectly.

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and Becoming Mature in Christ

By realizing the Rapture is Post-Tribulational, and training to become more mature in Christ in relationship living, we will not be caught blind-sided and unaware when the calamity comes to place us under an evil international government. We will be able to stand strong and be able to relate better to the endtimes. Knowing the impending signs and how the endtimes unfold, we can know what to expect as they unfold around us. ***Even if we believe wrongly in a Pre-Tribulational Rapture, knowing how the endtimes unfold according to the Post-Tribulational Rapture view, we can avoid the mistake of believing we are not Christians and have missed the Rapture, when we find ourselves in the Tribulation.***

Key tenets of the Pattern View (My View)

Show How Revelation's Events Unfold in a Pattern Sequence With a Post-Tribulation Rapture and the 1000 Years Coming During Christ's Second Coming

(See *Watchman Warning* for detailed development)

The key tenets of the Pattern View (my view), as we believe the Bible teaches, are as follows:

- God's major plan for all responding people is to take them to become mature in high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness in relationship living needed for eternity. This life is patterned after Christ's walk with the Father as role models. This is the plan that God has for both the Jew and the Gentile. He does not have different future plans for Israel and the Church. All believers in Israel, as well as believing Gentiles, are part of the Church. God is interested in our becoming the Church and mature in Christ so we can go to be with Him in heaven and know and relate to Him in His depth. After the Cross, He is not so interested where we live on the earth. Where ever we are, we are to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.

All events of biblical history in God's Plan lead to believing in Christ's Cross and growing in a mature spiritual ability in Christ-likeness in order that in eternity we can know and relate to the one and only God in his depth who is perfect and complete in every category and attribute. We can live according to His (one and only) perfect truth. Thus, we should respond to God in priority and in excellence now to allow this to happen. There is nothing else.

- God had us live in this history so that we could learn the depth of God's love that was demonstrated at the Cross. and by which we are to live. Living by love is one of the most important aspects and is required for us to mature in Christ and to know God who is love. The Bible teaches that a person has no greater love than one who is willing to lay down his life for his friends.

- The Church Period, Administration, or Dispensation is the last one in which God completes all things in heaven and in earth in Christ. There are no other future dispensations or administrations from God after Christ's Second Coming. Christ at His Second Coming terminates history as He raptures the Church and kills all remaining unbelievers with the rod of iron and wine press operations. This places the 1000 years during Christ's Second Coming, most likely as a day or short period of time.

- Revelation unfolds in a Pattern Sequence similarly as to what happened to the Old Testament Jews. God uses it as a means to end the Church Period and to terminate history. In each sequence there existed the favored nation, Babylon the Great ruling secretly from behind the scenes, world government that took over the favored nation for a period of divine discipline and correction, and the military of the world government. The Old Testament favored nation was Israel. The New Testament one is the United States. The favored nation exists when the Pattern Sequence is in effect. By learning what happened in Israel's sequences, we can learn what in some manner what can occur in Revelation's sequence. Many things are beginning to happen line for line. ***(We can know that the endtimes Pattern Sequence has begun by the existence of the favored nation, the coming of a world government, and the signs that show the endtimes calamity is imminent.)***

- The churches should now act with urgency to place their people into small home groups in mutual

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support. They should be used for training their people in depth to become mature in Christ, help do area-wide evangelism, and prepare with logistic support for going through hard times.

- Signs and conditions of greatly increasing sin now in the favored nation of the United States, occurring, according to the Pattern Sequence, signal that the Tribulation is impending. The Tribulation's calamity and international government can come at any time. Only God knows the timing.

- The events of Revelation's seven-sealed scroll is how Christ wins back the Title Deed of the Earth and the Kingdom of God (now the Kingdom of the World) from Satan who took their possession in the Garden of Eden.

- The Rapture occurs after the heavenly court at the seventh trumpet determines that Christ has won the spiritual warfare over Satan. As a result of this determination, it awards Christ the Kingdom of the World that becomes the Kingdom of God. This award occurs after the endtimes Tribulation (after the Mark-of-the-Beast Period). It also awards Christ the Title Deed of the Earth. These awards grant Christ the legal authority, according to God's Plan, to rapture the Church, and bring the final resurrections and judgments. (Satan took both away from Christ in the Garden of Eden when Adam and Eve sinned.) Christ raptures the Church and brings the final judgments after these awards.

