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1. The Signs of the Times

The world is significantly shifting around us. Many people are coming to the realization that something bigger is going on. Things are changing at a rapid pace and maybe it's not just, so called, "climate change" or the new way of the world. Perhaps there is something more. Maybe bigger things are happening behind the scenes that we've been asleep to, until now. Wake up, my friends. There is something bigger going on and it's time you find out the whole Truth!

For centuries, there has been an ongoing battle between good and evil. Not just a human battle, but a spiritual one. We are quickly approaching the final end to that battle. The crazy weather patterns, earthquakes, and natural disasters we are experiencing all over the world; it is the Lord God trying to get our attention. The God of this universe is calling his creation to Himself. He is sending out every possible warning sign and signal to let his children know that, yes, He does exist, and there is nothing He wants more than for you to recognize that He is your loving Father. There is nothing God the Father, the Creator of all, wants more than . . . you.

His love for you is so great, that to repair the damage of the sins we commit, He sent His only Son into the world. Jesus Christ came to bring the message of God's love. Jesus came to lay down His life as a final sacrifice, so that if we believe Him to be the Son of God, and if we live as He taught us, then we would be destined to live with Him and the Father in Heaven, forever. Please give me the opportunity to prove that to you.

Keep in mind, that the Holy Bible is God-breathed (inspired by God Himself) but written by man. It is an encyclopedia of books that discloses the past and the future. The Bible itself tells of how to know the difference between a true prophet (a proclaimer of the will of God and one whom God reveals the future to) and a false one. In Deuteronomy 18:22, the Lord God said, "22 If the prophet speaks in the Lord's name but his prediction does not happen or come true, you will know that the Lord did not give that message." Therefore, if the Bible is the true Word of God, it cannot have any discrepancies. Not even one.

For example, some scholars believe there are more than 300 prophecies about Jesus in the Old Testament. These prophecies are specific enough that the mathematical probability of Jesus fulfilling even a handful of them, let alone all of them, is staggeringly improbable, if not impossible.

Yet, here are a just a few of the prophecies Jesus fulfilled....

- Genesis 22:18--The Messiah would be a descendant of Abraham
- Genesis 49:10--The Messiah would come from the line of Judah
- Deuteronomy 18:15-18--God promised another like Moses (parallels of Jesus and Moses)
- 2 Samuel 7:16--King David's throne would be established forever
- Isaiah 7:14--A virgin birth
 - 9: 6-7--The Messiah would be called the Son of God
 - 11:1-10--Nations would seek the counsel of Jesse's descendant
 - 35:4-6--He would perform miracles
 - 40:1-5,9--The Messiah would be preceded by a messenger (John the Baptist)
 - 42:1-9--The Messiah would be a light unto the Gentiles (non-Jews)
 - 49:6--God's salvation message would reach the ends of the earth
 - 50:6--He would be spat upon and beaten
 - 53:1-3--The Messiah would be rejected
 - 53:4-6--He would die for our sins
 - 53:7--He would be silent before His accusers
 - 53:9--He would be buried in a rich man's tomb (Joseph of Arimathea)
 - 53:12--He would be "numbered with the transgressors (sinners)"
- Daniel 9:24-26--The anointed One would be rejected
- Jeremiah 23:5--The Messiah would be a descendant to King David
- Micah 5:1-2--The Messiah would be born in Bethlehem
- Psalms 22:1,7,8,16,17,18--Foreshadowing Jesus' crucifixion
 - 41:9--He would be betrayed by a friend (Peter & Judas)
- Zechariah 9:9--The Messiah would enter Jerusalem on a Donkey
 - 12:10--More foreshadowing of the crucifixion

Not only has the Bible been accurate when it comes to prophecies, the parallels of Jesus with other Old Testament characters is uncanny. There is no way this book, the Bible, could have been written by mere man alone. Only a Divine Being could put this all together so perfectly.

Parallels of Jesus with OT characters:

Jesus

*Escaped being killed as a baby (Mt 2:1-16)
 *Lived in Egypt as a child (Mt 2:13-15)
 *Was born to be the King of Israel
 *Freed His people from sin
 *Shed His blood to save His people
 *Passed through waters of baptism
 *Spent 40 days in the desert
 *Fasted for those 40 days and nights
 *Gave the new law from a mount

Moses

*Escaped being killed as a baby (Exodus 1:8-22)
 *Lived in Egypt as a child (Exodus 2:1-10)
 *Was born to be a King in Egypt
 *Freed His people from Egypt
 *Shed the blood of the lamb to save His people
 *Passed through the Red Sea waters
 *Spent 40 years in the desert
 *Fasted for 40 days and nights (Ex 24:17-18; Deut 9:9)
 *Gave God's law from a mountain

Jesus

- *Miraculous birth
- *Beloved Son of the Father
- *Shepherd of His flock
- *Foretold of His sovereignty (prophecy)
- *Hated and rejected by his Own
- *Stripped of his clothing on Calvary
- *Forsaken at the cross
- *Raised to life after the cross
- *From servant to King
- *Resisted temptation in the desert
- *Falsely accused as a Blasphemer
- *Provider of the Bread of Life
- *Wasn't recognized after Glorified
- *Restored us to God through forgiveness

Joseph (Son of Jacob/Israel)

- *Miraculous birth
- *Beloved son of his father Jacob
- *Also a shepherd
- *Had dreams that foretold his sovereignty
- *Hated and rejected by his brothers
- *Stripped of his coat from his brothers
- *Forsaken into slavery
- *Raised from the pit to rule Egypt
- *From servant to next in line as King
- *Resisted Potiphar's wife and fought temptation
- *Falsely accused as a rapist
- *Provider for Egypt during the famine
- *Wasn't recognized after glorified by his brothers
- *Restored his relationship with his brothers through forgiveness

