

SO YOU MISSED THE RAPTURE
A Letter to My Friends Who Remain

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CHAPTER 1

WHERE'D THEY GO?

Hello, friends. It's the tail end of December 2015 and I'm writing to those who will remain after 'The Great Disappearance.' Since it obviously hasn't happened as of this writing, I'm hoping other believers like myself will read it, copy it, and leave it for their unsaved friends.

With that said, I'll need to start by explaining who I am, where myself and the others have gone, and what's in store for you as if we're already 'missing.'

I am a Christian. Jesus is my Savior. Savior from what, you say? Savior from the penalty/judgment of my sin. You see, I'm a sinner. You're a sinner. Everyone of all time is a sinner. The Bible says we're born in sin, and we certainly know we choose to sin from time to time. Adam, the first man, chose to sin. Add up all these facts and you have a problem. We have a problem. Sin. God is perfect and actually has holy anger, or wrath, against all sin, no matter how small. (John 3:36) So what, right? God's not going to send me to hell for that, is He? Well, God can't be around sin because He is holy.

So we, as unforgiven sinners, are denied entrance into heaven when we die. That leaves only one other place. Yep. Hell. Hell wasn't even made for us. It was made for the devil and his angels. And before you go getting upset with God about our predicament, stop right there. God gave us free will. Remember Adam? He chose to disobey God. That sin nature has passed down through the ages. So we've inherited it, we live it. So like I was saying, even though God is perfectly correct in barring us from heaven, He loves us so much that He's provided ONE way for us sinners to get there. In steps Jesus my Savior.

Jesus, God the Son from eternity past, willingly came to earth, was born as a baby boy, lived a perfect life, died a gruesome sinner's death, and rose again on the third day – all so He could pay the price God the Father demanded for sin. Our sin. My sin. Not His – He had none. Remember I said perfect life. Jesus chose to do all that. He died with all our sin placed on Him, paying the penalty for our sin, so He could 'place His perfection/righteousness on us' and we then would be seen by the Father as possessing His perfection. What an exchange, huh? Amazing.

You see, God demands perfection. Since we fall short of it ourselves, without Jesus we'd be hopeless. Notice I didn't say anything about me earning this. I didn't say anything about me trying to be good so I'd qualify for this trade. I can't earn or qualify because I'm dead in my sin. Jesus offers the gift of Himself to all. One must agree He's right, I cannot save myself from Hell, His death/burial/resurrection is 100 percent of what's needed to save a sinner like myself. I believe He did all that for me and I'm placing my trust in Him alone. Thank You, Jesus, for saving me. (Ephesians 2:4-10; Colossians 1:14; John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, John 6:28-29, etc.)

So that's who I am. A blood-bought believer. Before I go on to where we've gone to, I need to tell you something more about us. We 'missing' believers lived in a time frame called the Church Age (CA). We're called the Body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 27) The CA is – sorry – *was* from Pentecost in Acts chapter 2 until the Rapture, which is what just happened. God made some amazing, wonderful promises to us FOR us IN that age. Here's a brief description:

1. We're indwelt by the Holy Spirit. He's our down payment or earnest deposit. We're sealed unto the day of redemption. (2 Corinthians 1:20-22; Ephesians 1:3-14; 4:30) Therefore, we cannot lose this salvation. He is our guarantee.
2. God sees us as already glorified – past tense! **Romans 8:30** and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.
3. **Titus 3:5-7** He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life.

I know there's much, much more, but for now, that's what comes to mind. We'll run into some more verses later. These promises are truly astounding. Please check them out. I know God has blessed us immeasurably. Later on we're going to come back to this section so please keep it in mind.

Where'd we go? Simply stated, Jesus came back for us. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:51-53) We're now in heaven as the Bride of Christ. We're receiving our rewards at the Bema Seat, then, as the Bride, we'll have our wedding ceremony in heaven. It's a seven-year process that I am unable to describe to you as I sit here typing. Suffice it to say, best wedding ever!

Which leads right into the discussion of what's in store for you here on earth during that same time. It will be the polar opposite. This seven year period, which is commonly called the Tribulation, will be the most horrific of all times on earth. Ever.

The events that will occur in this time frame are laid out for you in Revelation chapters 6-19, and are necessary for two reasons: the refining of Israel and the judgment of the Gentile nations.

CHAPTER 2

LET'S NOT BEGIN AT THE END

Before we go too far into end time events, I want you to know that this 'letter' won't be a line-by-line breakdown of the Book of Revelation. As a matter of fact, I'll barely mention it. Why?

Because you can find a myriad of books detailing different people's opinions on that matter. You certainly don't need another one.

I don't believe we in the CA really had a very good understanding of it anyway. I think you'll be able to sort out the details because you're already there.

One example of this would be the two witnesses spoken of in Revelation 11. Is it Moses and Elijah? Moses and Enoch? Enoch and Elijah? There's good evidence for any of the above combos. What about when they witness? I've seen only the first 3.5 years, only the second 3.5 years, and midpoint of the first through midpoint of the second. Again, good arguments on all three, but we simply couldn't know for sure. You'll know *who* and you'll know *when*. You'll be seeing them shortly. (Revelation 11:9)

The key to the Book of Revelation isn't in combing through these important, yet smaller details. Understanding Revelation comes from studying the Old Testament. The one way we can help you is to clearly identify for you the uniqueness of this 7-year period. That's where we'll focus our attention.

Just a couple quick points before we move on, though. When Jesus' disciples were asking Him specifically about this time period, His first comment was this:

Matthew 24:4-5 ⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads you. ⁵ For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many.

Be very, very careful of who/what you listen to. Back in the CA things were for the most part very 'nonspiritual.' Everything was by faith, not sight. But the time you're in now will be a whole new ball game. I believe atheism will be extinct. Why? Because you will have physical, in-your-face evidence of what we called the 'unseen' spiritual realm. It won't be unseen to you. You'll need to chose between which spirits to believe. Most will be trying to mislead you.

My basis for this is in **2 Thessalonians 2:11** And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,

You're in Satan's end game now. His time is ticking away fast. He wants to deceive you, and God – note this -- is willing to not only let him, but He, God, sends the strong delusion. As we'll discuss later, it's the time for judgment of the nations.

Another point of contention back in the CA was over the timing of the Rapture. Well, again, you'll know it because we'll be gone. Simple, eh? Most, if not all, Bible commentators I've read try to 'uncode' verses in Revelation in order to support their placement of the Rapture. I could understand this as additional or 'backup' evidence, but where is the foundational proof? It's back in Daniel. We're headed there shortly.

CHAPTER 3

OLD TESTAMENT BASICS

The first concept needed to give us a better understanding of end times is the Jew/Gentile breakdown. From Adam to Abraham was one race of people and one race only. God called Abraham out of this one race to be the father of a new race, or ethnicity, a great nation. Through the promises God gave him, the Jewish nation was born. God chose to create this nation of people for a number of reasons:

Israel was to:

(1) Have a permanent, unique relationship with Him, not with false gods. They were to be His servants and He, their God. (See 2 Samuel 7:23-24).

2) To be a holy nation, different from those that worshipped false gods. (See Leviticus 11:45; Exodus 19:6) God intended Israel to be a nation of priests, or a mediator function between God and the nations. Some of their priestly duties were to dispense 'oracles' (the Bible), guard what was sacred, and reconcile the disobedient; how, by representing God accurately to the world and by leading the Gentiles into a right relationship to Him.

They needed to be holy, or set apart to do this so He gave them the Law. The Law was not for Gentiles. The Law was not a way of salvation (Gal 2:16); it was God's way of removing rebels from Israel so it could maintain its holiness the He required to serve as His priests to the world. It required the death penalty for worshipping false gods.

3) to be a witness of His being the only true God. (See Isaiah 43:10-12)

4) To be an instrument of His glory, impressing the world with who He is; and to be His spiritual leader of the world, leading the Gentile nations from false gods to Him. They were held to a higher standard and He promised great blessings if they obeyed, and cursings if they didn't. In this way Israel was an object lesson to the nations.

(See *Israel's Primacy in God's Program, Israel My Glory, March/April 2010. Israel My Glory, Sept/Oct 2009, The Foundations of Faith*, Renald E. Showers.)

But let's simplify it.

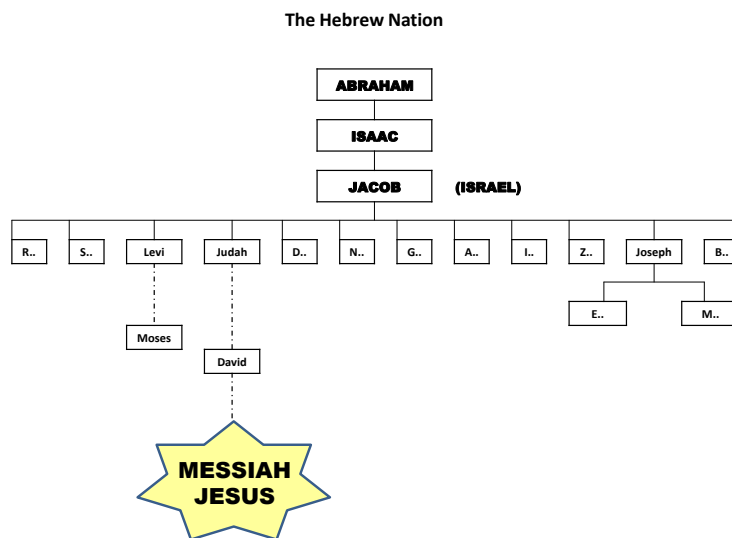
1. The Messiah was to come thru the Jews.
2. The Bible was to come thru the Jews (Rom 3:1-2). They penned it, they preserved it, they are living proof it's true.

3. They were to be His witnesses to the world, a people who would worship Him in holiness and through which He then would manifest His divine purposes and plan to the world.

Let's see how they did. #1, yes. #2, yes. #3, fail! Israel failed to be a blessing to the world. They failed to obey His commands and therefore be a witness. Did that surprise God? Did He now need Plan B? No. God had a plan all along (though hidden in the OT) to bring in the Gentiles.

Galatians 3:14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Now, we need to understand that not every child of Abraham was a Jew. Abraham fathered Ishmael, then Isaac, but the promise only went thru Isaac. Isaac fathered Esau and Jacob, but the promise only went thru Jacob. The Jewish nation was Abraham to Isaac to Jacob. All Jacob's (Israel) children were Jews. (Genesis 12:1-3; 17:7-9; 17:19; 26:3-5; 35:10-12)



Once God had formed this nation, now there are two groups that **everyone** must fall within: Gentile or Jew. Whether Arab, American, Chinese, African, doesn't matter. All are either Gentile or Jew. Look at Ephesians 2:12. The Gentiles of that day [after the call of Abraham] were far from God, worshipping idols and false gods. Some of their 'religious' practices included extreme sexual perversion, child sacrifice, bestiality, etc. Now you can see why God wanted the Israelites to be set apart. They were to be His witnesses to an extremely anti-God world. But we know, instead, they rejected the Messiah when He came. Due to the Israelites rejecting Jesus, God has temporarily set them aside and has formed the third and final people group, the Church.

You will find this in Acts chapter 2, the Holy Spirit forming us, the Church. We are neither Jew nor Gentile, but a whole new creation made from both. Don't take my word for it, **read** Ephesians 2:11-22 and 3:1-6!

And as His Church, we had a job to do. We were to glorify God and be His witnesses to the world. Sound familiar? The Jews were set aside while we were given the same responsibility they once had. Though the Church is the Body of Christ, made up of saved Jews and Gentiles, it doesn't mean we've replaced the Jews! We, the Church, are NOT Israel.

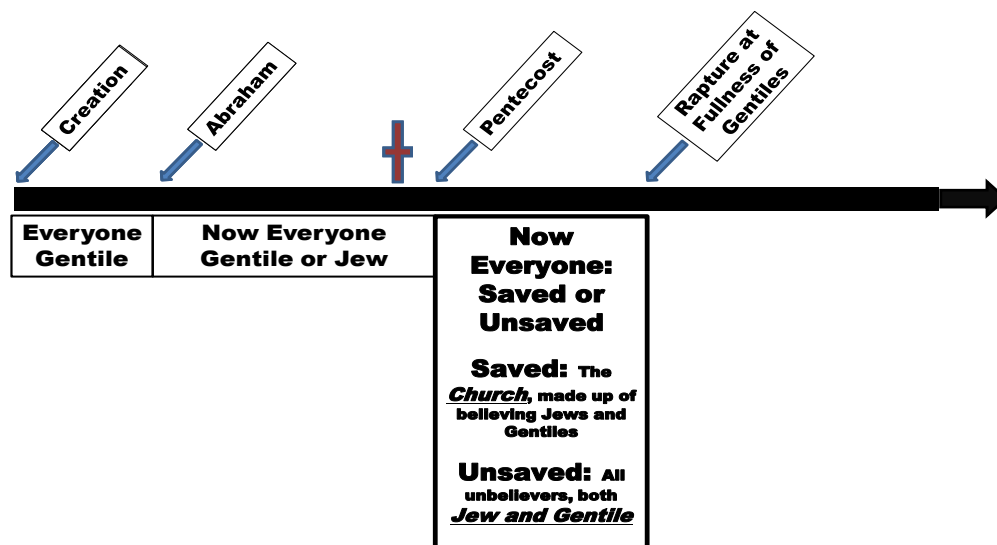
The Church was alive and functioning within the Church Age, a period of time with a specific beginning and a specific ending. **Romans 11:25** For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel **until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.**"

So the church's time was up when the fullness of the Gentiles came in. What's the fullness of the Gentiles?