- There is a spiritual warfare occurring between Christ and Satan throughout all biblical history for man. Christ is to bring God's chosen elect to believe the Gospel and to accomplish God's chosen works. If this happens (and it will), then Christ wins the warfare over Satan. If on the other hand, if Satan can prevent any one of the elect from believing the Gospel and/or from accomplishing any one of God's chosen works, then he will win the warfare. If this should occur (and it will not), then he would avoid God's sentence of he and his angels going to the Lake of Fire and he would be able to rule over the angels etc. forever. By doing so, he would prove to God that he, as well as God, can work all things together for good. So Satan attacks God's people in many ways throughout history to bring his objectives about. (See my report: *Comprehensive Summary Of the Biblical Worldview (Key Aspects of the Big Picture in God's Plan From Genesis to Revelation* for detailed development.)

- Christ lives the servant role in obedience to God and Satan lives the god role, denying God to rule, and acting as ruler over his life. The concept is that one lives the servant role when one allows God to work all things together for good. One lives the god role when one attempts himself to work all things together for good.

- The Rapture is Post-Tribulational. When Christ comes after the Tribulation, He comes both for and with His saints at the same time.

- The Rapture comes after all the tares (unbelievers) are bundled for the fire as they take the Mark-of-the-Beast formally rejecting the Gospel. The Wheat (believers) cannot be separated from the tares in the Rapture until after this bundling occurs. This separation comes at Christ's Second Coming after the Tribulation.

- Our Lord sits at the right hand of God the Father in heaven until all His enemies become His footstool or under His authority. He sits there without coming in the clouds to rapture the Church until that time. People formally become His enemies when they take the Mark of the Beast or by death having formally denied the Gospel. They become under His authority after the endtimes Great Tribulation that occurs just before Christ's Coming when the heavenly court awards Him the Kingdom of the World that becomes the Kingdom of God..

- The judgment of the sheep nations (believers) and the goat nations (unbelievers) occurs at the single event of Christ's Second Coming. There is only one judgment of the sheep nations, not two such as one before and another after the Great Tribulation.

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- Christ said when I return will I find faith on the earth (meaning there will be very little) and the days will be like the days of Noah and the days of Sodom and Gomorrah. The Bible teaches that when the Rapture comes the saints on earth will be those who are alive and remain (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). All of these Scriptures teach that when Christ comes to rapture the Church there will be very few Christians alive. The rest of the people will be in complete apostasy and will no longer be able to be saved. There are too many Christians alive now to meet these requirements. Thus, a Rapture now cannot happen. And when it does, afterward, Christ kills the remaining people as He did in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah and in the days of Noah. He killed them because they were in complete apostasy and could no longer be saved. This will be the situation when Christ comes. He will rapture the very few Christians alive and kill all the rest because, having taken the Mark of the Beast, they are in complete apostasy and can no longer be saved. There will be no one alive on earth afterwards to have any future kingdoms. There will not be a Jewish Golden-Age Millennium.

- There is no partiality with God. He would not allow some of His people to miss the Tribulation by the Rapture and then place a very large number of His people in the Tribulation. But if all go through the Tribulation for His purposes, He is not showing partiality. Thus, the Rapture cannot be Pre-Tribulational.

- The 1000 years occur as part of and during Christ's Second Coming, not in the Church Period nor as a follow on Jewish Millennial Kingdom.

- All are born as unbelievers into the Dominion of Satan, with Satan as their god and under his eternal control. To go to be with God in heaven, one must be translated into the Kingdom of God by believing in Christ's Cross that satisfied God's Justice for sin. When this happens, one comes under God's control. One is translated into the Kingdom of God because they have accepted by faith that Christ satisfied God's Justice for sin on the Cross. All believers are in the Kingdom of God. (The Kingdom of Israel (ruled from the earth) is a separate Kingdom from and a different kingdom than the Kingdom of God (ruled from heaven); they are not equate able.)