Jesus

- *Sacrificed His life to save humanity
- *Was in the belly of the earth for 3 days
- *Rose on the third day
- *Went to the desert for 40 days

Jonah

- *Sacrificed himself to save men on boat
- *Was in belly of the whale for 3 days
- *Was spit from the whale on 3rd day
- *Gave the Ninevites 40 days to repent

Jesus

- *He is our Guardian Redeemer
- *Christ purchases (his bride) with his blood
- *Jesus gave us bread and wine as an offering
- *Jesus is of the line of King David

Boaz (Ruth's 2nd Husband)

- *Was Ruth's family's guardian redeemer
- *Boaz purchased Ruth (a gentile) as his wife
- *Boaz foreshadows this by dipping bread in wine
- *Ruth and Boaz have a son named Obed, Obed has a son named Jesse, Jesse is the father of King David, making Ruth and Boaz a part of the Lineage of Jesus

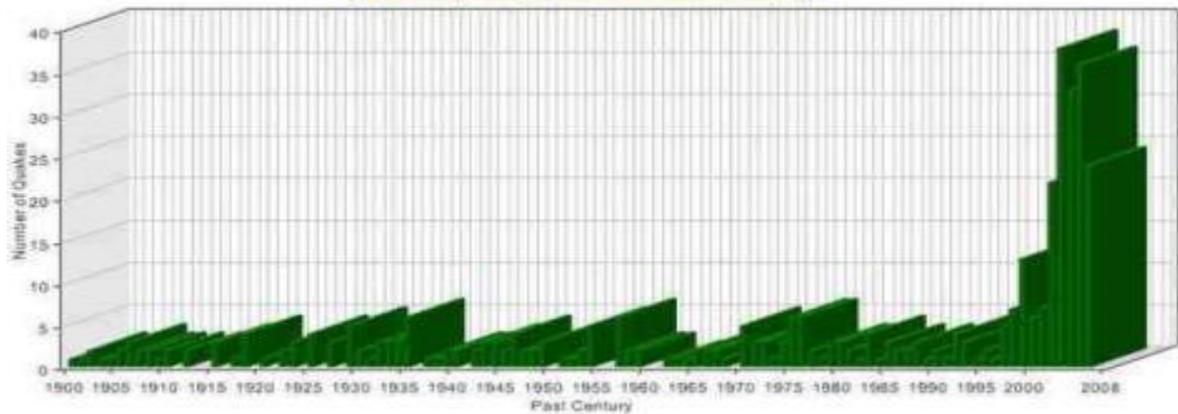
Still, there are prophecies in the Bible that have yet to be fulfilled. After all, the end has not yet come. Only then, will everyone see that the Word of God is 100 % accurate and true. In the meanwhile, I will let you make a judgement of your own. In this handbook, we will dive into the coming prophecies of the End of Days. If you come to believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and your Lord and Savior, you will heed his Word. Below, are scripture verses that will point the way to the coming Messiah.

- **Matthew 16:1-3** Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven. ²He answered and said to them, “When it is evening you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red’; ³and in the morning, ‘It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.’ Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.

- ✓ The Pharisees and Sadducees were wanting Jesus to perform a miracle before them, here in these verses. But how does Jesus reply? He tells them, you can predict the weather for the day by looking at the signs, but you cannot predict when God is sending signs through His only Son? So, this applies to us as well. There are many signs around us that are pointing to Jesus soon return. Will we be like the Pharisees of old and miss His coming?
- **Matthew 24: 6** And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.
 - ✓ Wars go back to ancient days. Battles between countries and tribes are not unusual. But World Wars have only occurred in the past 100 years. In WW1 over 16 million were killed. That number is staggering. But not compared to WW2. Between 70 to 85 million people perished in WW2. With the heart of man growing colder every decade, the regard for human life is gone. It is terrifying to think of the death toll for WW3, when it finally occurs at the Battle of Armageddon.
- **Matthew 24:7** For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.
 - ✓ These too have been happening for many years, but never more so much as now. Earthquakes alone have increased in both frequency and intensity all over the world. Freak lightning has intensified more than ever before. Hailstone storms are so rampant that records are being broken, even in just the last 100 years, since these storms have been documented. Hurricanes have strengthened and are more frequent over the last 10 years than in the last 100 years. Think of the destruction Harvey, Katrina, and Sandy left behind. Large sink holes are occurring randomly. Landslides are being recorded daily. Age old plagues are reoccurring now, that haven't occurred in centuries. (Ex: Locust in Los Vegas, Animal Die-offs, Mass Honeybee's dying off.) Famines are still prominent all over the world, in Africa, the Middle East, and India; just to name a few countries. This graph shows the increase and intensity of recent earthquakes. It is evident that something has changed.

USGS Worldwide Deadly & Destructive Earthquakes between Magnitudes 6 and 8

<http://earthquake.usgs.gov/regional/world/historical.php>



- **Hosea: 4:3** Therefore the land will mourn; And everyone who dwells there will waste away with the beasts of the field and the birds of the air; Even the fish of the sea will be taken away.
 - ✓ One can simply Google “mass animal deaths” and see the horrifying reality that nature is dying off and it is blamed on “climate change”.
- **Matthew 24:10**¹⁰ And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.
 - ✓ Is this not exactly what we are seeing today? Everyone is offended. You cannot call a man a ‘he’ or a woman a ‘she’ without fear of offending them. If you say, “God bless you”, you have to worry that someone will take offense, should they be an atheist. Most Leftist have become so hateful and so angry that if you post something positive about your President, you will be attacked on any social media or even in person! The ‘elite’ (the rulers of this world) want everyone to be accepting; to be tolerant, but only of their views. They certainly are not tolerant of ours! Now, if you want to marry a tree, you can. If you want to marry your dog, you can. Bestiality is legal in 10 states! What has become of our nation and our people? We have lost our moral compass!
- **Matthew 24:8** All these are the beginning of sorrows.
 - ✓ If we think things are horrible now, this is only the beginning.
- **Matthew 24:37-39 and Luke 17:26**³⁷ But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.³⁸ For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,³⁹ and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.
 - ✓ Genesis 6:5 & 11 Describes the days of Noah like this:

- ⁵ Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
- ¹¹ The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

This is exactly how the world has become. The heart of man has truly grown cold. Everyone carries on with their lives, so wrapped up in themselves that they do not take a look around to wonder what is happening to the people of this world. When Christ comes for his bride, many will not know what has happened. They will not understand that Jesus came and removed his true church (people) to spare them from the coming wrath. Then woe to them.