From *The John Phillips Commentary Series*, page 241:

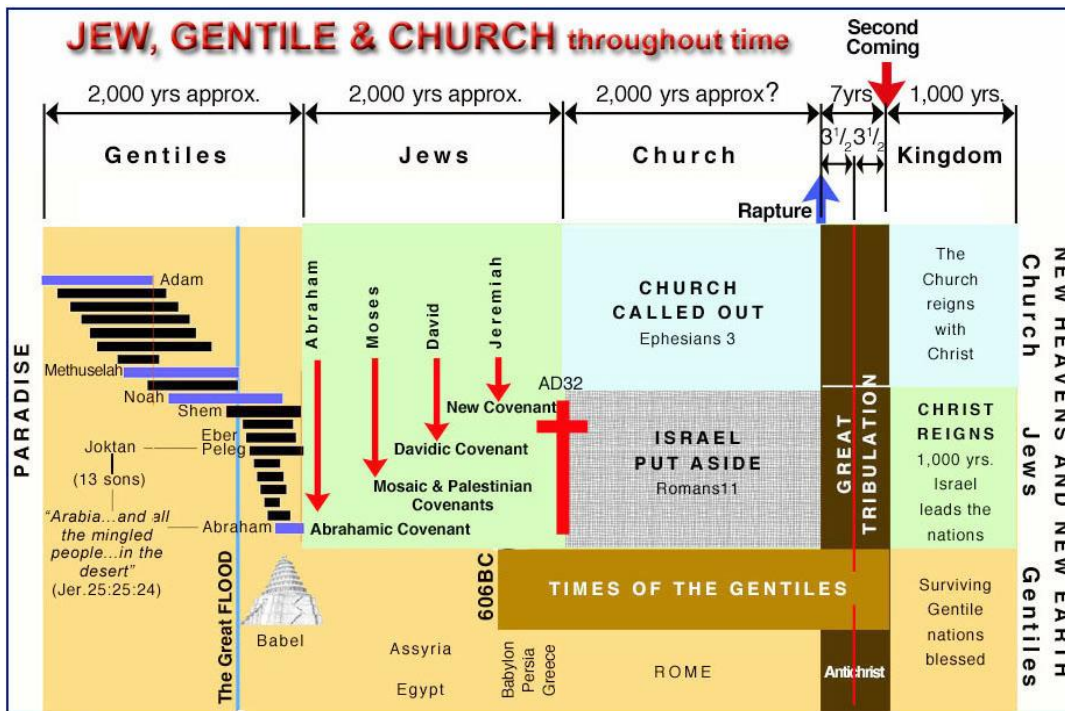
"The fullness of the Gentiles" (Romans 11:25)...marks Israel's loss of religious ascendancy over the nations. "The fullness of the Gentiles" began at Pentecost and will end at the rapture. For two thousand years before Pentecost, when God had anything to say, He said it for the most part to a Jew and in Hebrew. If a Gentile wanted the truth of God, he had to become a Jewish proselyte and submit to circumcision.

But all that was set aside... Now custodianship of God's truth is entrusted to the church (predominantly Gentile in character). After Pentecost, when God had anything to say, He said it for the most part in Greek. After the rapture God will restore religious ascendancy to the Jews (the revivals of the apocalypse are all led by Jews), just as at the final return of Christ to reign, God will restore political ascendancy to the Jews..."



Remember, this was a **temporary** setting aside. Though individual Jews were saved in the CA **and individual Jews will be saved now, the nation as a whole will not until it repents at the end** of the tribulation... but more about that later!

So in summary, IN THE CHURCH AGE we had the three people groups of 1 Corinthians 10:32. The Church, made up of both saved Jews and Gentiles; and the unsaved, both Jew and Gentile. We MUST, MUST, MUST understand these three people groups: Jew, Gentile and the Church.



During the CA, if you were a believer in Jesus and trusted in Him alone to save you, you became a member in the Body of Christ. In the Body there was no distinction (see the 1 Corinthians 12 passage mentioned earlier). Now that we're gone, it's right back to pre CA times, which I'll explain shortly. PLEASE note this: That the entire, complete body of Christ is taken from the earth. Not the good parts are taken and the 'not so good' parts remain. We all go as one. We're a Body, remember. You don't leave body parts behind. Also, NO ONE else can ever become part of the Church/Body/Bride after we leave. There will **not** be a Church during the Tribulation. We're already gone. Very important. The Church Age is OVER.

So since we're gone, that leaves just Jews and Gentiles, like I said above. Only the unsaved are left. Soon enough that will change, though. The Bible tells us many people will turn to God during the Tribulation. This means there will be saved and unsaved again, but since the completed Church has been removed, those who trust in Jesus NOW will be either saved Jews or saved Gentiles. Since God's purpose for the Tribulation is to punish Gentiles and refine Israel, it makes sense that we're not here. Neither involves us!

CHAPTER 4

DANIEL HOLDS THE KEY

It's at this point that you'll need to open your Bibles to Daniel Chapter 9 verses 24-27. It is probably the single most important prophetic passage relating to 'rightly dividing' the Bible that you'll need to know. You must understand that there are different ages or dispensations in the Bible, and that different rules apply in each. Remember I mentioned the Church Age earlier? Daniel 9 explains to us that the Tribulation is actually the tail end of a 490-year prophecy concerning the Jews while under the Law, **not** in the CA.

Daniel 9:24-27

²⁴“Seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy.

²⁵“Know therefore and understand, *that* from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, *there shall be* seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times.

²⁶“And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; and the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it *shall be* with a flood, and till the end of the war desolations are determined. ²⁷ Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; but in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate.”

This passage is the key to separating two very important ages – the Jews under the Law and the Church under Grace. I will only go over the basics here. Please see Appendix 6 for a ‘Do-At-Home Worksheet’ on Daniel 9 to help you study it.

Verse 24 has two important things to tell us. First, it gives a time frame for the entire passage. It then lists six things God will accomplish for Israel once that time is up. Simply put, Israel's complete restoration will happen after these 490 years are over. The completion of these 490 years will usher in a period of unprecedented blessing for Israel. Christ will establish His kingdom on earth.

The six phrases in verse 24 describe God's full intention. He intends to deal once and for all with the sin of the nation and to establish the Jewish people in a state of everlasting righteousness

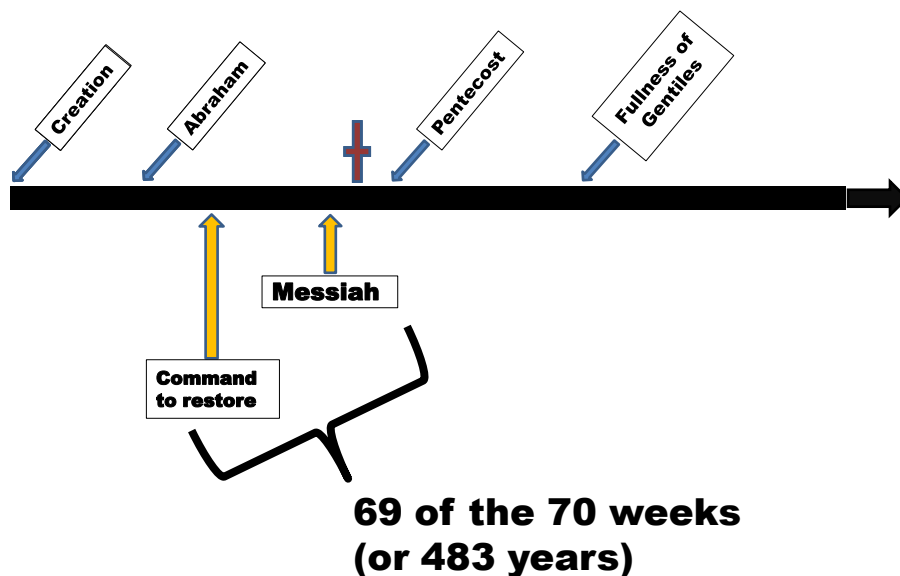
and eternal blessing. None of these six things have been fulfilled yet as regards the nation of Israel. The death of Christ has made them all possible but as long as the nation itself remains in sin, the application of those blessings remains in the future. And though it is a fact that many Jews are coming to Christ in our day, the vast majority of the Jewish people remain in a state of spiritual blindness regarding Jesus Christ.

[Keep Believing.com “A Peek Into God’s Calendar – Daniel 9:24-27]

If the Jews would have accepted Jesus at His first coming, all these would have been done and they would have been ushered right into the Millennium.

Verse 25 starts detailing that 490 year timeframe just given. It tells us when it starts – from the issuing of the command to rebuild Jerusalem. A number of commands were issued by Persian kings after the Jewish captivity in Babylon had ended. Artaxerxes, we believe, is the king that issued the specific command to allow the Jews to rebuild the city and its walls. History tells us that happened around 444/445 BC. That’s where the prophecy starts.

Also given in verse 25 is the word UNTIL. So from the command to rebuild until **Messiah the Prince**. The specific date this is referring to is Palm Sunday, when Jesus entered Jerusalem. So Verse 25 gives us the first two points on this prophecy’s timeline: FROM the command to rebuild UNTIL Messiah the Prince = 69 weeks, or 483 years.



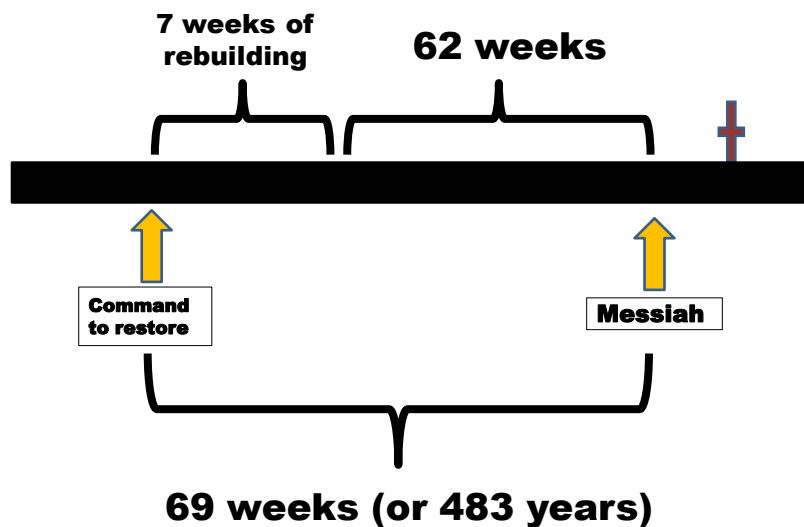
I love the passage in **Luke 19** that says, ⁴¹ Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, ⁴² saying, “**If you had known, even you, especially in this your day**, the things *that make* for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, ⁴⁴ and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, **because you did not know the time of your visitation.**”

There’s so much here! Why do you think Jesus was so upset at His Triumphal Entry??

#1. He knew His rejection meant Luke 19:43 would come to pass, which it did in 70 AD. The Jews were to suffer greatly and have their beloved city and Sanctuary destroyed.

#2. The Kingdom that was so near is now put off.

Now look at verse 26. Remember, it’s a 70 week prophecy. We’ve already plotted 69 weeks, so you’d think this next verse would mention that last week. It does not. We’re in a gap here, which we’ll study in a minute. Breaking this verse down, the first thing we see is the 62 weeks mentioned back in verse 25. That is simply separating that initial 69 weeks into the 7 weeks of rebuilding and the remaining 62 weeks.



Next in verse 26 we see the Messiah cut off.

Here’s an excerpt from <https://gracethrufaith.com/end-times-prophecy/the-70-weeks-of-daniel/>

“Do you realize what that means? It wasn’t killing the Messiah that put the Jews at odds with God. After all He came to die for them. No. It’s that in killing Him, they refused to let His death pay for their sins so He could save them. This had the effect of making His death meaningless to them. That’s what severed the relationship.”

Verse 26 talks about the prince who is to come destroying the city and the sanctuary. This confirms what we were talking about back when we were looking at Luke 19. Both are describing the same devastating event. It was when Rome destroyed Jerusalem and leveled the Sanctuary back in 70 AD --- which, of course, was still in the future to both Daniel and to Jesus.

Notice how Jesus’ death and the Roman destruction both occurred after the 69 weeks BUT NOT in the 70th week. That final week won’t be mentioned until verse 27. There is a gap in time between the 69th week and the 70th. There are many ways to prove this, but first we need to look at the final verse in this passage.

Verse 27 begins with a He. This is the prince who is to come from verse 26. This man will confirm a covenant with the Jews FOR ONE WEEK. Here’s our final week of the prophecy. Daniel’s 70th week. f with the confirming of the covenant with the Jews. We also see that in the middle of that week or 7 year period, he’ll break it, stop the sacrifices, and set up an abomination in the temple.