- The Church consists of (and is defined as) all believers (both Jews and Gentiles) in Christ from all of biblical history, having been called out from the Dominion of Satan into the Kingdom of God. As such they are now under Grace, being Justified before God, and are no longer under Law - they have been freed from the jurisdiction of the Law. **Israel as covenant nation, consisting of both believers and unbelievers, does not become the Church.** But the believes in Israel do become part of the Church as do the Gentiles.

- Christ offered the Jews the Kingdom of God ruled from heaven with the view, that by believing in Him, they would be translated from the Dominion of Satan into the Kingdom of God in salvation. He did not offer them a kingdom of Israel that would not contain salvation and one ruled from the earth. Many New Testament Scriptures show that this Kingdom of God was implemented throughout the Church Period and was not postponed to some future millennial period.

- Daniel's Seventy Weeks of an **exclusive** Jewish period deal with the way God returns the **Southern Kingdom** Jews (only the tribes of Judah and Benjamin) to fellowship with Himself, first by bringing them into the land from the Babylonian captivity and then to Christ via the New Covenant. The Northern Kingdom Jews at the time the prophecy was given had been divorced by God. The weeks were for the purpose to tell the Jews when the Messiah would come and bring the New Covenant. Many purposes of the weeks are fulfilled in the Cross. Christ became the Messiah at His baptism at the very end of the sixty-ninth week. Christ was cut off (crucified) after the sixty ninth week. This requires the Cross to be in the last and seventieth week. The seventieth week became history at the time Christ brought the New Covenant. It does not refer to the end time Tribulation. It is Christ who makes a covenant with the Jews, not the anti-christ. This means the Tribulation is not limited to and can last much longer than seven years. The Tribulation is all-nations, not Jewish in characteristic as required by the Daniel prophecy, indeed as Revelation teaches.

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- God is through with Israel as a Covenant Nation as of the Cross. God divorced the Northern Kingdom in direct teaching in her history (Jeremiah 3:8). The Bible teaches indirectly that God divorced the Southern Kingdom at the Cross. He divorced the Southern Kingdom when the leaders said let Christ's blood be on us and on our children. They were denying the Messiah then and for all future time as they established a blood covenant with God. Christ is now marrying the Church and by His own laws, a spiritual leader cannot have two wives at the same time. He can marry individual Jews because when they believe in Christ's Cross they die to the Law, being spiritually crucified with Christ, and are resurrected into a new divine life. This death and newness of life as a result of resurrection from the dead allows Christ to marry the Jew after the Covenant Nation was divorced. However, God has not forsaken the Jews because they, with the Gentiles, both as believers, can have all the riches of God in Christ - both salvation and maturity in Christ to know and to relate to God. Apart from this, there is nothing. This is what He offers everyone who will receive His Cross for salvation. God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled with the New Covenant being fulfilled in the Church Period.

- The Jew and Gentile, after the Cross, are one new man in Christ without distinction and only Christ alone now can have any preeminence and first place. In Christ, there is no longer Jew or Gentile. There are no ethnic divisions. Both are one in Christ and a new holy nation and race to Christ. This means the Jews as a covenant nation and people of God will never again have preeminence over anyone or anything. But God has not abandoned the Jew in any way. They can have everything that God offers anyone in Christ. This is all He offers anyone.

- There will not be any future Jewish Periods of any kind such as in the Tribulation and/or in the 1000 years. Nor will there be any future physical temples or animal sacrifices under God (there might be from Satan). ***Bringing these back would be a denial of the Christian faith (a denial of the efficaciousness of the Cross) and an affront to God and to Christ. Bringing them back has no purpose and makes no sense.***

- The prophecy dealing with Israel in Romans 11:25-27 has been most difficult to interpret. However, when analyzed using the Greek, it teaches that the Jews and Gentiles are saved one person at a time, not most (certainly not all) at one time. When at the time the completion of when all Gentiles are finally saved, being saved one at a time (the fulness of the Gentiles), at this time, will be the time when all the Jews will be saved, being saved one at a time (the fullness of the Jews). The passage does not mean or teach that when the fullness of the Gentiles is complete, that suddenly all those of Israel in a mass of people will be suddenly saved all at one time as Christ as the Deliverer comes. (And even if they were, they would be raptured and not go into a future kingdom.)