- **Isaiah 5:20** Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!
 - ✓ What was once considered good is now considered evil and what was once considered evil is now good. God calls abortion, murder. The secular world says it is a woman's choice. God calls homosexuality an abomination. The world says, love is love. God says do not divorce, except for adultery. The world says, we just fell out of love. We cannot change God's Word to fit our earthly desires! There is no more sin in the eyes of the secular world. Everything is acceptable. Even murder! Over 50 million babies have been murdered by abortion since Roe v. Wade passed in 1973. Now, you can birth a child and still 'abort' it. This is flat our murder!
- **2 Timothy 3: 1-5** But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: ²For men will **be lovers of themselves**, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, **despisers of good**, ⁴traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!
 - ✓ If you read each of these individually, it will surely make you see that we are in these last days. Men and women are obsessed with themselves, taking selfies and caring only for their image. Greed is at a new level; people willing to cheat their own families for a dollar. Boastful and proud; full of themselves. Blasphemers, saying there is no God or even saying they are gods, like many celebrities and musicians do. Disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving and without self-control. This is a good portion of today's people.

- **2 Peter 3:3-4 & 8-9**³ knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts,⁴ and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.”⁸ But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, **not willing that any should perish** but that all should come to repentance.

 - ✓ Many will mock us for believing that this is the End of Days. They will ridicule us for believing that the Lord will soon return. They will say, ‘people have been waiting for Jesus for centuries and He has not returned’. But verse 9 tells us that He will not go back on His promise. While we wait, we must be busy about the Lord’s business. (Winning souls to Christ, as he wants that no-one should perish in the pits of Hell.)
- **John 15: 18-20**¹⁸ “If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you.¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.²⁰ Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.”

 - ✓ Jesus warns us here, that we will receive persecution for our belief in Him. To some level, you will be harassed or made fun of for your love for Jesus. It may even be a family member or friend that will ridicule you for your faith. Or you may be staring down the barrel of a gun and be asked if you believe in God, as Rachel Scott did before saying “yes” and taking a bullet for her faith.

Statistically, Christianity is the most persecuted religion in whole world. We are not just talking about those who are martyred for the faith, but those who are detained without trial, arrested and sentenced to imprisonment all over the world (especially North Korea and China). Let’s not forget those even in our own United States of America, who are persecuted for standing with their faith belief, like the baker in Colorado, Jack Phillips. We need to pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters, as if chained and suffering with them. Because, one day, it may be you.
- **1 Timothy 4:1** Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons

 - ✓ Believe it or not, we all have given heed to deceiving spirits. You ask, how? Over the last 70 years, this world has become obsessed with

television, celebrities, and Hollywood. Little by little over this 70-year period, we have made these things our idols. Listening and doing what these indoctrinated television shows, films, and music have told us. They lured us in with TV shows like, “Leave it to Beaver”, with good wholesome families. Music was sweet, about innocent love. Movies also told the stories of fair maidens waiting for their prince.

In the early 1970’s, this started to change. From there, the moral decline began. Soap Opera’s propagandized extra-marital affairs and brainwashed our women into thinking the grass is greener elsewhere. Suddenly, father figures became bumbling idiots and the kids were smarter than the dad’s, like in the many Disney shows we can now watch. Show’s, where parent’s divorced became the norm. In fact, most TV programs have only one parent or even gay couples; shoving this sin, amongst other smut, in our faces. Witches, warlocks, and demons are the new trend and anything promoting sin, is hitting the highest ratings.

The world has fallen for these doctrines and it is all a part of Satan’s plan to break up the household; to destroy the family. And it has worked!

As for and doctrines of demons, how many people do you know who partake in Lent but aren’t really Catholic or maybe they are, but don’t even know why we fast for Lent? What of the many Hindu’s, Buddhist’s, and even non-believers, that celebrate Christmas as a holy day? Here, the bible tells us not to partake in these doctrines if we are not fully understanding them. Otherwise, it’s all in vain.

- **Daniel 12:4** ⁴“But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book **until the time of the end**; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”
 - ✓ Alas, we have good news. Although the world seems to be falling down around us, the seal has been broken and knowledge has increased. When Daniel saw these visions of the End of Days, he was told to seal up the book, because, until the End of Days approached, no-one would be able to interpret what he wrote. For Daniel himself did not understand the visions the Lord was revealing to him. Now, we can understand the book of Daniel *and* the book of Revelations. It can make sense to us, because we are seeing these things come to pass before our very eyes. Our knowledge has been increased, as scholars and Bible teachers have come to decode Daniel’s and John’s visions.

Not only has knowledge increased for us as Bible readers, but knowledge has also increased in other aspects. Look at the past 100 years.

Technology has never been so advanced! Man has existed on this earth for approximately 6,000 years, according to the Bible. How is it that in only the last 100 years we have become so advanced in technology?

The verse above says that many shall run to and fro. Perhaps this was a prophetic sign of the increase in travel. Think about it. Just over 100 years ago, we did not have vehicles or airplanes. They used a horse and buggy, or possibly a train. Now, we travel to the moon and mars.