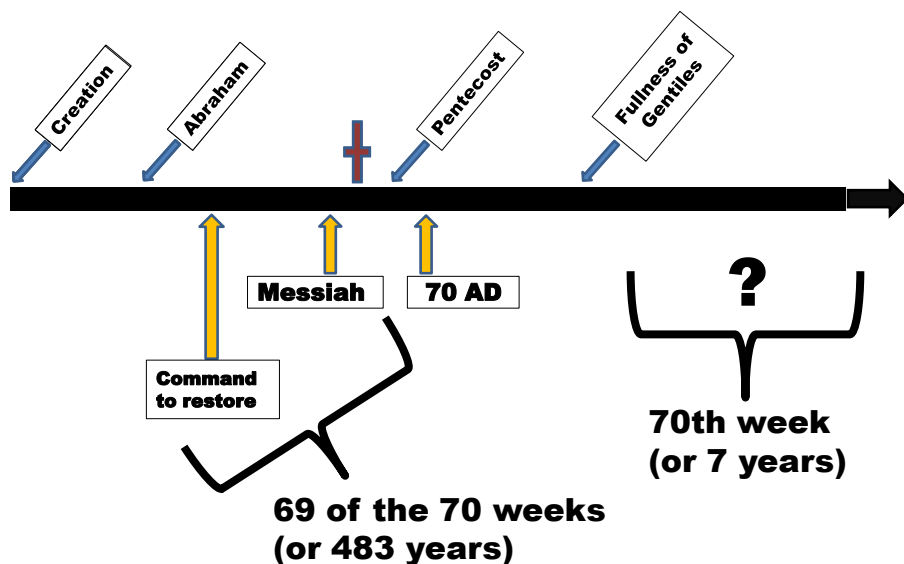
Summarizing Daniel 9:24-27, we see it gives the Jews the parameters of a window of time that must be completed before they’ll arrive at their promised Kingdom. The duration of that time frame was/is only 490 years, or 70 weeks of 7 years. The clock started in 444/445 BC when Nehemiah and the Jews that returned from the Babylonian captivity began rebuilding Jerusalem and its walls.

The clock kept ticking until Jesus rode into Jerusalem at His Triumphal Entry exactly 483 years later. Well, that’s 7 years shy of the 490. It’s only 69 of the 70 weeks, right? Yes. What happened? Why did the clock stop? (Or pause, I should say.) Read the passage. Because the Jews rejected their Messiah. Because of this, 1) Jesus would be crucified and 2) those events in Luke 19 would now come to pass. (Which happened in 70 AD.)

(In Chapter 6 you’ll see how Daniel 9, Luke 19 and Matthew 24 connect.)

Remember that God stopped/paused His prophetic clock after the 69th week when Jesus was rejected. We, the Church, were in this pause period. It’s very clear in the NT. In the Church Age, SAVED Jews and Gentiles were NOT saved Jews and Gentiles, but THE CHURCH. We were one body. Very unique concept, obviously, only for the CA. (Why only for the Church Age, you say? Because there is no Church in any other age!)

When that prophetic clock resumes its ticking (by the confirming of the covenant by the Antichrist in Daniel 9:27), God picks back up right where He left off WITH THE JEWS – that final week of Daniel’s 70 week prophecy.



The Church CANNOT be here because God's focus is on the Jews again. God's focus cannot be on the Church and the Jews at the same time. Think about it. A saved Jew will be a saved Jew in that time. A saved Gentile will be a saved Gentile in that time. The Church has been raptured and is, as Jesus' bride, getting married in Heaven!!

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After the crucifixion something strange happened: The Heavenly clock stopped. 69 of the 70 weeks had passed and all that was prophesied to happen during those 483 years had come to pass but there was still one week (7 years) left. There are hints in the Old Testament that the clock had stopped several times before in Israel's history when for one reason or another they were either under subjugation or out of the land. And in the New Testament we're also given hints that while God is dealing with the Church, time ceases to exist for Israel (**Acts 15:13-18**). But the clearest indication of the stopped clock is that the events foretold in **Daniel 9:27** simply haven't happened yet.

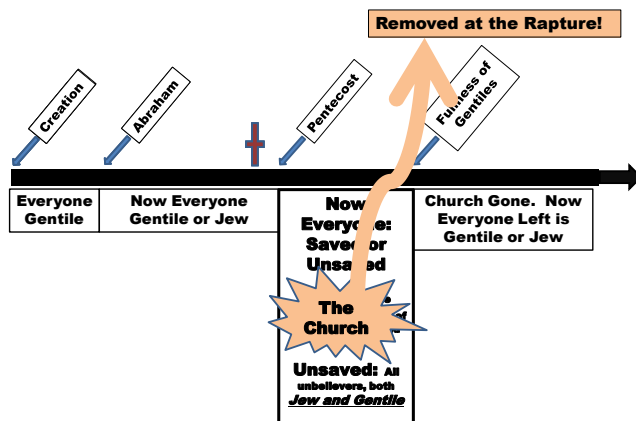
And another:

It's vital to our understanding of the End Times that we realize two things here. First, the Age of Grace didn't follow the Age of Law, it merely interrupted the Age of Law seven years short of its promised duration. These seven years have to be completed for God to accomplish the six things the angel listed in verse 24 for Israel.

And second, the Age of Grace was not the next step in the progression of God's overall plan, but was a deviation from it. Once the rapture comes, nothing like the Age of Grace will ever happen again (Ephes. 2:6-7). Even when Israel accepts the New Covenant, as Jeremiah 31:31-34 promises, they won't enjoy the same benefits the Church has enjoyed. The relationship the Church has with the Lord will never be repeated with any other group. Ever.

Please check out Gracethrufaith.com. I've found nothing like it.

So what about that last 7 years of the prophecy? When did that happen? Not yet it didn't. Read Daniel 9:27. When the Antichrist confirms a (the?) covenant with the many, it will begin. The prophetic clock will resume ticking once again. Exactly 7 years later the Millennium, as we call it, will begin and the Jews will again have another promise of God fulfilled – their Kingdom will have arrived!



CHAPTER 5

UNDERSTANDING THE (Jewish) KINGDOM

Remember, the Daniel 9:24-27 prophecy is to the Jews. The time frame it represents is for/about the Jews. They are the focus. The prophecy is about a time period that must pass before they're fully restored – in other words, before the Millennium can arrive.

Let's take a peek at this Kingdom concept, which we typically call the Millennium. Ah, but first, a quick comment. In this section I'm talking about the physical earthly kingdom that God promised the Jews. I'm not getting into the debate of the Kingdom of God vs the Kingdom of Heaven or the mystery form during the CA. Just the promised Jewish Kingdom.

Many OT passages showed why the Jews were looking forward to that very special time.

Isaiah 2:2-4

² Now it will come about that in the last days the mountain of the house of the LORD will be established as **the chief of the mountains**, and will be raised above the hills; and all the nations will stream to it. ³ And many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that He may teach us concerning His ways and that we may walk in His paths.” **For the law will go forth from Zion** and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴ And **He will judge between the nations**, and will render decisions for many peoples; and they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. **Nation will not lift up sword against nation**, and never again will they learn war.

Amos 9:11-15 (*Maybe what Daniel was thinking about!*)

¹¹ “In that day I will raise up the fallen booth of David, and wall up its breaches; I will also raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old; ¹² **That they may possess** the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by My name,” declares the LORD who does this. ¹³ “Behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD, “When the plowman will overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows seed; when the mountains will drip sweet wine and all the hills will be dissolved. ¹⁴ “Also I will restore the captivity of My people Israel, and **they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them**; they will also plant vineyards and drink their wine, and make gardens and eat their fruit. ¹⁵ “I will also plant them on their land, and **they will not again be rooted out from their land** which I have given them,” says the LORD your God.

Zechariah 9:9-10

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout *in triumph*, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, humble, and mounted on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey. {Notice the gap in time here} ¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem; and the bow of war will be cut off. **And He will speak peace to the nations; and His dominion will be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.**

Isaiah 11:1-12

Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit.

² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³ And He will delight in

the fear of the LORD, and He will not judge by what His eyes see, nor make a decision by what His ears hear; ⁴ But **with righteousness He will judge** the poor, and decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; and He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked. ⁵ Also righteousness will be the belt about His loins, and faithfulness the belt about His waist.

⁶ And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little boy will lead them. ⁷ Also the cow and the bear will graze, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den. ⁹ They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ^{10,11} ... ¹² **And He will lift up a standard for the nations and assemble the banished ones of Israel, and will gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.**

Read also Isaiah 9:6-7; 33:20 Zechariah 2:10-12; 8:1-8; 14 Psalm 48; 72 Micah 4:1-5:5

The Jews were still looking for the arrival of this Kingdom when the New Testament opened:

John the Baptist in **Matthew 3:2** "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Jesus in **Matthew 4:17** From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

The disciples in **Acts 1:6** So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?"

God has promises that are as of yet still unfulfilled to the Jews. Once the 7-year Tribulation is over and the Daniel 9:25-27 timeframe is up, then Daniel 9:24 comes true and the remnant of Israel will be saved.

Zechariah 13:8-9 ⁸ And it shall come to pass in all the land," says the Lord, "*That* two-thirds in it shall be cut off *and* die, but *one*—third shall be left in it: ⁹ I will bring the *one*—third through the fire, will refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, and I will answer them. I will say, 'This *is* My people'; and each one will say, 'The Lord *is* my God.'"

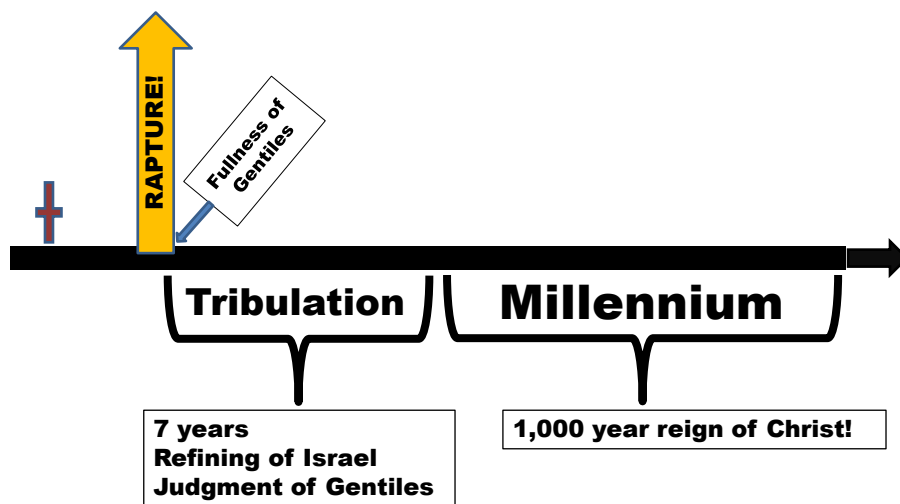
This Millennial Kingdom is what Jesus was offering the Jews when He came the first time! They had rejected Him so the offer of the Kingdom was postponed -- not revoked – postponed until they will receive Him by faith when He returns at His Second Coming.

Another amazing passage is **Acts 15:13-17** ¹³ And after they had become silent, James answered, saying, “Men *and* brethren, listen to me: ¹⁴ Simon has declared how **God at the first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name.** ¹⁵ And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written: ¹⁶ ‘**After this I will return and will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down**; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will set it up; ¹⁷ So that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, says the Lord who does all these things.’

How can anyone ignore or misinterpret this??

Be very, very careful of Anti-Semitism. It is entirely of the devil! He wants to eliminate the Jews so God cannot fulfill His promises to them.

You see, Daniel was praying in Daniel 9, asking God to make good on His promise, thinking the return to the land that Jeremiah was talking about was the same as what Amos was talking about in Amos 9:11-15. It wasn't. Jeremiah's prophesied return after 70 years in Babylon was just that: a return from captivity. Now reread Amos 9:11-15 quoted earlier. Amos is describing the Millennium.



Why does this matter -- or better yet, what does this mean?

Gabriel's answer to Daniel's prayer tells us just that. The Jews have a 70-week time period that must run its course before the Millennium can happen. So it makes sense that God knew Daniel's mindset and that since he was thinking about Amos 9, God's answer was related to the Jews in the Millennium, not Jeremiah's return that He already promised would happen in just a

few short years. In my own words, God's saying something like this: Daniel, I'm glad you're looking forward to the final restoration of your people/My people the Jews. I'm going to tell you what must happen before that can come to pass.

CHAPTER 6

WHAT DO MATTHEW AND LUKE HAVE TO SAY ABOUT DANIEL?

First, a summary of Daniel 9:24-27

Verse 24 tells us this prophecy is about the Jews and Jerusalem.

Verse 25 gives the parameters of the first 69 weeks, from 444/445 BC to Palm Sunday.

Verse 26 tells us AFTER this is the crucifixion and the destruction of the City and Sanctuary in 70 AD.

Verse 27 gives the parameters of the 70th week, and puts the Abomination of Desolation at its midpoint.

Now read **Luke 19:35-44**. Here's **41 & 42**:

⁴¹ Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, ⁴² saying, "If you had known, even you, **especially in this your day**, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

Jesus is basically saying as He's entering Jerusalem on Palm Sunday – "I'm fulfilling Daniel 9:25 RIGHT NOW, but since you've rejected Me..." then He goes on to describe the results of His rejection in the next two verses.