The Bible teaches that the world will be in almost complete apostasy when Christ comes with only a very few believers alive. No one is saved when or after Christ comes, only before He comes, and then one person at a time. When Christ comes, He raptures and resurrects the Church in a sudden catching up in a twinkling of an eye. There is no time for anyone to believe when Christ comes. And those who have not believed at this time will be in complete apostasy and cannot be saved because they are in days like the days of Noah - complete apostasy. The unbeliever when Christ comes will have taken the Mark of the Beast and thus, no longer can be saved. Christ does not come until after the whole world will have made formal decisions to accept or deny the Gospel. When Christ comes no new people will be saved. A mass belief by many Jews is an impossibility. (Those that see Him coming in the clouds (after the Rapture) are the High Priest and those who pierced Him after their resurrection. They are and remain unbelievers. This happens at the time of the Great White Throne Judgment after their resurrection.)

- The Church reigns with Christ for the 1000 years. Christ reigns eternally. The 1000 years occur during the time of the bowls after the Tribulation and during Christ's Coming. Satan is bound in prison during this time period. The Beast and the false prophet are cast into the Lake of Fire. During the 1000 years, the Church determines whether or not any one left will repent to be saved. But none do. After this determination, Satan is released from prison to bring the armies of the world against Christ. Christ with the

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angels kill all the unbelievers with the rod of iron and the wine press operations. He casts Satan and his angels into the Lake of Fire.

- The Second Coming of Christ covers the period of the 1000 years. It includes the Rapture and resurrection of the Church and the unbelievers. It includes the event of the Great White Throne Judgment. Because man's duration on the earth is 6000 years, the 1000 years of Revelation are but a day or short period of time included within the 6000 years. Thus they are probably not a literal 1000 years.

- The future prophesied events in the Old Testament, as discussed earlier, recorded in the natural are implemented in the spiritual in relationships - the spiritual replaces the natural. The Scripture directly teaches that the natural comes first and then the spiritual. Just examine the way the Old and New Testaments are written. For example, being in Christ has replaced being in the land of Israel. Note particularly that the Cross replaced physical temples and animal sacrifices with the Church being the sanctuary of God and living sacrifices. Spiritual warfare among believers has replaced physical warfare.

Doctrines that Drive Prophetic Views

There are several doctrines (and there are many others shared in this report) that drive our choice of prophetic doctrines and views. These doctrines show the Rapture will be Post-Tribulational and that there will not be a Jewish Golden-age Millennium. ***They show that Dispensational Theology with a Pre-Tribulation Rapture and Jewish Golden-age Millennial Kingdom is not taught in the Bible. They show what must be fulfilled that causes God to bring the Tribulation and Rapture.***

These driving doctrines include:

1. After the fall of man in the Garden of Eden, everyone is born in the Dominion of Satan with a depraved nature that does not seek after God. It wants to sin, thus requiring a Justice to be satisfied, that man cannot do. When believing in the Christ's Cross that satisfied God's Justice for sin, as God works in them, one is called out from and transferred from the Dominion of Satan into the Kingdom of God. God's satisfied Justice is applied to their personal account, All called out people become the Church of Christ and are in the Kingdom of God. Thus, all believers from all time periods are in the Church of Christ. There are no exceptions. (If one does not believe in the Cross, they remain in the Dominion of Satan. If they believe in the Cross, they are the Church.) This doctrine precludes a Pre-Tribulation Rapture and anyone being saved after the Rapture. Thus, it also precludes a Jewish golden-age Millennial Kingdom.

2. The seventieth week of Daniel occurred during the ministry of Christ and in the first three and one-half years of the Church Period. The weeks were for the purpose to tell the Jews when the Messiah would come and, when He came, He would bring them the New Covenant. This doctrine precludes a Pre-Tribulation Rapture. (The characteristics of Revelation are all nations and not exclusively Jewish that would be required for the all-Jewish seventieth week to be equal with the endtimes Tribulation.)