Knowledge has surely increased. Computers alone are the best example. We went 20 years ago from a massive computer base and monitor, to a handheld computer we now call our phone.

- **Joel 2: 28-32** ²⁸“And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions.²⁹ And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.³⁰“And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke.³¹ The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.³² And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the Lord has said, Among the remnant whom the Lord calls.

- ✓ How wonderful in these last days that the Lord will pour out His Spirit upon us to understand these prophecies. He will also send dreams to His believers of His coming and we will have visions from God.

We will see wonders in the sky, like the 2014-2015 Tetrad blood moons, the star of Bethlehem on June 30, 2015, and the recent Revelation 12 sign in the sky on September 23, 2017. And the best part...all we have to do is call of the name of the Lord for salvation. Rebuke the sin from your life and ask forgiveness. ‘Go, and sin no more’ as Jesus commands and you shall be saved!

2. Signs in Israel

Israel as the Vine:

- Psalms 80:8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; You have cast out the nations, and planted it.
- Jeremiah 2:21 Yet I had planted you a noble vine, a seed of highest quality. How then have you turned before Me

Israel as the Fig Tree:

- Hosea 9:10 “I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers As the first fruits on the fig tree in its first season. But they went to Baal Peor, And separated themselves to that shame; They became an abomination like the thing they loved.
- Jeremiah 24:5 “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: ‘Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge those who are carried away captive from Judah, whom I have sent out of this place for their own good, into the land of the Chaldeans
- Joel 1:7 He has laid waste My vine, and ruined My fig tree; He has stripped it bare and thrown it away; Its branches are made white.

Israel as the Olive Tree:

- Hosea 14:6 His branches shall spread; His beauty shall be like an olive tree, And his fragrance like Lebanon.
- Isaiah 17:6 Yet gleaning grapes will be left in it, Like the shaking of an olive tree, Two or three olives at the top of the uppermost bough, Four or five in its most fruitful branches,” Says the Lord God of Israel.
- Psalm 52:8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the mercy of God forever and ever.
- Psalm 128:3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the very heart of your house, Your children like olive plants all around your table.

From the beginning, God promised Abraham to bring his descendants to the Promise Land. From Isaac, Jacob/Israel, and Joseph, and finally through to Moses, the Lord kept his promise. Moses delivered the 12 tribes of Jacob/Israel out of Egypt and into the desert to get to this promised land. And finally, Joshua, through many battles, gathered Israel’s people into the land we now call Israel. For nearly 1500 years, the Jewish nation struggled to keep occupancy of this territory, until shortly after the death and resurrection of Jesus (70 A.D.). Israel was driven out of their land and scattered across the four corners of the earth by Rome. (Prophesied in Daniel 9:26).

But God also promised to return them to their land. In Ezekiel 34:13, (And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to

their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country.) we read that He will gather them together once again to become an independent nation.

- **Isaiah 66:8** Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion was in labor, she gave birth to her children.
 - ✓ On May 14, 1948 Israel did in fact become a nation in one day. This was incredible bible prophecy being fulfilled. That this has occurred in our lifetime is a sure sign of the coming of the Lord because when John wrote Revelation in 90 AD, the 2nd Jewish Temple had already been destroyed in August of 70AD. The end-time prophecies in both Daniel and Revelation have Israel at the front and center. In order for these prophecies to be fulfilled, Israel would have had to come back to the promise land. Over 1878 years from John's revelation, Israel was again united. Not only did they become a nation in a day, but no other nation has been able to come against them!
- **Matthew 24:32-34** ³²“Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. ³³ So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors! ³⁴ Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.
 - ✓ The fig tree is a symbol of the nation of Israel. In this passage, Jesus is telling us that when the fig tree blossoms, we know that the summertime is near. Many believe that this parable is telling us that when Israel blossoms into a nation, that the generation that sees this occur will not pass away before seeing all the prophecy He mentions in Chapter 24, transpire. How long is a generation according to the Bible? Psalms 90:10 says, (The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength, they are eighty years). In May of this year, Israel celebrated its 71st year as a nation. This is all converging together perfectly, as God predicted through His prophets it would.
- **Ezekiel 36:24** ^{For} I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land.
 - ✓ Since the 1950's over 4,500,000 Jews have immigrated back to Israel. God has fulfilled His promise to give them back their land, their language, and their currency.

- **Genesis 12:2-3** ² I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

✓ God has also kept His promise that he will protect Israel. From the time Israel became a nation, they were persecuted, and many came against them, all in vain. In June 1967, Israel’s neighboring states, Egypt, Jordan and Syria, came against them in what we now call the 6 Day War. Israel prevailed and claimed the Gaza Strip, the Sinai Peninsula, the Golan Heights and East Jerusalem. Many nations still would love to wipe out this nation, but God has protected them and will continue to do so. While we, as Americans, continue to back Israel, our nation is blessed by God.

Recently, In December of 2017, President Trump made the decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel (because though they had captured East Jerusalem in 1967 it has never officially been recognized as Israel’s capital) and moved the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. This action further progresses prophecy in many ways. For one, it gives Jerusalem back to Israel instead of Palestine. Two, this further escalates anger from the Palestinians leading to possible retaliation, resulting in the Ezekiel 38 War. And lastly, the 3rd temple is prophesied to be built in Jerusalem. Now that Jerusalem is acknowledged as Israel’s, this is very probable.

- **Ezekiel 36:34-36** ³⁴ The desolate land shall be tilled instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by. ³⁵ So they will say, ‘This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.’ ³⁶ Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, the Lord, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted what was desolate. I, the Lord, have spoken it, and I will do it.”

✓ Since the rebirth of Israel, the once barren wasteland, has become a flourishing garden of Eden. Israel exports \$2.4 billion dollars’ worth of produce around the world. This has fulfilled yet another prophecy of Isaiah 27:6 (Those who come He shall cause to take root in Jacob; Israel shall blossom and bud and fill the face of the world with fruit.)