⁴³ For the days will come upon you when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, and surround you and hem you in on every side, ⁴⁴ and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation."

This is in reference to 70 AD. Interestingly enough, this is the 'AFTER' that Daniel 9:26 talks about: First, He is crucified, then the destruction of the city.

²⁶ After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be put to death and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary... [70 AD.]

Now look at **Matthew 24** where Jesus is talking to the disciples:

Verse 2 "Do you see all these things?" he asked. "Truly I tell you, not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down."

This is in reference to 70 AD.

Later in **Matthew 24** while Jesus is still talking to the disciples, He says:

¹⁵“So when you see standing in the holy place ‘the abomination that causes desolation,’ spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand—..... ²¹For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again.

Here in verse 15 Jesus has moved on to talking about the midpoint of Daniel’s 70th week, when the Abomination of Desolation occurs, mentioned in Daniel 9:27. Verse 21 details how horrible the Great Tribulation will be, the last 3.5 years of Daniel’s 70th week.

That’s why it’s so baffling to me that Christians pull verses out of Matthew 24 and 25 and try to apply them to the CA. Really? Those chapters are entirely about events in the Tribulation, after the Church Age is over and back to a Jewish mindset.

Both Matthew 24 & 25 are Jesus answering the disciples’ questions of **Matthew 24:3**. *Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”*

The ‘when will these things be?’ is in direct reference to the prior verse when he’s talking about the stones being thrown down. That’s the 70 AD destruction we talked about.

What about their next two questions: “And what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” What age are they asking about there? The end of the Church Age? No. It hadn’t even begun yet. It hadn’t even been mentioned. Paul’s the first to talk about that. As a matter of fact, even after the resurrection, Jesus and the disciples were still talking about the Jewish Kingdom in Acts chapter 1 – so I’m pretty sure He wasn’t talking about the CA.

The disciples were waiting for the end of the age they were in and knew that Jesus’ return at the end of that age would bring about *their* long awaited Kingdom. We call it the Millennium as we talked about in Chapter 5. The prophets wrote about it extensively. It was what the Jews longed for: The Messiah ruling the world from Israel.

Now prayerfully read the parables in Matthew 24 and 25. Read about the sheep and goat judgment in Matthew 25:31-46. Read them in the Jewish frame of mind, not the CA frame of mind. Amazing difference. We’ll take in the next chapter about some things that have been clarified by that proper frame of reference.

I believe the parables in Matthew 25 are talking about entrance into the Millennial Kingdom that follows directly after the Tribulation, or Daniel’s 70th week. And it’s not about the Church’s entrance into that kingdom. We’re coming back with Jesus in our glorified bodies from heaven already fit for it.

Matthew, Luke and Daniel Highlights

1. The Jews had the prophecy of Daniel in their scrolls. They could have known its starting point. They could see that the Anointed One would present Himself at the end of the 69th week and then be violently killed afterwards but before the 70th. When the 69th week ended on the exact day Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the donkey on Palm Sunday, four days before He was crucified, or cut off, they should have recognized ‘the time of their visitation.’ (Luke 19:35-44.)

2. From *PreceptAustin.org*, David Guzik:

*“There was only one occasion in our Lord’s earthly ministry on which He is depicted as presenting Himself openly as Zion’s King, the so-called ‘Triumphal Entry,’ recorded in each one of the Gospels and fulfilling **Zechariah 9:9** and **Psalms 118:26**.” (Newell)*

*On that day, Jesus deliberately arranged the event to present Himself as Messiah (**Mark 11:1-10**)*

*On that day, Jesus welcomed praise (**Luke 19:38-40**) instead of quieting it (**Luke 5:14** and **Luke 8:56**)*

*On that day, Jesus made special reference to the importance of that day (**Luke 19:41-42**)*

3. The Jews in the Tribulation will also be able to know the time of the Anti-Christ’s arrival, according to Daniel 9:27. Three and a half years after he confirms/enforces a (or ‘the’?) covenant he will enter the temple and proclaim himself ‘God.’

Matthew 24:15-16, 21. ¹⁵“Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), ¹⁶“then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.” ²¹For then there will be **great tribulation**, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

4. They were forewarned about the destruction of the city and the sanctuary in verse 26. History tells us that the Christians fled prior to Titus’ siege due to this prophecy and Jesus telling them about it in Luke 19. Everyone else stayed, most were slaughtered. “With a flood” = overwhelming army = Titus and the Roman army in 70 AD = literal fulfillment.
5. It explains the Church Age. On *preceptaustin.org* we see another way of stating the same thing: David Guzik states: *We can think of it in this way: God has appointed 490 years of special focus on Israel in His redemptive plan. The years were “paused” by Israel’s rejection of Jesus. Now there is no special focus on Israel in God’s redemptive plan because this is the time of the church. God’s focus will return to Israel when the church is taken away (at the rapture) and the last seven years of man’s rule on this earth begin.*



CHAPTER 7

TAKING IT ONE STEP FURTHER

Now I'd like to take the information we've looked at so far and follow it up with what seems to me to be its natural conclusion. Of course, I'm not here with you any longer, so all I can do is present what I believe to be true. Please remember to check what anyone writes or teaches, including me, against the Bible. Besides the two witnesses and the 144,000, I don't think you should trust anyone else. Remember, you're in the time of God's wrath and judgment. There will be many false witnesses and teachers.

First off, let's look at a passage in Revelation that is hugely important for you to know and that sets the foundation for this chapter.

Revelation 14:11 And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and **whoever** receives the mark of his name."

(my emphasis on whoever)

(See also Revelation 13:17; 19:20 and 20:4)

The eternal destiny of damnation to **all** who take the Mark of the Beast is *irrefutable evidence* that no matter what ANYONE in the Tribulation says, thinks, or does, IF they take the Mark, they go to Hell/ake of Fire. Forever. That fact alone proves that 1) you're not in the Church Age where nothing, I mean nothing, could have caused you to lose your salvation (see Chapter 1). And 2) faith alone isn't enough in your age. I know that sounds heretical, but you just read it. Take the Mark as an unbeliever and you get damnation. Take the Mark **while believing** in Jesus and you STILL get damned.

I repeat: Take the Mark as an unbeliever and you get damnation. Take the Mark **while believing** in Jesus and you STILL get damned.

So, clearly then, the Tribulation, Daniel's 70th week, is NOT in the CA, is NOT about the Church. God's promises that He made uniquely to the Church are NOT valid in your time. The CA and its promises ended when we left!

So in review, God's Jewish prophetic clock starts back up when the antichrist confirms the covenant in Daniel 9:27. (And that confirmation event could be any day for you.) ALL the 'realities' of the first 69 weeks are back in effect now. What does that mean? Prior to the Church, the Jews were saved by grace through faith. Right? Yes. Just like we are and just like all people of all time were/are/will be. For sure, without a doubt, faith is the **basis** of salvation for all times.

You MUST begin with faith. Must, must, must! But are there any differences at all in salvation between the CA and all other ages, including the age of Daniel's 70 weeks? Well, of course, you just saw a future one: the Mark of the Beast. What about in the past? What about the Law? Did the Jews have to obey the Law? Think about it. Yes, they did have to obey the Law. There were many, many penalties/cursings/punishments, etc, for when they disobeyed it. I know they didn't have to obey it to be saved, but they did have to obey it to be God's chosen people. They agreed to it at Mt. Sinai. They had to obey the Law, but that didn't save them. It never will. It cannot. The Law shows your sinfulness, etc.

I know many folks don't agree with this, but I think it's because they don't follow through on the above concept. Anyway, I believe that the 7-year tribulation will be very different than life is today. No Church. No CA promises – which means no **indwelling** Holy Spirit. Yes, the Holy Spirit is present and working, but *only in the same role* He had back before us.

Ron Graham wrote an article for RaptureReady.com. It's entitled "*Is It the Rapture or the Second Coming.*" Fantastic article. Please read it in its entirety. Here's a quote:

Today, Christians are indwelt by the Holy Spirit and our salvation is secured by God's seal. Not so for those who accept Christ after the Rapture. Not having the Holy Spirit sealed within means you will have to make a moment by moment choice to follow Christ. It will be quite possible to fall away and not endure to the end of the earth's last seven-year period.

I believe he's correct. Most believers in the CA take the promises that were given uniquely and solely to us and spread them out to all other ages without any Biblical basis.

I believe Tribulation believers have:

- NO promises of the indwelling Holy Spirit
- NO eternal security
- NO promise of overcoming
- NO part of the Body/Bride of Christ

- A totally separate identity/role from us once we're in the Millennium
- Blessings and rewards, but not at our level

Think about this. God dealt with His Chosen People the Jews as a unique group before the Church Age began, right? They were set apart from the world (Gentiles) by God's special covenant relationship with them through the Law. When the Church came into the picture, we see through many NT passages that all saved people (the Church) became one body. No more Jew and Gentile. If you're a believer, you're part of the Body of Christ. Thank you, Jesus. We were set apart from the world by this special relationship we had with God through His Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Now that our time is up, and that last 7 years of God's time with His Chosen People, the Jews, is back in swing, that prior relationship He had **with them** is also back in swing. Did you find any Old Testament passages assuring them of the indwelling Holy Spirit? I couldn't find any. How about all the other passages we talked about earlier in Ephesians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Corinthians, and Titus? Any mention of those guarantees to the Jews prior to the CA? No.

The Jews will once again be set apart from the world by God's special covenant relationship with them. When a Jew gets saved in the Tribulation, he or she will be a saved Jew. Remember, no more Church. God cannot have both of His special groups as the center of His attention at the same time. Think about it. If a Jew became a believer in Jesus during the Tribulation, what would he be? A believing Jew AND a part of the Body of Christ where there is no distinction between Jew and Gentile? Not possible.

More from Ron Graham's article:

"But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved" (Matthew 24:13).

Today when a person truly accepts the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ as the only atonement for their sin, their salvation is assured; it is a free gift from God. Jesus can't be referring to pre-rapture Christians when He talks about enduring to the end to be saved. Justification (salvation) is instantaneous when we first believe, so enduring to the end isn't a requirement for salvation today, just faith in Jesus.

[Jesus said,] "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36).

Jesus would not contradict Himself by saying we have to endure unto the end to be saved. No, the disciples had asked about the end of the world (Daniel's 70th week) and Jesus answered accordingly. At that point the ekklesia (the called out Body of Christ) was still a mystery. Today we can certainly see the events which Christ described approaching rapidly as we occupy these last days, but today's Christians will not go through the Tribulation or face God's wrath.

Think back to our discussion on the parables of Matthew 24 & 25.

If it's true that the parable of the 10 virgins is about five 'faithful/prepared/watching' Church Age believers and five 'unfaithful/unprepared/not watching' Church Age believers, then a believer in the CA could lose their salvation by not living properly. Is that possible? I think not.

If it's true that the parable about the wedding garments is about Church members who don't use their time/talents/treasures for the Lord getting sent to hell, then a believer in the CA again could lose their salvation by not living properly. Is that possible? Nope.

Read those parables again in the right context:

Jesus is talking to Jews about Jews in their final 'week' or 7 years leading up to their promised Kingdom. No Church Age guarantees are given to them of eternal security or the indwelling Spirit. ***They must remain faithful. They must demonstrate their faith in Christ.***

Now we're getting into the main reason I'm writing this letter. I want you to REMAIN FAITHFUL AT ALL COSTS.

My very most favorite article addressing this subject is again by Jack Kelley of Gracethrufaith.com. It's entitled, "*The Nature of Post-Church Salvation.*" I would just love to include the entire article if I could, it's that good! Here's some excerpts I couldn't pass up:

After we're raptured, we'll no longer need the Holy Spirit to be sealed within us, since the event His presence guaranteed will have taken place. So during the 70th week of Daniel the Holy Spirit, having been released from the Church, will resume a ministry on Earth similar to the one He performed in Old Testament times. Once again He'll come upon people, and be with them, but won't be sealed within them.

And concerning Tribulation believers' salvation:

*This calls for patient endurance on the part of the saints who obey God's commandments and remain faithful to Jesus. Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on (**Rev. 14:12-13**). These verses tell us tribulation believers will be responsible for both keeping the commandments and remaining faithful in the face of the deprivation and persecution they'll face for refusing the mark of the beast. They will also be expected to surrender their lives if necessary rather than take the mark. They will have been warned that anyone who takes the mark will be lost forever (**Rev. 14:9-11**).*

*There's no indication from these verses that post-Church believers will be protected from this, there's only a promise of blessing for the martyrs. Then there's this one. Behold, I come like a thief! Blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with him, so that he may not go naked and be shamefully exposed. (**Rev. 16:15**) If you're familiar with the symbolic reference to clothing, you know what this verse means. If not, let's review it. **Isaiah 61:10** says, I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of*

salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

*Just as clothing provides physical covering, righteousness provides spiritual covering. God has clothed us in garments of salvation and a robe of righteousness. Now look at **Zechariah 3:3-4**. In Zechariah's vision, Joshua, the High Priest is standing before the angel of the Lord, obviously Jesus. Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel. The angel said to those who were standing before him, "Take off his filthy clothes." Then he said to Joshua, "See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put rich garments on you."*

He goes on from there to talk about the wedding banquet in Matthew 22:1-14 with a similar frame of reference.