3. The Cross broke down the barrier of the dividing wall between the Jew and the Gentile. Saved Jews and Gentiles are now one new man in Christ without distinction. They, as the Church, are a new holy nation unto the Lord and a new spiritual race unto Christ. Only Christ can now have any preeminence and first place. This doctrine precludes any future Jewish Periods. The only period after the Cross can be the period of the Church. Thus, the Church is now a new holy nation to God with the Jew and Gentile believer are one new man without distinction. This precludes a future Jewish Tribulation and a Jewish golden-age Millennial Kingdom. And thus, it precludes a Pre-Tribulation Rapture.

4. The Cross set aside physical temples and animal sacrifices forever. This action precludes these coming back again after the Cross. Thus, this doctrine precludes any return of the Jewish worship system and thus, precludes a Jewish Tribulation and a Jewish Golden-age Millennial Kingdom. Such a return of animal sacrifices would deny the efficaciousness of the Cross and be affront to God and to Christ. It would deny

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the Christian faith.

5. The saints (the Church) are resurrected before the 1000 years begin and Satan is not bound in the Church Period. These doctrines preclude the 1000 years being in the Church Period.

6. Christ comes on the clouds to rapture the Church and to bring judgment on the high priest and those that pierced Him. In fact, every eye shall see Him coming. This means that the 1000 years and the Great White Throne Judgment will occur during Christ's Second Coming as He comes in the clouds.

7. The wheat (believers) cannot be separated from the tares (unbelievers) until all the tares are bundled for the fire. They are bundled in the Great Tribulation. Our Lord sits on the right hand of God the Father until His enemies become His footstool in the Great Tribulation. These doctrines preclude a Pre-Tribulation Rapture. The Rapture can only come Post-Tribulation. (And if there were to be a future millennium, the Rapture could not occur until after the Millennium because there would be unbelievers in this period. Thus, these doctrines also preclude a Jewish Golden-Age Millennium.)

8. The teachings in both Mark 13:27 and in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 show that Christ comes "for" and "with" His saints at the same time. He does not come for His saints before the Tribulation and with His saints after the Tribulation. This doctrine precludes a Pre-Tribulation Rapture. (Does He not come "for" the Tribulation saints when He comes? Is this not the Rapture?)

9. Christ said that when He comes will He find faith on the earth? The Greek implies that there will be very little. He also said when He comes again, the days will be like the days of Noah. At that time, only a few believers were delivered and the rest, no longer being able to be saved, were killed. In the endtimes, they will no longer be able to be saved because they will have made formal decisions to deny the Gospel by taking the Mark of the Beast. This will be the case at the Coming of Christ. He will rapture and resurrect the Church (the few that are then living) at the marriage of the Lamb when He comes, and then kill all the remaining people, who are in great apostasy no longer able to be saved with the rod of iron and wine press operations.

10. The Rapture cannot come until the heavenly court gives Christ the legal authority after it determines at the seventh trumpet, after the Tribulation, that He has won the spiritual warfare over Satan. The Rapture cannot come until all people who are to live, have lived, and have made formal decisions to accept or deny the Gospel. God uses the Tribulation to polarize all people with these decisions using the Mark-of-the-Beast system.

If you have doctrines or views that disagree with these view-driving doctrines and conclusions, then you should review them for how they are actually implemented and how they harmonize with these doctrines.

Major Interpretative Mistakes

Major mistakes (in summary) in the published literature (by our perception), that lead to wrong conclusions in Bible prophecy include: (1) Making Daniel's seventieth week equal to the endtimes Tribulation and not seeing that it is now history when Christ (not the anti-christ) offered the Jews the New Covenant; (2) Making the Kingdom of God that Christ offered the Jews equal to the Kingdom of Israel ruled from the earth and not seeing that Christ offered the Jews the Kingdom of God ruled from heaven that was implemented throughout the Church Period - the offer was for salvation in Him founded on the Cross, not a physical location on earth that was to be future; (3) making the endtimes Day of the Lord equal to the entire endtimes Tribulation instead of seeing that it applied to the time of the bowls that occur after the Rapture and during Christ's Second Coming and after the Tribulation; (4) making the Church include only those believers in the Church Period, instead of all believers from all of history that have been called out from the Dominion of Satan into the Kingdom of God by believing in the Cross; (5) making the endtimes Tribulation history, instead of future, just before Christ's Second Coming, when after the Tribulation, Christ