- **Ezekiel 47:8-9** ⁸ Then he said to me: “This water flows toward the eastern region, goes down into the valley, and enters the sea. When it reaches the sea, its waters are healed. ⁹ And it shall be that every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish,

because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes.

- ✓ The Dead Sea got its name because there has not been a living creature that could survive in its (33%) salty water since the days of Sodom and Gomorrah. But Ezekiel prophesied that before the 2nd coming of the Lord, the Dead Sea would come alive and nature would be able to survive in its waters. This has recently come to pass! A recent article from www.scientificamerican.com published an article saying that there are living organism living in the Dead Sea. Other articles mention sink holes in the Sea that have brought in freshwater fish that are surviving.
- **Zechariah 12:2-3**²“Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. ³ And it shall happen in that day that I will make **Jerusalem a very heavy stone** for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.
 - ✓ Zechariah describes Israel to be a burdensome stone for many. Let’s face it, Israel has many enemies. Anti-Semitism has not gone away. In fact, it’s just as prominent now as it has ever been. The rise of Anti-Semitism will intensify as the End of Days draws near. We know this from Revelations 7:4, where the Lord will seal 144,000 Evangelizing Messianic Jews from the wrath of the Antichrist, during the 7-year Tribulation period.
- **Ezekiel 38 & 39 and Isaiah 17:12-14** **The Ezekiel 38 War**
 - ✓ Chapter 38 and 39 of Ezekiel describes a war where Israel’s borders are attacked from the North, by Russia, Turkey, Iran and other surrounding countries such as Persia, Ethiopia and Libya. They will attack Israel for “spoils” (oil, silver, gold, livestock and other “booty”). This is to occur prior to the Peace Treaty or 7-Year Covenant in which the Antichrist will set in place; most likely after the Rapture of the church. But Israel will not have to defend itself.

God will supernaturally protected Israel. He will cause a great earthquake and hail to fall from the sky. Rain will flood the area and God will send down fire and brimstone. In chapter 39, it further describes how He will send the enemies of Israel running for the north. But not before he sends birds of prey of every sort and beasts of the fields to feast on the enemy’s flesh! He does this so that Israel’s enemies will know that He is the Lord of Lords.

- **Isaiah 17:1** **The Burden Against Damascus**
“Behold, Damascus will cease from being a city, and it will be a ruinous heap.

- ✓ At some point, this Bible verse foretells that Damascus will be completely destroyed. Many scholars believe this to occur also during the Tribulation, but no one can know when it will happen. We can only know that it will happen, and its destruction may cause the death of millions.

3. The Rapture of the Church

Suddenly and unexpectedly, a vanishing will occur. Thousands, if not millions, will disappear into thin 'air'. Those that will vanish, will have one thing in common; they will have had a deep and loving relationship with the Lord.

You see, we are not of this world. This world is not our true home. We were not made to live in this broken place. God created us to live in harmony with Him in Paradise. But Lucifer, the angel of light, got greedy and hungry for power and ruined everything. He exalted himself above the Lord; this angel created by God Himself. Finally, the Lord God, cast him from the Heavens. His heavenly body destroyed, reduced to the spirit we now call Satan or the Devil.

Still this spirit has power and he convinced a 1/3 of the angels to come with him. They also rejected God and lost their heavenly bodies. They live as the "principalities and powers of the air" (Ephesians 6:12). We know these fallen angels now, as demons. Together, Satan and his evil demons have tried to corrupt everything God has created.

This all occurred prior to the creation of the world. When the Lord created the earth as we know it, He placed man in the Garden of Eden. God made a suitable helper for man. Adam named her; woman. And together they lived in paradise. God gave them only one rule; to not eat of the tree of knowledge. And so, Satan took that opportunity to trick the woman to disobey the Lord and eat of the fruit. The rest is history. The woman ate of the fruit and gave it to the man to eat. They disobeyed the Lord and that was the beginning of the fall of man.

Everything changed. Evil entered and the battle for souls began. For the past 6,000 years, God's righteous angels have fought demons, behind the scenes, on behalf of our souls. This evil plan of Satan's, (to steal as many souls from God as possible) has been devised for centuries. Many antichrist's have come and gone, as Satan has surely indwelt many an evil men and women to do his bidding. His plan is to overthrow God because He hates Him. He hates what God loves; us. Many have unknowingly given into him by rejecting God's love. He has been planning and scheming for your soul.

Especially as of late, for Satan's schemes have hardened the hearts of many. He works overtime, because he knows his time is short as we read in Revelation 12:12
(¹² Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, **because he knows that he has a short time.**)

But God is God, and He has plans also. We can read of His plans in His Holy Word. God's plan? Jesus. He came, He loved, He saved, He died, and He rose from the dead.

John 3:16 (“For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son; that who so ever believeth on Him, will have eternal life.”) The damage Satan did was repairable. Jesus saved the day. All we have to do is believe in Him as the Son of God, acknowledge that we are sinners in need of saving, repent and change our evil ways, and finally; call on the name of the Lord Jesus, to be saved. Only then, will we be spared the coming wrath.

The battle for our souls is quickly coming to an end. The End of Days is here. We are seeing Bible prophecy being fulfilled every single day. Jesus is coming for His bride and we must be wise and vigilant, staying awake while we await Him.

- **1 Thessalonians 4:15-18** ¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 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. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.

✓ ..."For those who are alive **and** remain until the coming of the Lord will not go up before those who have died in Christ Jesus. For He will descend from Heaven to the air and with a shout and a trumpet call. The dead in Christ shall rise first, **then** those who are alive **and** remain will be “caught up” to meet the Lord in the air, so that we may ever be with the Lord!” This word “caught up” means “to be snatched away”, “to catch away”, “to pluck”, “take by force”. The Greek translation of ‘caught up’ is Harpazo. The Latin translation of ‘caught up’ is Rapio, which is where we get the word, Rapture.