*From all this we can safely assume that the Lord isn't speaking of literal clothing in **Rev. 16:15**, but of the spiritual clothing that represents salvation and righteousness. Rather than having guaranteed salvation for Tribulation believers and assuming responsibility for their safety like a shepherd for his sheep, He warns them to stay awake and alert lest they be caught naked when He comes. It's a warning that maintaining their salvation is their responsibility and if they're not careful they could miss out. This warning is given on the threshold of the Bowl Judgments, the final and most devastating cycle of God's Wrath.*

And part of his closing statement:

It seems clear then, that salvation in the post church period will be a much more tenuous situation than the one we enjoy, devoid of any guarantees and requiring great personal responsibility in the face of devastating judgments and relentless persecution. Even though evidence of God's existence will abound in the judgments that regularly shake the Earth to its very foundations, maintaining one's faith during this time will be no small task.

I know this concept seems rather odd, but please stick with me. The next chapter should help!

CHAPTER 8

LET'S LOOK AT JAMES

Did the Book of James cause some serious confusion for the Church in the CA? You bet it did. Take these verses for example:

James 2:14-26 ¹⁴What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? ¹⁷Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself. ¹⁸But someone may well say, "You have faith and I have works; show

me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works.”¹⁹ You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.

²⁰ But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless?

²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? ²² You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected; ²³ and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS,” and he was called the friend of God. ²⁴ You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone.²⁵ In the same way, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? ²⁶ For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

The confusion was that we KNEW from other New Testament passages (in Romans, 1 Corinthians, and others mentioned prior) that we, believers in the CA, were saved **entirely apart** from works. It was clear as day in these other NT epistles -- so what's up with James? Why would he write what he wrote? You see, our solution was we would write commentary after commentary explaining that James really meant to say that faith would be *shown* by our works. That's the point he was trying to drive home. Right? Well, what if the Book of James, including this passage, meant exactly what it says?

Before we go any further, I'd like to list a couple things that I believe are true about the Bible. As a matter of fact, I'm sure we'd agree on them:

1. Salvation is by grace through faith for all believers of all times. **Never earned.**
2. The whole Bible is written for our learning, and we can typically make applications to us throughout most of it, but every part of the Bible is not specifically about us or to us.

So back to James.

What if we simply read James exactly how it's written. I understand we don't because, like I said earlier, we already know we were saved apart from works. Well, look at **James 1:1**

James, a bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes who are dispersed abroad: Greetings.

I know. All the CA commentaries say he's talking to Jewish believers in the Church Age. But that can't be true.

Galatians 3:28

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

Here in Galatians Paul is talking to the Church. In the Body of Christ (the Church) we're all the same. So according to God Jewish believers in the Church Age is an oxymoron. I know we call them Messianic Jews or Jewish believers, but God calls them the Church. No distinction. So, again, let's take what he's saying at face value. Let's assume he's literally talking to Jews. If that's true, then the Book of James ISN'T to the Church in the Church Age. Let that sink in for a minute.

So if he's not talking to the CA believers, who is he talking to? It's to Jewish believers outside of the CA.

In order to bear this out further, let's review our Bible history.

We'd do well to remember that the Bible is fundamentally a Jewish book: Jewish history, Jewish nation, Jewish Law, Jewish land, Jewish Messiah, Jewish Kingdom, etc. We, the Church, are literally an interruption in that Jewish timeline. Now, don't get me wrong. We aren't an afterthought or an oops. God doesn't have those. We were in His plan from the beginning. Remember He chose the Jews for the purpose of bringing salvation to the Gentiles. The Church is largely Gentile.

So through our Church-colored glasses, we tend to see the above timeline like this: Old Testament (OT) is for the Jews, New Testament (NT) is for the Church. Though that's generally true, it's not exactly right.

When the NT opened, we see John the Baptist and Jesus arriving on scene. They are both preaching the same thing: Repent, for the Kingdom of God is near. And that was so very true: Jesus, literally Himself as its Messiah and the actual physical earthly Kingdom he would rule over. This Kingdom is exactly what the Jews were waiting for, yet we see they rejected Him. We must remember, though, that doesn't mean God's finished with the Jews. He's not. He still has promises yet unfulfilled to them. All the verses about their coming Kingdom (in the Old Testament and in the Gospels) were merely postponed, not annulled, mentioned in Chapter 4.

So back to our timeline, only with the proper glasses on now! When the NT opens, Jesus is talking (in the Gospels) to the Jews about the Jews and their coming Kingdom. We, in the CA, are just a parenthetical. We have a start (Acts 2) and an ending (Rapture). Once we left, the timeline went right back to the Jewish mindset so Daniel 9:27 can occur.

The Tribulation is that final week of refinement for them, while at the same time the Gentile nations are being judged. The next, and last, event before eternity is the Millennium -- the long-awaited Jewish Kingdom. Now again, don't get me wrong. We're involved in that as well, but not as recipients of an earthly kingdom.

(Please see Gracethrufaith.com's "The Sequence of Events In Rev. 20-22")

The saved Jews will be enjoying their Messiah in their earthly Kingdom while we, the redeemed Church, will be in our heavenly home, probably hovering right above the earth. Only the redeemed Church is allowed in heaven during that 1000 years. I believe we'll be going back and forth between earth and heaven at that time. (Again, please read that article. It explains much!!)

So, before I get too distracted, let's sum up the purpose of our timeline.

OT is about the Jews. Jesus' time in the Gospels was about the Jews. The Tribulation and Millennium are about the Jews. The CA (Acts 2 through the Rapture) is about us.

Remembering again what we agreed on

1. Salvation is by grace through faith for all believers of all times. **Never earned.**
2. The whole Bible is written for our learning, and we can typically make application in most of it to us, but every part of the Bible is not specifically for us or to us.

So No. 2 above is basically covered, I believe. We, the Church, can learn from the entire Bible, but we must divide it properly in order to understand it.

How does James fit into all this? Still looking at No. 2, James is NOT talking to the Church or about the Church. Yes, we learned wonderful concepts on godly living, etc, but don't go too far with that. Try this out. Read James right now. Don't read it thinking he's talking to the Church. He's not. Read it like it's written. He's talking to Jewish believers OUTSIDE of the Church Age. Folks, that means Jewish Tribulation believers.

Go ahead and pause to read the Book of James right now.

Once you go outside of the CA, all the promises that were made uniquely to the Church are no longer in place.

Now to No. 1. This is more difficult to talk about because we tend to get upset right away and don't hear what's really being said. That's why I've restated a few times now that we should all believe that:

1. Salvation is by grace through faith for all believers of all times. **Never earned.**

Please keep this foundational point in mind. I'll never go back on it. I just think we're not looking deep enough.

All believers of all times are saved by the grace of God through faith. Now here's where the waters get choppy. Read **James 2** again from the beginning of this article. Here's a specific part I want you to see:

²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? ²² You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected;

What's he saying? Do we need commentaries explaining this away if we just look at it correctly? He's talking to Jewish Tribulation believers WHO MUST MAINTAIN/PROVE their FAITH. Sound crazy? Sound heretical? We know that Abraham was declared righteous by his faith, right? But there's more on Abraham.

James is using Pre-Church Abraham (and later Rahab) to show us that outside of the CA believers were saved by grace through faith BUT needed their works to testify to it. Weren't the Jews after Sinai required to keep the Law? Yes, they were. I know, of course, that they couldn't do it, and didn't do it perfectly. Like we said earlier, not possible, but it was *required* of them anyway.

There's many other ways to show this, but for right now suffice it to say that I believe we who were in the CA weren't like Pre and Post Church times because we didn't have that works requirement. Why? We had the *guarantee* of the **indwelling** Holy Spirit. No one else ever did or ever will.

So I believe #1 should say: Salvation is by grace through faith for all believers of all times. **Never earned, only PROVEN outside of the Church Age.**

Remember the parables in Matthew 24 and 25? Boy, oh boy, I'm so glad they're not directed to the Church. I see a lot of maintaining/proving their faith by their works. Remember, this makes perfect sense if Jesus is telling them about Tribulation times, outside of the CA.

We in the CA were dividing the Bible incorrectly and therefore spent way too much time trying to reword parts of it unnecessarily. Read the Gospels again as if Jesus is talking to the Jews. Read Hebrews and James (and possibly through Jude, I'm not sure yet) in the same way. No longer is there the need to try to explain passages like:

- **James 1:12**

Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which *the Lord* has promised to those who love Him.

- All of James Chapter 2
- I found many applications in 1 & 2 Peter.
- First John. Love, love, love. Valid in all times, all ages. But if you look specifically, he's talking about love as a new **commandment**.
- Hebrews 10, etc.

I believe they're not to US. They're TO YOU! (For sure Hebrews and James, as you can see who they're directed to. Again, I'm not totally sure on the other books. You study it!)

Here's an excerpt from "*The Difference Is In The Dispensations*" by Timothy S. Morton from <http://www.preservedwords.com/tribsalv-pv.htm>

The law of Moses required obedience [Lev. 18:5; Eze. 20:11; Rom. 10:5; Gal. 3:12]. If a Jew broke a law and sinned, he then had to offer the proper animal sacrifice to atone for the sin [Lev. 4:27-31; Lev. 16:30; Pro. 28:13]. If he neglected the sacrifice or refused to offer it, he remained in a lost condition [Psa. 119:155]. Since there was no new birth available until after Christ's glorification [John 7:39], all believers saved before then had nothing IN them to secure their salvation. Today, in the Church Age, many things happen INSIDE a believer, including regeneration [Titus 3:5], to secure a believers salvation regardless of works. Among other things believers today are "sealed" by the "Holy Spirit" "unto the day of redemption" [Eph. 4:30] thus his destiny is certain.

And from the same source concerning the "Beatitudes" in Matthew:

The famous "beatitudes" speak not of the Church Age but of the kingdom Christ is going to establish for Israel. No believer is saved in this age by trying to follow the beatitudes. There is no gospel in them. They are the principles [or constitution] of the millennial kingdom where works are involved with righteousness.

And concerning salvation after the Church Age:

Eternal salvation as we know it today (by grace through faith apart from works) will no longer be valid because the Holy Spirit will no longer regenerate and seal those who become saved after the "trump" [1Thes. 4:16]. Believers in the future will not have a new nature, be placed in Christ, or have Christ permanently indwelling them. Simply put, the means of salvation as we know it today will no longer exist. The differences in the dispensations will make it impossible for a believer to be born again [as we now understand it], placed into Christ's Body, or keep eternal life by faith alone. Instead of being like salvation in the Church Age, salvation will be very similar to the way it was in the Old Testament with works playing a part.

And again concerning the Tribulation:

*In the Tribulation one must show his faith and work to overcome evil and clinging to good or else he won't make it through saved [Rev. 2:26; Rev. 3:5; Rev. 3:21; Rev. 12:11; Rev. 21:7]. There are around 200 verses in the New Testament that indicate someone can lose his salvation— they must fit somewhere— and the Tribulation is the place. Remember Matthew chapters 24 and 25, and Hebrews chapters 3, 6, and 10? The Tribulation is where they all doctrinally apply: the "**time of Jacob's trouble**" (not the Church's trouble). Again, someone in the Bible can lose his salvation, **but it is not a born again Christian.***

During the Tribulation salvation will be similar to salvation under the law as far as what happens to and inside a believer is concerned. Since regeneration is no longer available, nothing

will happen inside the believer to secure his salvation. Though he won't be saved on credit as those in the Old Testament were (because Christ's atonement has since been made), he will still be saved on a trial basis like they were. Believing on Christ will just be the first step in his process of salvation, for along with believing he must "keep the commandments of God." Look at these clear passages in Revelation...

(Rev. 12:17; 14:12; 22:14)

Here the article is quoting someone else:

Again we quote DL Root,

Salvation during the Tribulation is based on both faith and works. Jesus, himself, said that love toward God, whom we can't see (faith); and love toward our neighbor, whom we can see (works) are the two commandments upon which hang all the law and prophets. (Matt. 22:36-40). The Old Testament Jewish saints were required to obey God's commandments to be and to stay saved. The Tribulation saints will be required to have faith in Christ and keep the commandments by helping their neighbors. Time after time this theme is expounded. (Matt. 10:40-42; Matt. 19:16-21; Luke 10:25-37; Heb. 6:10; Heb. 10:24; James 1:22-27; James 2:1-9; 1Pet. 1:22) In fact, God determines the disposition of the nations according to how they treat the Jew during the Tribulation. (Matt. 25:31-46)

CHAPTER 9

MORE ON THE DIFFERENCES

I'm torn between quoting more from this very enlightening book, "*The Difference Is In The Dispensations*" by Timothy S. Morton and leaving the subject alone at this point so you can study it for yourself. I think the "quoting more" will win out because I know the first couple times I heard this, I immediately shut it down thinking it's twisting the Bible. At that point I should have dug deeper into the Word. I didn't. Yet, God is amazing and oh, so patient. Even though I ignored this study, He led me via a roundabout way right back to it!

personal path to this same conclusion came about by first having a great desire to understand the Rapture and why there's so many views out there: pre-trib, mid-trib, pre-wrath, and post-trib. The study of Daniel 9 cleared that up without any question for me. That study led into 'well, if the CA ends at the Rapture, then what age do the Tribulation believers fall into?' Again, Daniel 9 cleared that up. That's when I really noticed the concept of our CA promises being only to the Church as shown by the Mark of the Beast issue we talked about earlier. Since it was obvious

that Trib believers didn't have – I mean don't have our same guarantee, what about the OT believers?