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casts **the persons** of the beast and false prophet of the Great Tribulation into the Lake of fire; (6) believing that Christ comes for His saints before the Tribulation and with His saints after the Tribulation instead of believing that Christ comes with and for His saints at the same time at His Second Coming; (7) believing that Christ will bring Israel a millennial kingdom on earth (consisting of both believers and unbelievers) after Christ's Second Coming, instead of seeing that all believers, are the Church and a new nation in Christ, and in the Kingdom of God; Not seeing that the true Israel are those of promise and saved in Christ and are not those that are just born in Israel) and are raptured at Christ' Second Coming - all unbelievers, including those of Israel, are outside this nation of the Church and remain in the Dominion of Satan; (8) believing that God has a different future location for Israel (the land) than for the Church (new Jerusalem) instead of seeing that God has but one plan for all believers, Jews and Gentiles, to become mature in Christ, and then take them to the new Jerusalem; (9) forcing the Rapture to be imminent just before the Tribulation begins when it has not happened for over 2000 years, instead of allowing the possibility to be imminent just before the Tribulation ends (it could not be imminent until after the Canon of Scripture was complete AD 96 and until after Jerusalem and the temple were destroyed in AD 70); (10) believing that the wrath the Church will miss (via the Rapture) is in the Tribulation, instead of the wrath that is in the bowl period and in the Lake of Fire after the Rapture, and after the Tribulation; (11) believing that the man of lawlessness is revealed only after the Church is removed with the Holy Spirit instead of what the context teaches until God removes His constraint that allows him to be revealed; (12) believing that the Church will be raptured before the hour of trial (assumed to be the endtimes Tribulation without proof) begins instead of based on an alternate interpretation and translation that the Church is preserved through the hour of trial, having eternal security in Christ; (13) requiring multiple resurrections of the Just (such as one before the Tribulation and one afterward) instead of believing only one at Christ's Second Coming as the Bible teaches; and (14) believing the abomination of desolation and the listed Great Tribulation of the Olivet Discourse (such as in Matthew 24) occur in Revelation's Tribulation instead of occurring in AD 70 as God brought judgment against the Jews using the Roman armies (the abomination of desolation was the Roman armies acting in the temple).

There are no Scriptures that teach a Pre-Tribulation Rapture or that places a Jewish Kingdom in the 1000 years period or that places the 1000 years in the Church Period. These choices have been made by assertion, which we believe the Bible does not teach. ***The New Testament is silent about the concept of a Jewish Golden-age Millennial such that it does not happen or it is not very important. The Bible teaches directly that all the promises to Israel concerning them possessing the land have been fulfilled*** (See Joshua 21:43, 45; Nehemiah 9:7-8, 24; Ezekiel 33:24). The Bible directly teaches a Post-Tribulation Rapture. (There are other errors and discussions in the main report.)

A stumbling block for interpreters is seeing how the Old Testament promises to Israel are actually fulfilled. Many want them fulfilled literally as they are literally written. However, the Bible teaches, as previously presented, that the natural comes first and then the spiritual.⁴ The Old Testament is written in the natural (story form) and New Testament is written in the spiritual (relationship form). So we should look for those promises in the Old Testament written in the natural to be implemented in the New Testament in the spiritual in relationship form. This is what happens. For example being in fellowship with God was in the land of Israel in the Old Testament (natural) and it is being in Christ based on the New Covenant in the New Testament (spiritual). This is taught in Daniel 9 when God restores the Jews from Babylon to Israel's land (natural) and then to Christ as He offers them then the New Covenant (spiritual). The Bible teaches that Christ is now ruling on David's throne, but from heaven in a relationship concept, not on the earth as a general ruler as many believe will happen in the 1000 years. The Church being a living sacrifice and sanctuary of God has replaced animal sacrifices and physical temples. Natural physical warfare for God's people in the Old Testament has been replaced by spiritual warfare in the New Testament after the Cross. Thus, because the Bible teaches this, the natural implemented in the spiritual must be carefully investigated and not ignored because we want it a particular way. This subject is discussed in the main

4. 1 Corinthians 15:46- However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual.

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report in detail for many of the promises to Israel, being given in the natural, but implemented in the spiritual in relationships.