- **Matthew 24:40-44** ⁴⁰ Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. ⁴² Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

✓ Even Jesus describes the Rapture here. What else would cause one man or woman to be taken and the other left? Here they were performing regular daily tasks; not knowing when the Lord would return. Therefore, be ready, for the Lord will come at a time you were not expecting. If you knew a burglar was coming to break into your house at a certain time, would you

not be ready to defend your home at that hour. Jesus describes His coming like a thief in the night. You can't possibly know when a thief will come.

Unless...you are wise. You know a thief would only come at night. You know he would come when others were 'sleeping'. You would stay awake and keep watch; would you not? Stay vigilant then. Keep watch for the return of the Lord. Don't let Him catch you when you are backslidden and have not had a chance to repent of the sins you continue to commit because you think the Lord will tarry. Stay in righteousness always. Your reward will be great, and you will not have to suffer the wrath of those who refuse to do the Lord's will.

- **Matthew 24:45-51** ⁴⁵“Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? ⁴⁶Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. ⁴⁷Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. ⁴⁸But if that evil servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming,’ ⁴⁹and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, ⁵⁰the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, ⁵¹and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
 - ✓ So many are like this foolish servant who thinks he has all the time in the world before the master returns. He is terrible to his fellow man, and finds fellowship with bad influences, instead of good. When the Lord returns, that servant will be left behind, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.
- **Matthew 25:1-13** “Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ²Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. ³Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. ⁵But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.⁶“And at midnight a cry was heard: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’ ⁷Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; **and the door was shut.**¹¹“Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ ¹²But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I

say to you, **I do not know you.**'¹³ "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

- ✓ Jesus is truly the bridegroom as described in so many verses in the Bible. This can be a whole lesson in itself. But the most important thing to take from this is that we, as his Bride, should always be ready for Him. Or risk Him coming and miss his call. Then the door will shut, and He will say that He never knew us. God forbid! To better understand this, we must learn of the Jewish betrothal traditions. Then, Jesus as the Bridegroom makes all the sense in the world.
- ❖ With a Jewish betrothal tradition in mind, we can have a new understanding of the following verses:
 - ✚ At the Last Supper, Jesus offers his apostles a cup of wine, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood" (1 Cor. 11:25b). A bridegroom in tradition offers a cup of wine to his bride after drinking from it. If the bride accepts his cup, she accepts the matrimony.
 - ✚ When Jesus declares that He is about to depart from them to return to His Father's house, which has "many mansions," where He will "prepare a place for us" (John 14:2-3), He enacts as the Jewish bridegroom who would have to go and prepare a place for his bride, for the night of the wedding, where they will live together forever.
 - ✚ When His disciples ask Jesus when his second coming will take place, he responds, "No one knows ... but my Father only" (Matt. 24:36b). At a time determined by the father, the groom fetches the bride to bring her to his father's house to the room he has prepared. "Although the bride was expecting her groom to come for her, she did not know the time of his coming. As a result, the groom's arrival was preceded by a shout, which forewarned the bride to be prepared for his coming."
 - ✚ Upon the birth of Jesus, wise men brought Him gold, frankincense and myrrh. These are items that were worn by Jewish grooms on their wedding day.
 - ✚ As a new groom, Jesus gives His bride a betrothal gift. Although His gift, is "Living Water". In the gospel of John, when Jesus approaches the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well, (which, in ancient Israel, was a common setting for finding a bride as Jacob himself did with Rachel) He talks to her about her husbands. He then offers this Samaritan woman "living water" as "the gift of God," indicating that God wants to betroth not only Jews but also Gentiles (John 4:6-26).

✦ Lastly, at the wedding in Cana, Jesus tells a servant to take water He'd turned into wine to the master of the feast. Here, He exercises the role of a groom, who was responsible for providing the guests wine (John 2:1-11).

- **1Corinthians 15:51-56** ⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” ⁵⁵ “O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?” ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

✓ The apostle Paul tells us once again that we shall be changed, in a moment, at that trumpet blast. That the dead in Christ will rise first, and they will no longer have a body that decays. They will receive a new body. And that we also shall be changed. For our decaying mortal bodies will put on non-decaying immortal bodies. Death will be defeated as foretold in Isaiah 25:8 and Hosea 13:14.

- **Revelations 3:10-12** ¹⁰ Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. ¹¹ Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. ¹² He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.

✓ The Lord promises to keep us from the hour of trial that is to come upon the whole world, to test them. We know that Jesus always saves the just. Look at Noah and the ark. Or Lot and his family at Sodom and Gomorrah. He heard the cries of his people and had Moses bring them out of the land of Egypt, taking out the entire Egyptian army to save every last one of them.

Jesus also reminds us to hold fast to doing what is right, so that our crowns from heaven will not be taken from us.

One last final note to remember is that, in Revelations, the Church is mentioned in the first 3 chapters. In chapter 4, after the Lord calls ‘up’ John into the heavens, Jesus begins to describe the coming destruction of the last days. The Church is not mentioned throughout this description

from chapter 4 – 18. Then in chapter 19 verse 14, at the final battle, the Church reappears with Christ; an army, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. We are spared from the Wrath of the Lamb.

- **Daniel 12:1-2** And at that time shall Michael (the archangel) stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.
 - ✓ Once again, the old testament verifies the prophecies in the new and visa versa. Daniel, a forerunner to the book of Revelation, lets us know that we that believe on the Lord Jesus, shall be delivered.
- **Philippians 3:20-21** ²⁰ For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.
 - ✓ Finally, we will be transformed from this earthly decaying body and be conformed to the same glorious body the Lord had when He resurrected. Thank you, Lord!