Again from his book, page 60-61:

Remember, in the Old Testament salvation was an EXTERNAL decree by God when certain conditions were met; it was not finalized until Christ purchased eternal redemption at Calvary. Church Age salvation is an INTERNAL act of regeneration performed by the permanently indwelling Christ through the Holy Spirit. The external decree of salvation could be rescinded because of disobedience or rebellion, but the internal new birth cannot be undone. The former salvation is indefinite and variable according to God's good pleasure, and the latter is permanent, invariable, and fixed because of God's good pleasure. Who are we to take issue with God's methods? Our duty is not to question but believe and obey all that He says.

The author had previously looked at five OT men and detailed out how God was working in their lives concerning salvation. Here's his summary of that:

At first it appears Aaron had the proper faith and acceptable works, but at Sinai he lacked both. Samson had the Holy Spirit, but after many evil works He left him; however, after he exercised faith, the Holy Spirit returned. Saul had some good works but a lack of faith, and the Holy Spirit left him never to return. Joab had a little faith and evil works but in the end went to the altar to "plead the blood" for mercy.

And David had some evil works and unbelief, but at other times he had good works and much faith. He further prayed that the Holy Spirit would not leave him, and He never did. What a collage of "experiences." The Holy Spirit leaves one and later returns; He leaves another but does not return; and He could have left a third but didn't! Does this sound anything like New Testament salvation? How could anyone say salvation is the same in the Old Testament as in the New?

Some other topics he addresses are: the Gospels, the New Birth, From Law to Grace, Unraveling Acts, Hebrews and James and much more. I really liked the study on Unraveling Acts because that's a transition stage that often gets folks confused. Again, it's cleared up when you understand the time frame it falls in.

By the way, his book is available for you to read for free on his website. You can check out all those other topics for yourself!

Lastly, I'd like to quote one final paragraph. It's about the OT once again. I'm sticking with that because that should concern you more than the CA because you're still in the OT dispensation, but with a few changes.

In summary: Salvation under the Law was fundamentally different from our's today. Then, faith backed by works were required; today, faith alone is sufficient. Then, nothing spiritual happened

inside a believer; today, many things happen. Then, salvation was only decreed on credit; today, it is internally and spiritually applied. Then, believers didn't go to heaven when they died; today, all believers go there. Then, the Holy Spirit did not permanently indwell and seal believers; today, He does both. etc. etc. Do you now see the fallacy of those who claim salvation in every age is the same? It is not even the same between different dispensations in the Old Testament, let alone the same as today's.

CHAPTER 10

KINGDOM PART II

I thought we'd look into some details about the coming Kingdom that I believe most CA believers had wrong – I know **I did** for most of my Christian life.

All credit, of course, goes to God for leading me to this, what I believe to be the truth. All credit, humanly speaking, goes to Jack Kelley of Gracethrufaith.com for writing his article, "*The Sequence of Events In Rev. 20-22*" that shed light on it.

When reading f, you'll eventually get to Chapters 20-22, the very end of the Bible. In it you'll see details about the Millennial Kingdom and eternity. If you're just reading through, you'll tend to think it's a straightforward chronology of those two time periods. But, like I said in the beginning, the key to Revelation is the OT.

The phrase 'new heavens and new earth' in Chapter 21 verse 1 is that key for these chapters.

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea."

First quote from Jack Kelley's article:

*This verse has often been interpreted as referring to the destruction of heaven and earth, to be replaced by something entirely new at the outset of eternity. But like many of the verses in the book of Revelation this one is a direct quote from the Old Testament, specifically **Isaiah 65:17**, where the context is Israel's Kingdom Age, aka the millennium.*

*Therefore, I think this is the first of several clues that tell us John was actually talking about the renewal or restoration of all things, referred to by Jesus in **Matt. 19:28**, by Peter in **Acts 3:21**, and by Paul in **Romans 8:19-21**. This is when the earth will be returned to the condition it was in after God created it, but before sin corrupted it. They placed the timing of the renewal at the 2nd Coming.*

*When combined, these clues will lead us to the conclusion that in **Rev. 21:1** John was taking us back to the beginning of the Millennium to pick up where he left off in **Rev. 20:6**.*

Go to Isaiah 65:17 and 66:22 and read those verses in the context of the chapters they're in. They are without a doubt talking about the Jewish Kingdom God promised them.

The article then gives three clues as to why this means the Millennium and not eternity. Please find and read the entire article. Next he goes on to Chapter 22 and explains that the first two verses there also come from the OT, specifically Ezekiel 47:1-12.

I cannot do justice to this topic in this short space, but I'll leave you with another quote from his article:

*There is no temple in the New Jerusalem (**Rev. 21:22**) so God's throne can't be there, because His throne is always in the Holy of Holies. **Ezekiel 43:6-7** confirms that the temple in Israel on earth will be the location of God's throne during the Millennium.*

Also, the people on earth in their natural state during the millennium are the only ones who will need healing. There will be no disease in the New Jerusalem because there will be no people in their natural state there, only the redeemed and immortal Church. Neither will there be any need for healing in eternity, when everyone will be immortal. Both John and Ezekiel were describing the new holy city on earth during the millennium, with a temple and a river flowing from it, lined with fruit trees.

*Again, John made mention of sinners. Outside (the city) are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood (**Rev. 22:15**). There will be no such people in eternity.*

His last topic in the article is about the location of the New Jerusalem. I know you'll find that to be just as informative.

So, in a nutshell, all the details in Revelation 20-22 actually relate to the Millennium, **not** eternity. Check it out for yourselves!

CHAPTER 11

THE FEASTS OF THE LORD

In Leviticus Chapter 23 God lists out His feast days that He wanted Israel to celebrate or partake of every year.

1. Passover
2. Feast of Unleavened Bread
3. First Fruits

4. Pentecost
5. Feast of Trumpets
6. Day of Atonement
7. Feast of Tabernacles

Notice these are GOD'S feast days, not Israel's. Also notice the word 'convocations'.

Checking in Strong's Concordance, convocations, #4744 says: from 7121; something called out, i.e. a public meeting; also a rehearsal; -- assembly, calling, convocation, reading. We understand the public assembly, but what about rehearsal? Is it possible that along with the Jews having to follow God's rules and regulations for these events that they were also meant to be a sign, a rehearsal for something yet to come?

Let's briefly look at each feast/holy day individually, beginning with Passover. Passover began with the Israelites' deliverance from their Egyptian bondage back in Exodus 12:1-13. Jesus fulfilled this feast day by dying on that very day many, many years later. He was their *and our* Spotless Lamb of God.

From <http://gracethrufaith.com/topical-studies/holidays-and-holy-days/solving-the-three-day-three-night-mystery/#more-394>

Jesus came to fulfill the prophecy of the Passover Lamb, to save from death everyone who spiritually applies His shed blood to their lives. The only day He ever allowed the people to hail Him as King was on the day we call Palm Sunday, and as we'll see it was the 10th day of the month. He did this to fulfill the selection process for the Passover Lamb. When the officials told Him to rebuke His disciples, He said that if they became quiet, the very stones would cry out (Luke 19:40).

For this was a day ordained in history. It was the day He officially presented Himself as Israel's Messiah, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29). It was 483 years to the day from the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem, spoken of by Daniel the Prophet (Daniel 9:25). A little while after the officials cautioned Him, He condemned Jerusalem to utter destruction because they did not recognize the day of His visitation (Luke 19:41-44).

What about the Feast of Unleavened Bread?

"God performed this exact ceremony with the burial of Jesus, our precious piece of unleavened bread, and more importantly, He performed it on the exact day of the feast. Once again, the required feast was fulfilled in a remarkable and unmistakable way."

The Seven Feasts of Israel by Zola Levitt, page 5, copyright 1979.

Next is First Fruits. Was that fulfilled on that specific day?

Again from Zola Levitt's book, *"The Seven Feasts of Israel"*, page 8, *"Jesus of course, celebrated the Sunday of the week of His crucifixion by rising from the dead. It was not some other day He chose, but the very day of First Fruits, of course, just as He performed on Passover and Unleavened Bread, each with the appropriate action."*

Next is Pentecost. There are many wonderful details about this feast, especially important to us in the CA, because they concern the Church. But for now just take a look at Acts 2:1 to see the very day that the Holy Spirit descended to form us, His Church. Yep. On Pentecost.

Now, this 'rehearsal sequence' has been easy to follow so far because it's all historical. They've already occurred! But that's only four of the seven. Let's not stop there. It's at this point we must be careful – the remaining events are still future.

I've looked into this 'Feasts of the Lord' study now for a while and I'll present to you the only two options that I believe are feasible for the Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement and Tabernacles.

Skipping over Trumpets and Atonement for a minute, let's get Tabernacles situated. I say this because Trumpets and Atonement (Feasts #5 and #6) are the two in question.

The Feast of Tabernacles or Booths symbolizes when the Lord will tabernacle, or dwell, with us in His Millennial Kingdom. It's a perfect fit for this feast.

So far here's where we stand.

The Seven Feasts of Leviticus 23

1. Passover -- Jesus crucified
2. Unleavened Bread -- Jesus buried
3. First Fruits -- Jesus resurrected
4. Pentecost -- Jesus sends the Holy Spirit
5. Feast of Trumpets -- Jesus _____
6. Day of Atonement -- Jesus _____
7. Feast of Tabernacles -- Jesus dwells/tabernacles among us
- (8. Eighth day of Tabernacles -- Eternity)

Pretty amazing, huh?

There is some pretty amazing (yet circumstantial) information that made us in the CA think that the Rapture of the Church is when Jesus fulfills #5, Feast of Trumpets. **IF** that's the case, then #6 will be fulfilled at Jesus' Second Coming.

IF that's not the case, then I believe both #5 & #6 are fulfilled very close in time at the end of the Tribulation: #5 being Jesus' Second Coming and #6 being the Sheep and Goat Judgment. This idea came from Gracethrufaith.com.

What's just guesswork for us is **ALREADY KNOWN** to you!! Did we get raptured on the Feast of Trumpets or not?

NOTE TO THOSE LEFT BEHIND As I write this before the Church is raptured, I cannot know for certain many things. I don't know who the Antichrist is, I don't know what role, if any, America will play, etc. There are two things, though, that I'd like to stress to you. One, you are not part of the Church, the Body/Bride of Christ. You are still saved the same way we were, but I don't believe you have eternal security, since you're not sealed with the Holy Spirit. So please remain faithful, even unto death. Support/help any and all Jews you can, even if it means your death. Secondly, I strongly believe one of the following two schedules (A or B) will be followed. I'm not certain which, though. You'll soon figure it out. Trust in Jesus' shed blood for you. He took the Father's wrath upon Himself for you! Believe in His death, burial and resurrection. He'll be back for you exactly seven years after the covenant with Israel is signed/confirmed. Daniel 9:24-27

	In Leviticus 23 God tells Israel to keep "My Appointed Times." The word God uses for "Appointed Times" also means 'dressed rehearsal.' This is God's timetable or plan of redemption for mankind.			
	When	Name	JESUS ALREADY FULFILLED ON THAT DAY	
1	14th day of the 1st month	Passover	He was crucified (as our Passover Lamb.)	SPRING FEASTS: All fulfilled at Jesus' first coming as the Lamb of God.
2	15th day of the 1st month for 7 days	Feast of Unleavened Bread	He was buried.	
3	On the day after the UB Sabbath	First Fruits	He rose on the third day.	
4	Count 7 Sabbaths and a day from FF (or 50 days)	Feast of Weeks	He sent the Holy Spirit to begin His Church.	
	Church Age: Time of Harvest (ends at Rapture of entire Church/Body/Bride)			
	When	Name	JESUS WILL FULFILL ON THAT DAY	
5	1st day of the 7th month	Feast of Trumpets	A) Jesus will rapture the Church, pre-Trib -- OR -- B) He will return for you at the end of the Tribulation.	FALL FEASTS: All will be fulfilled at Jesus' second coming as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah!
6	10th day of the 7th month	Day of Atonement	If A on #5, then on this date the Antichrist will confirm a 7-year covenant with the Jews -- OR -- if B on #5, then this would possibly be the Sheep/Goat judgment right after the Tribulation.	
7	15th day of the 7th month for 7 days	Feast of Tabernacles	Jesus will rule and reign during the Millennium.	
	If millions of people disappear on the 1st day of the 7th Jewish month, then scenario A is it. If we disappear on any other day of the year, then B is it. 3.5 years after the covenant is signed, the mark of the beast will be required of you if you want to buy or sell -- DON'T TAKE IT! It will damn you eternally. Trust Jesus. This world is no longer your home.			