Wrongly Assumed Teachings by Pre-Tribulationists That Do Not Establish a Pre-Tribulation Rapture

In order to have a Pre-Tribulation **all** of the following must be true (The Bible does not teach any of them):

- The Rapture can be imminent at any time and will occur just before the Tribulation begins.
- Daniel's seventieth week is equal to the endtimes Tribulation.
- God will return physical temples and animal sacrifices.
- The Church is composed of only those believers in the Church Period.
- The Church, composed of only believers, goes to heaven and Israel, composed of both believers and unbelievers, goes into the Land.
- God shows partiality allowing some believers to be raptured before the Tribulation and put other believers in the Tribulation.
- The wrath of God the Church is to miss is in the Tribulation, not the Lake of Fire.
- Christ does not come for and with His saints at the same time. He comes for His saints before the Tribulation and with His saints after the Tribulation.
- At the Rapture before the Tribulation, the Church is not resurrected because there is only one resurrection of the Just at Christ's Second Coming.
- The last Great Day of the Lord is equal to the endtimes Tribulation.
- Jewish and Gentiles believers are not now one new man in Christ without distinction and one holy nation to the Lord.
- Maturity now in Christ is not essential for eternity.
- God is married to both Israel and to the Church at the same time.
- The tares are bundled for the fire before the Tribulation begins so the wheat can be separated from the tares in Rapture before the Tribulation.
- The enemies of Christ become His footstool before the Tribulation begins.
- The Bible does not use the oriental marriage concept so the Church can be raptured before Christ's Second Coming.
- The three Greek words with the Greek article for the coming, the appearance. and the revelation of Christ can refer to more than one event such as one before the Tribulation and one after the Tribulation.
- The Kingdom of God is ruled from the earth and is equal to a future kingdom of Israel on earth after Christ's Second Coming.

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- One has to return to worship God in physical temples in Jerusalem instead of in spirit and in truth everywhere. (For people from world wide to worship God in a Jerusalem temple is not even practical.)

Recommended Action for Pre-Tribulation Rapture Bible Teachers After Reading this Report

Understanding and believing the Rapture will come Post-tribulation, Church leaders everywhere should now warn their people that the Tribulation is impending and prepare them for its coming. ***Pre-Tribulation teachers and leaders that have been promoting the Pre-Tribulation Rapture should now stand up and admit the Pre-Tribulation Rapture view is wrong. They should now tell the people that the Rapture will come Post-Tribulation, and encourage their people to train for maturity in Christ-likeness and help do area-wide evangelism before the Tribulation comes. When the Tribulation comes, this training time in freedom will be taken away.***

CONCLUSION

The Rapture comes after the Tribulation at the time of Christ's Second Coming. The 1000 years occur during Christ's Coming. They do not occur after or before. The Tribulation is future, occurring just before Christ's Second Coming. Daniel's seventieth week is history when Christ died on the Cross bringing the New Covenant. All believers are the Church having been called out from the Dominion of Satan into the Kingdom of God. One cannot be a believer without being in the Church. Revelation's events unfold in a Pattern Sequence as implemented by the events of the seven-sealed scroll. Signs now show that this endtimes sequence has been activated by God.

Signs show the Tribulation can come at any time. Thus, if we are not already doing it, we should with a sense of urgency: (1) place our church people into small support groups; (2) train them to become mature in Christ for now, the endtimes, and especially for eternity; (3) train them to do evangelism; (4) train them for how to conduct themselves in and out of prison as the underground church; (5) and encouraged them to put in some provisions and supplies to get through the calamity times leading to world government. (Everyone should keep their jobs and not retire. They should get out of debt and place their finances into hard goods for which to barter and in gold and silver coins.)

The Bottom Line is that now we become mature in Christ-likeness in high-skill spiritual ability in relationship living needed for eternity. There is the likelihood, although we cannot be sure, that the maturity we have at death we will have forever without possibility for improvement. We need this spiritual ability to know and relate to God toward His fullest. And God may use it in a manner we cannot know now. Thus, we should pursue this maturity as commanded with great commitment. Knowing and relating to God is all there is. We must not make a mistake here, not adequately pursuing this maturity.