4. The Antichrist

After the disappearances of the Body of Christ, the world will fall into mass chaos. Not only will all the believers have vanished, but every child under the age of accountability will have been taken up to be with the Lord, as well. Left behind parents will cry out for their children. Unmanned airplanes will fall from the sky, unmanned vehicles colliding into objects and people. The world will demand an answer from the leaders, and no-one will have an immediate response. Except for those who knew of the Rapture but didn't believe. The family members and friends of believers will know. They will be heartbroken to realize that they have missed the Lord.

Because of the loss of so many, people will cry out to God and many will give their hearts to Him. They will find the Rapture letters of their believer relatives. They will search the Bible and the internet for answers. Some will find the truth. Others will kill themselves in grief. When the world leaders finally collect themselves, the vanishing will be blamed on some kind of earth cleansing. Some believe they will say that this was the earth's way of ridding the world of the close-minded Christians. Still others believe that the vanishings will have been caused by aliens from another planet. I believe this to be a great possibility.

Notice the push from the elite on anything related to extra-terrestrials and UFO's. On TV and in the movies, this is now the common theme. Hollywood, celebrities, and even the media are used by the elite (the real rulers of this world; followers of the evil one) to push their plans. Agendas such as, the LBGTO agenda, the MeToo movement, Black Lives matter, and especially the Pro-Choice movement. Notice how celebrities rarely speak against these movements. And that if they do, their careers suddenly nose-dive. Or even worse, if they speak against the powers that be, they are silenced. A sudden death, blamed on a drug overdose, or that they've taken their own life. The elite will stop at nothing to help deceive the masses. Remember who they work for.

It's not hard to see that even now, many nations cry out against their current world leaders. Each nation yearning for a righteous and good leader. The world stage has been set. What will occur in the world to bring upon a man, who will rise up to rule all the nations?

I believe the Rapture will kickstart the last of the last days. When the vanishings occur, the people will be even more desperate for a world leader. They will be grasping at straws for some kind of order. For out of the chaos will come order. A man *will* rise into leadership. He *will* seem to have all the answers. He will be charismatic and charming. He will be exactly what the people desire. But he will not be sincere. In fact, he will be the exact opposite. He will be indwelt but Satan himself.

- **2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 The Great Apostasy**

Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, ² not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. ³ **Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.** ⁵ Do you not remember that when I was still with you, I told you these things? ⁶ And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. ⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. ⁹ The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, ¹⁰ and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 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.

- ✓ Paul is speaking to the Thessalonians here, encouraging them to not be troubled and to not be deceived. He is saying that the Day of the Lord (return of the Lord) will not yet come unless the ‘falling away’ comes first. The ‘falling away’ is right now. Take a look around you. Watch the news. The ‘falling away’ is occurring, as the Devil is working overtime. Once the church is removed, we read in verse 6 that Satan will no longer be restrained by the Holy Spirit (He is taken out of the way). Satan will have **free reign** while he exalts himself for a time, time and a half (the last 3 ½ years of the 7-year Tribulation). For this reason, God will send them strong delusion. What is this delusion? Will the Antichrist try to convince them that he is god? Will they be deluded into thinking that he is the savior? Hopefully, we will not be here to find out!

- **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.

- ✓ Daniel tells us that the Antichrist will confirm a covenant with Israel for one week. We know that one week (7 days) equals to 7 years. So, that

peace in the middle east we've been praying for; it will finally happen. Yes, that world leader who will rise, will make greater the peace agreement, already in place, promising 7 years of reconciliation between Israel and her enemies. It is believed that at this time, Israel will finally build that 3rd temple.

Currently, the push for the rebuilding of the temple is as never before! Everything is ready to go. The priestly garments, the sacrificial utensils, and goblets of gold, are all prepared and waiting. They even have a red heifer without blemish waiting to be offered as the first sacrifice. It is believed that a new temple can be built in less than a year.

When this comes to pass, the blood sacrifice of animals will resume, as in the days of old, and Israel will believe the Antichrist to be the true Messiah. Only mid-way through the 7 years, that 3 ½ year mark, that world leader will break the covenant with Israel. He will step into the temple and demand the halt to animal sacrifice. He will exalt himself and claim to be God. At last, the scales will fall from the Israeli's eyes and they will see him for the Antichrist he is. Many of the Jew's will come to believe in Jesus as their true Messiah and they will denounce the Antichrist, even to their deaths.

- **Matthew 24:15** 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)
 - ✓ Even the Lord warns of the Antichrist stepping into the Temple and desecrating it as he claims he is god.
- **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11** **5** But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. ² For you yourselves know perfectly that the Day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. ³ For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. ⁴ But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. ⁵ You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. ⁶ Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. ⁸ But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. ¹¹ Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

✓ At that 3 ½ year mark, all hell will break loose on earth. Just as everyone is thinking, “finally, peace and safety”, then sudden destruction will come upon them and they shall not escape. This will be the most terrible time in the history of man.

- **Revelations 13** Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. ² Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. ³ And I saw one of his heads **as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed.** And all the world marveled and followed the beast. ⁴ So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?”⁵ And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. ⁶ Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. ⁷ It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. ⁸ All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. ⁹ If anyone has an ear, let him hear. ¹⁰ He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints. ¹¹ Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. ¹² And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, **whose deadly wound was healed.** ¹³ He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. ¹⁴ And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. 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. ¹⁸ Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

- ✓ The Lord gave John an in-depth description of the Antichrist here. We know that at some time he will be mortally wounded in his head and will miraculously recover (Satan will indwell him here). All the world will marvel and worship him. He **will be given** authority over the world for 42 months (3 ½ years). He **will take** authority over the world the last 3 ½ years and he will go after the saints (those who come to the saving knowledge of the Lord after the Rapture) and overcome them. Many will be martyred for their faith in Jesus. And those who worship the Antichrist will lose their souls to him.