APPENDIX 1

List of Good Reads

PLEASE NOTE: I highly recommend the below articles/authors. However, I do not put anyone on a pedestal. We are all sinners and make mistakes. I do **not** necessarily agree with everything any one of them say. I would imagine they would/should feel the same way about me. I hope you'll have that same mindset.

(Also, I have a YouTube account and a God Tube account if the internet is still working. My channel is BibleChartDaniel, but you'll have to turn your volume up!)

If I quoted someone's article in the body of this letter, I won't mention it specifically again here.

Gracethrufaith.com

“Must The Church Be Physically Removed?”

“The Feast of Trumpets And The Second Coming”

“Solving The Three Day Three Night Mystery”

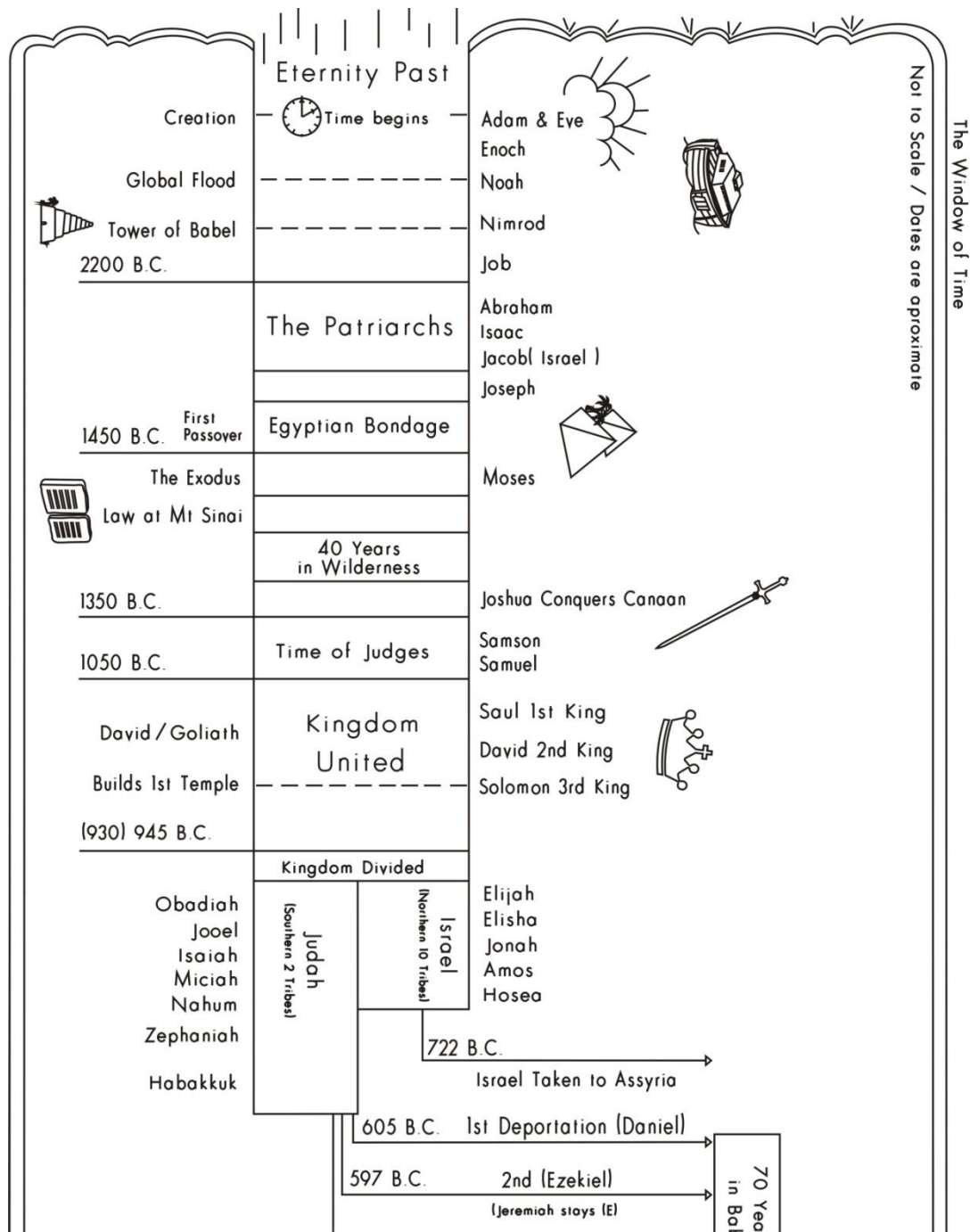
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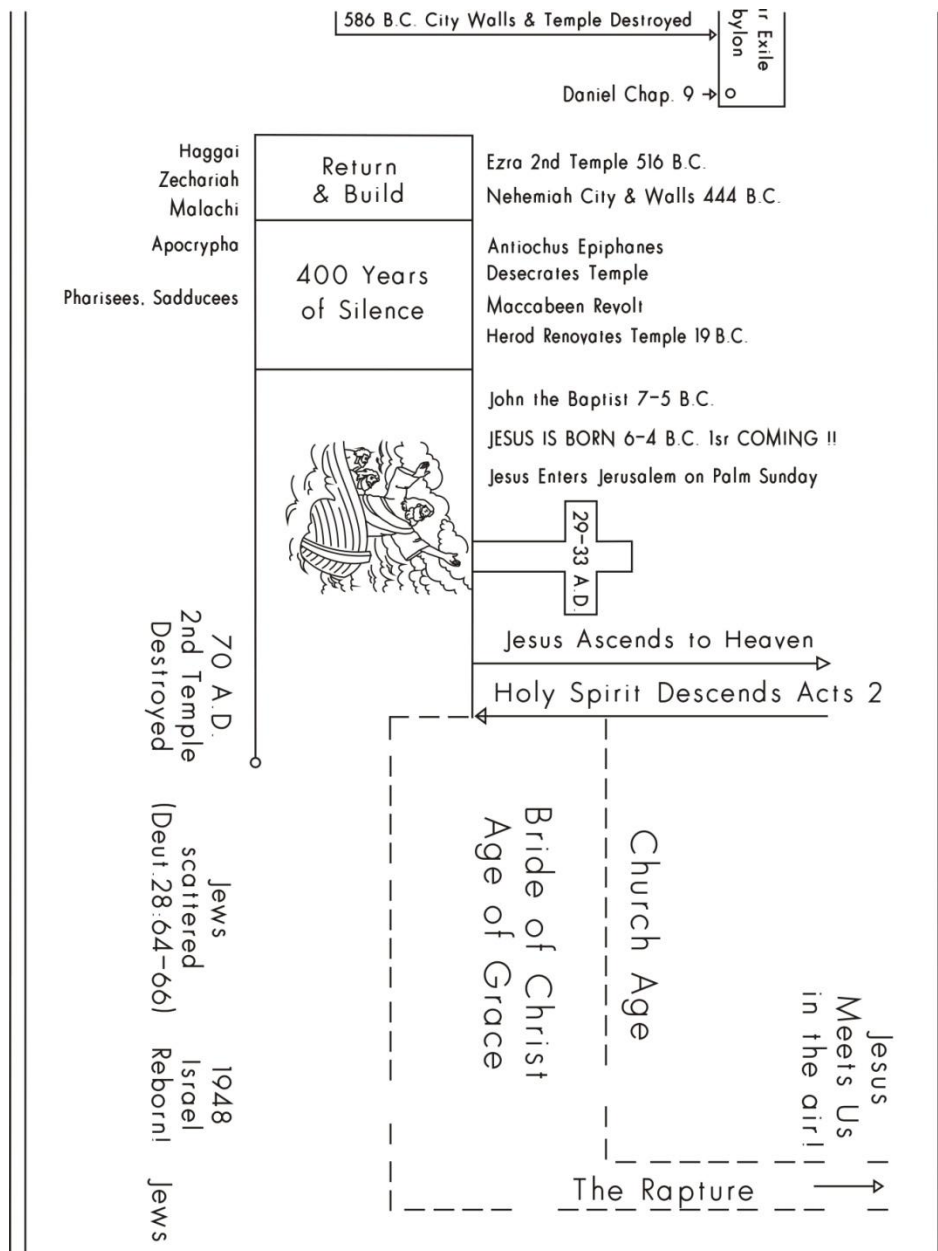
Ron Graham's “What Do You Mean Repent?”

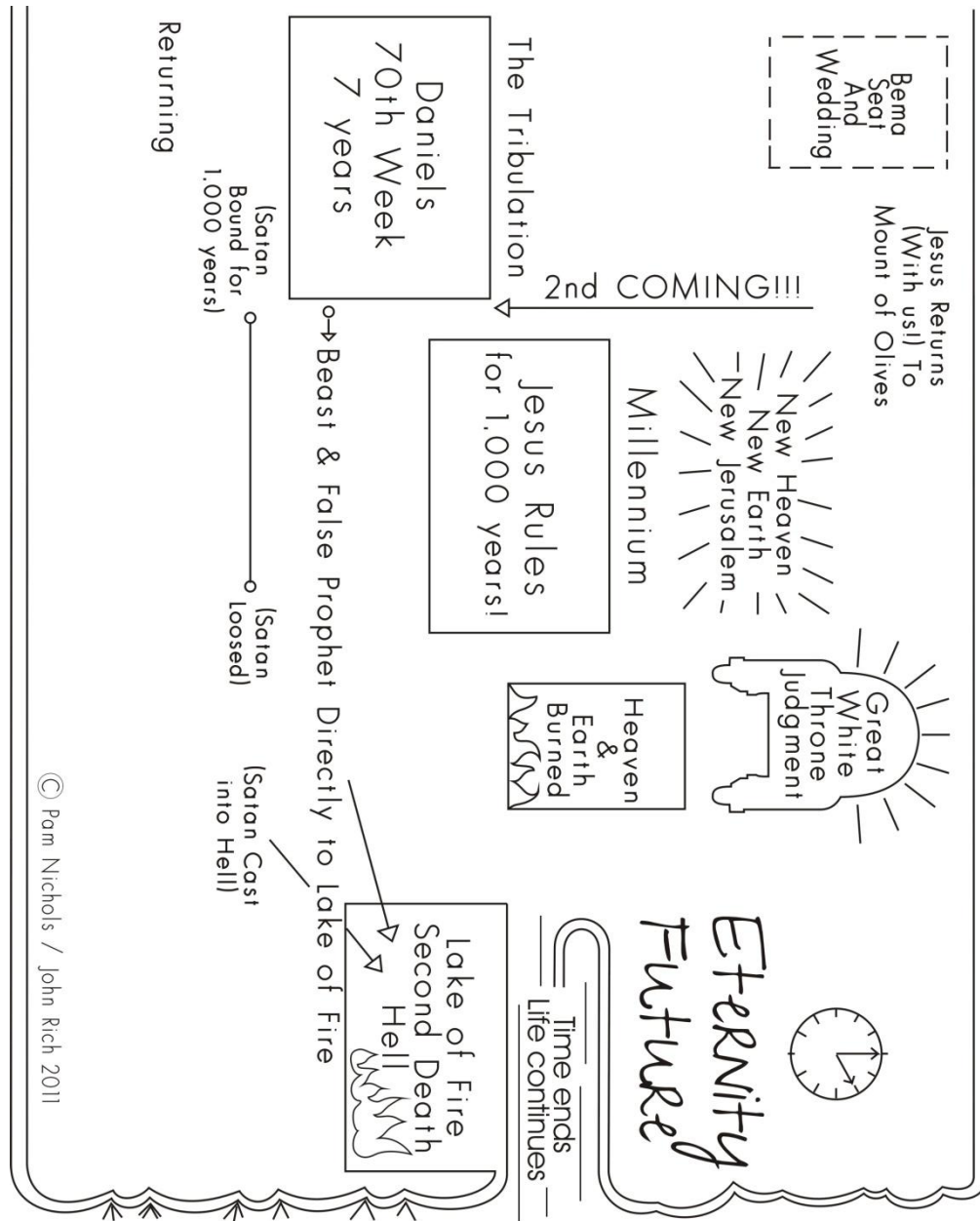
A tract from Osterhus Pub. House entitled “A Guide After the Rapture”

APPENDIX 2

My Window of Time chart in three parts.







APPENDIX 3

Below is a brief summary to use as a witness tool if you're interested:

So you've been left behind. There's so many things I'd like to tell you. I just don't know where to start.

The Bible is the key. You must read it. Study it.

All true believers in Jesus are now gone so don't trust anyone or believe anything they tell you.

Soon there will be people, maybe even many people, who realize what just happened and start searching for the truth. Here it is:

Jesus died for you. He took on God's wrath for your sin. He took your punishment so you don't have to spend eternity in the Lake of Fire. You must put your trust and faith in Him. And Him alone. No Mary. No religious leader. No political leader that seems so amazing he must be of God. He's not. Jesus will not be on earth for 7 years. I repeat: Jesus will NOT be on earth for seven years. And when He comes, it'll be too late to trust Him then. Keep your faith in Him even if it costs you your life. There is an extremely high chance you'll die before He returns anyway.

Many things that we Christians are confused about now, like events in the Book of Revelation, you'll know because you're in it. A good example that we tend to be unsure of is your eternal security. We know that we in the Church Age are eternally secure because God makes numerous statements in the New Testament to us guaranteeing our future if we just trust in Jesus' shed blood.

You, on the other hand, are not given those guarantees. You're not part of the Church, Jesus' bride. We have been raptured. You can still be saved, but as a different entity than us.

All that to say, persevere. Don't give in. Be willing to die for Jesus' name. Help any and all Jews.

Again, we couldn't lose our salvation. The Holy Spirit was our deposit, or down payment, or earnest. He never left us. Though He's still on earth even with us gone, He's not in the same role. It's more like His Old Testament role. He comes and goes. PLEASE do not take the mark that the world leader will require of you in about 3.5 years. It will damn you eternally. Guaranteed.

Remember, this world is not your home.

APPENDIX 4

Another brief summary.

Where'd We Go???

So many people around the world -- including the children -- have disappeared, huh? Where'd we go? What happened? Well, in a nutshell, the Church Age is over and the seven year Tribulation is about to begin. All true believers in Jesus Christ have been taken to heaven, along with the children who have fallen under God's amazing grace due to their age.

Soon and very soon you'll be hearing 'news' that that's not true. Something else happened to those 'heretics' and 'immature' people. You're going to be told a lie, no, THE lie. You'll be

shown amazing signs and miracles ‘proving’ that lie is true. Most will fall for it. (I believe it might be visions of ‘Mary’ or ‘aliens’ which, both are demonic.)

What do you do?

1. Get a Bible. Read it. Read it. Read it. Read all of it. The last book of the Bible, Revelation, is very important, but the keys to understanding it are throughout the Bible. (Helpful books are Daniel, I & II Thessalonians, Zechariah – oh, there’s too many to list!)

2. You must understand what Jesus did for you two thousand years ago. He left heaven and left behind his Godhead attributes and came to earth born to Mary, a virgin. No human father. He lived a sinless life and died a sinner’s death. Why? Because God Almighty is holy and just and cannot be in the presence of sin or sinners. When Adam and Eve chose to sin, they separated themselves and all of us from God. They made a chasm between us and God that we can never cross. We, ourselves, have done the same thing.

We’re born in sin due to Adam and Eve, but we choose to live in sin on our own. God, who is just, must punish sin. Eternity consists of only Heaven and Hell, so Hell (lake of fire), which wasn’t even made for us, becomes our eternal home. BUT, God commendeth His love towards us that when we were yet sinners, Christ died for the ungodly. Jesus took God’s wrath against sin upon Himself and bore our punishment – MY punishment – in our place. Do you see it now? God offers forgiveness and eternal life to all who trust what Jesus did. You cannot earn heaven.

3. You are in a different ‘era’ than we were. God the Holy Spirit indwelt us, never to ever ‘unindwell’ us. We were sealed. You don’t have that promise. You must look back at what Jesus did for you just like the Old Testament people looked forward to Jesus. Stay faithful to Him. Most of you will die for your faith. Hallelujah! What a privilege you have. Stay faithful till the end. God is looking at your actions as proof of where your heart is.

4. Many things in Revelation were unclear to us back in the Church Age. Many things were written off as ‘allegory’ or spiritualized. You will know better. You’re in it.

5. There will be unbelievable deception going on. This is a time for God to punish the nations and to refine and make ready the Jewish nation, Israel. There will be two witnesses in Jerusalem that you must listen to in Revelation 11. There will be the sealed 144,000 of Revelation 7 you must listen to. There will be the angels in Revelation 14 you must listen to. Be very wary of anyone or anything else. Even ‘Jesus’, for he is not Jesus. Jesus returns only after the 7 years are up.

6. A man will appear on the scene. He will seem to resolve all your problems. I’m not sure if he’ll seem like just a regular man or if he will seem to come from the heavens. Either way, he is the beast, the anti-christ. He will deceive the world. DO NOT take the mark that he will require

of you at some point in the near future. This world is not your home. Trust Jesus with your life. Those that receive the mark have only a very short time to live, and then go to the lake of fire for eternity. Don't do it!

7. This anti-christ will have a right hand man, the false prophet, who will show signs and wonders proclaiming that the anti-christ is actually Jesus, your savior. These two will initially promote a unified, false religion. Probably a combo of Catholicism and Islam. I'm not sure. Whatever it is, they will, by the midpoint of the tribulation, throw off that cloak and want the anti-christ and him alone to be worshipped. I believe at this point he enters the (as of my time not yet existing) third Jewish temple. It will probably be built within a very short timeframe after the Rapture in Jerusalem.

APPENDIX 5

And yet another:

WHERE'D WE GO???

If millions of people have disappeared.....

1. You missed the Rapture...and the Age of Grace is over.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

2. Aliens did NOT abduct us. (Don't believe "Mary" or any'one' else.)

2 Thessalonians 2:11-12

¹¹ And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, ¹² that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Feasts of the Lord mentioned in Leviticus 23, with the Feast of Trumpets being either the Rapture or the Second Coming. I'm not sure which.

Daniel 9:27

Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; but in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate."

Revelation 6:8

So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

Revelation 9:15-18

¹⁵ So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind. ¹⁶ Now the number of the army of the horsemen *was* two hundred million; I heard the number of them. ¹⁷ And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses *were* like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone. ¹⁸ By these three *plagues* a third of mankind was killed—by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths.

5. This is God's period of judgment on mankind, and time of trial for the Jews.

Revelation 14:7

saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

Zechariah 13:8-9

⁸ And it shall come to pass in all the land," says the Lord, "*That* two-thirds in it shall be cut off *and* die, but *one*—third shall be left in it: ⁹ I will bring the *one*—third through the fire, will refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, and I will answer them. I will say, 'This *is* My people'; and each one will say, 'The Lord *is* my God.'"

You can still trust Jesus as your Savior!

Romans 10:9-10

⁹that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 14:6

⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Acts 4:12

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

³For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

John 20:31

but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

John 3:16-17, 35--36

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

³⁵ The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand. ³⁶ He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

If you've asked Jesus to save you...

A) ...you cannot 'trust' Jesus as your Savior and still receive the Mark of the Beast or worship his image. All who do so will be condemned to the Lake of Fire forever and ever and ever. Eternally. No exceptions.

Revelation 13:15-17

¹⁵ He was granted *power* to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. ¹⁶ He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, ¹⁷ and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Revelation 14:9-11

⁹ Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives *his* mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰ he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. ¹¹ And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

Revelation 7:9-14

⁹ After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying:

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom,

your life. I don't believe that the promises of eternal security given to us in the Church Age apply to you. Read Revelation.

Remember this world is not your home.

APPENDIX 6

Daniel 9 Do-At-Home Worksheet

Young Daniel was taken captive to Babylon by good ol' King Nebby in 606BC. While there, the events of the entire Book of Daniel occurred. In chapter 9 Daniel is an old man. Verse 1 tells you Darius of the Medes/Persians is now king.

1. In verse 2 we see Daniel reading _____'s scroll. He realizes that his people's 70 year captivity/exile in Babylon is almost over.
2. Read Jeremiah 29:10: *For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.* What's God going to do once the 70 years are up? _____
3. Read Daniel 9:3-19 – Daniel's prayer of supplication/confession to God. No wonder in verse 23 the angel says Daniel is greatly loved by God!
4. Who visits Daniel in verse 21? _____

Verse 24

5. Notice the different versions below in describing the time frame of the entire prophecy:

New Living Translation: ²⁴“A period of seventy sets of seven has been decreed for your people and your holy city...

Wycliffe Bible: ²⁴Seventy weeks of years be abridged on thy people, and on thine holy city...

NIV: ²⁴“Seventy 'sevens' are decreed for your people and your holy city...

GOD'S WORD translation: ²⁴“Seventy sets of seven time periods have been assigned for your people and your holy city...

Seventy “Weeks” is literally seventy heptads, or seventy blocks of seven. So 70 x 7. But what's the 7? 7 years.

[Think of our term ‘decade.’ It is a block of time of ten years.]

This time frame is determined upon who? _____

And upon what? _____

6. Six things are to be accomplished once this time is up:

1. To finish the _____
2. To make an _____
3. To make _____ for iniquity
4. To bring in everlasting _____
5. To seal up _____ & _____
6. And to anoint the _____

Verse 25

7. Verse 25 has a very, very important window of time in it. “**FROM** the going forth of the command to _____ & _____ **UNTIL** _____ the _____, there shall be...”
8. So from the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince is going to be 7 weeks and 62 weeks, or together a total of _____ weeks.

7 “weeks” = _____ years. (hint: 7 x 7 -- a heptad or a block of 7 years.)

62 “weeks” = _____ years. (hint: 62 x 7 -- a heptad or a block of 7 years.)

Now add those together. 49 years + 434 years = _____ years.

So 7 “weeks” + 62 “weeks” = 69 “weeks”

So all that to say 483 years will start at “the command to restore and build _____” and would end at “Messiah the Prince.”

(The remaining part of verse 25 helps us to understand which of the returns from captivity we're talking about, since there were more than one. The _____ shall be built again, and the _____, even in troublesome times.)

The total timeframe of this prophecy is 490 years, or 70 "weeks." (70 'sevens' or 70 blocks of 7 years or $70 \times 7 = 490$ years.) Remember that. Total prophecy timeframe is 490 years. How many years have we discussed so far? _____

So there's how many years left of this prophecy that hasn't been talked about yet? _____
(hint: 490 total less the 483 discussed.)

Verse 26

Key question: Does verse 26 mention the remaining 7 years at all? _____




When is the first time we seen that final 'one week' mentioned: verse 26, verse 27 or never?

We'll come back to that final 7 years in a minute. For now, let's look deeper into verse 26. We can see that after that initial timeframe is over three things will happen.

1. _____ shall be cut off.
2. The _____ of the _____ who is to come shall destroy the _____ and the sanctuary.
3. The end of it shall be with a flood, and till the end of the war desolations are determined.

So far timewise it looks like this:

483 years...then..Messiah cut off, destruction, desolation..then...verse 27

		
Verse 25....then.....	Verse 26.....then...	verse 27

Verse 27 is about the Tribulation, which you can study on your own.

BUT... If you're still interested, here's an excerpt from an article I just found. Good stuff!

Verse-By-Verse Commentary by Dr. Grant C. Richison

...Daniel earlier read in Jeremiah about the seventy-year exile of Israel (9:2). Gabriel now reveals to Daniel **Israel's future** by the vision of the seventy sevens (9:24-27). "Seventy weeks" is literally *seventy units of seven* (seventy heptads, units of measure).

- Verse 24 gives a **comprehensive** picture of the entire prophecy.
- Verse 25 presents the **first 69** sevens (483 years).
- Verse 26 gives the events **between the 69th and 70th** sevens.
- Verse 27 concludes with a description of the **70th** seven (7 years).

The word "weeks" is misleading, for the Hebrew for "weeks" means literally *sevens* (heptads). These *sevens* represent years in this passage because Israel was aware of weeks as years (**Le 25:3, 4**). They celebrated a Sabbath rest year after each six years of farming (**Le 25:1-7**). Seven "sevens" of years (that is, 49 years) led to the Year of Jubilee (**Le 25:8-12**). Those in the west think in terms of ten in measurement, whereas Jews thought in terms of seven.

This vision is one of the most **important** prophesies of the Bible. Seventy seven-years add up to 490 years. Jerusalem suffered under Gentile rulers for seventy years (v.2) during the years of Daniel. Jews ("your people") and Jerusalem ("your holy city") were to suffer under Gentiles for 490 years from the point of this prophecy. There is an intercalation in these 490 years; God interrupts these years. This prophecy has to do with Israel, not the church.

The word "determined" means *to cut off*. God will certainly cut off the seventy heptads at a **predetermined** time. God fixed this time so that it cannot be changed. The seventy sevens will end for Israel and Gentiles simultaneously at the Second Coming of Christ.

The seventy heptads (490 years) concern "your people" (Israel) and "your holy city" (Jerusalem), so this prophecy relates primarily to Jews. The prophecies of Daniel two, seven and eight relate to the Gentiles but this prophecy of Daniel nine relates principally to the **Jews**. This prophecy does not concern itself with world history or church history, but with the history of the Jews and Jerusalem – "for your people and for your holy city."

Since Israel and Judah failed to follow the principle of letting farmland lie fallow once every seven years for 490 years, God forced them to make up for seventy sabbaths (**Lev. 25:1-7; 26:34-35**) by sending them into captivity. It would take 490 years to make up for seventy sabbatical years. That is why God established that the **captivity** to Neo-Babylonia last seventy years.

God gives **six purposes** for these 490 years. The first three have to do with the sin of Israel and the last three with the kingdom.... These things summarize God's program to be true to His unconditional covenants such as the Abrahamic Covenant, the Davidic Covenant and the New Covenant...

PRINCIPLE: God has a fixed prophetic plan for His people and this world.

APPLICATION: The prophecy of the seventy heptads indicates that Israel's kingdom did not come immediately in Daniel's day. The seventy heptads of the Times of the Gentiles must run their course. When this happens, God will establish Israel as His nation once again in the Millennial Kingdom. God is always true to His Word.

Hope to see you soon,

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