The Antichrist will speak against God and blaspheme Him. Soon another will rise to power, who will lead many to follow and worship the ‘beast’ (Antichrist). He will be the leader (called the False Prophet) of this One World Religion, using his demonic power to perform great signs. A statue of the beast will be erected, and the false prophet will make it come to life. He will force those great and small to worship the beast and his statue or die.

In fact, he will put into place that all peoples receive a mark on their forehead or their hand if they want to buy or sell. (Perhaps this will be similar to the microchips already in place in some countries.) Without the mark, people cannot buy food to eat or gas to travel. This will result in a One World Currency, as well. Many will fall for this deception and get marked. But the Lord warned John, that taking this mark of the beast will cause the loss of one’s soul. What is the number of the beast? 666

- **Daniel 7:19-24** ¹⁹“Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, **exceedingly dreadful**, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet; ²⁰ and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows.²¹ “I was watching; and the same horn was **making war against the saints, and prevailing against them**, ²² until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.

- ✓ John’s vision is very similar to Daniel’s vision. Both confirm the dreadful beast and how he will prevail in making war with the saints. Many will be captured and martyred for their faith in Christ Jesus. Many will refuse the mark for other reasons. Thankfully, Daniel gives us some good news. We

read here that the Ancient of Days, (Jesus) comes and judgement is made in favor of the saints. Thank you, Lord!

- **Revelations 17:12-14** ¹² “The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. ¹³ These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. ¹⁴ These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.”
 - ✓ The 10 horns in chapter 17 represent 10 nations. Most likely the European Union. These ten heads of nations give authority to the beast. They want to make war with God. And they give of their armies to create a massive army that they believe will defeat God and his saints.
- **Revelations 19:19-21** And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. ²⁰ Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive **into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.** ²¹ And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.
 - ✓ Victory is the LORDS! John was shown how Jesus defeats the beast and his army. Did Satan really think he had a chance? He knows scripture. He has to know he loses. But in the meantime, think of all the deceived souls who loved sin more than God and chose Satan. It pains the Lord to lose every one of these. That is why we must work hard to bring our friends and family, and anyone who will listen, to Christ.
- **Revelations 20:1-3** Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ² He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; ³ and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.
 - ✓ In the end, the Lord will bind Satan to the pits of Hell for 1000 years, with the beast and the false prophet. Meanwhile, we will reign on heaven and earth with the Lord for this millennium. At the end of this 1000 years, Satan is loosed again. Why? Because once again, the Lord is not interested in robots who are forced to love Him because he says so. He is

a loving Father who gives free will. And for those who survive the 7-year Tribulation, they will live on this earth and be fruitful and multiply. Though millions will have died during the Tribulation and will have been cast in the lake of fire with Satan, the world will again repopulate with the Tribulation Saints children and descendants.

This is when we will see that it wasn't always Satan that lured us to do evil, but our own sinful nature. The descendants of the Tribulation Saints will be tested. They too will fall into Satan's deception, once he is loosed, and he will gather another army together against God. Finally, God will send fire down and consume them all. The Devil will once again be cast into the lake of fire where the beast and the false prophet are, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

❖ The 27 Characteristics of the Antichrist

1. He comes from among ten kings of the restored Roman Empire; his authority will have similarities to the ancient Babylonians, Persians, and Greeks [Daniel 7:24; Rev 13:2 / Daniel 7:7]
2. He will subdue three kings [Daniel 7:8, 24]
3. He is different from the other kings [Daniel 7:24]
4. He will rise from obscurity...a "little horn" [Daniel 7:8]
5. He will speak boastfully [Daniel 7:8; Rev 13:5]
6. He will blaspheme God, [Daniel 7:25; 11:36; Rev 13:5] slandering His Name, dwelling place, and departed Christians and Old Testament saints [Rev 13:6]
7. He will oppress the saints and be successful for 3 ½ years [Daniel 7:25; Rev 13:7]
8. He will intend to change times and law [Daniel 7:25]
9. He will try to change the laws, perhaps to gain an advantage for his new kingdom and era [Dan 7:25]
10. He will not be succeeded by another earthly ruler, but by Christ [Daniel 7:26-27]
11. He will confirm a covenant with "many", i.e. the Jewish people [Daniel 9:27] This covenant will likely give rise to the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem [Dan 9:27; Matt 24:15]
12. He will put an end to Jewish sacrifice and offerings after 3 ½ years and desecrate the Temple by claiming to be god [Daniel 9:27, Matthew 24:15]
13. He will not answer to a higher earthly authority [Daniel 11:36]
14. He will show no regard for the religion of his ancestors [Daniel 11:37]
15. He will not believe in any god but exalts himself [Daniel 11:37]
16. He will have "no regard for the desire of women": [Dan 11:37]
17. He will claim to be greater than any god [Daniel 11:37; 2 Thessalonians 2:4]
18. He will claim to be God [2 Thessalonians 2:4]
19. He will only honor a "god" of the military. He will build an army and conquer lands and distribute them [Daniel 11:39-44]
20. His arrival on the world scene will be accompanied by miracles, signs and wonders [2 Thessalonians 2:9]
21. Either he or the False Prophet will claim to be Christ [Matt 24:21-28]
22. He will claim that Jesus did not come in the flesh or rise from the grave [2 John 7]. He will deny that Jesus is the Messiah [I John 2:22]
23. He will be worshipped by many [Rev. 13:8]

24. He will hate a nation that initially will have some control over his kingdom, but he will eventually destroy it [Rev 17:16-18]
25. He have a fatal wound to the head and resurrect himself [Rev. 13:3; 17:8]
26. His name will be related to the numbers 666 [Rev 13:17-18].
27. He will be empowered by Satan [Rev. 13:2]

5. The Tribulation and The Great Tribulation

At the Rapture, I believe a great earthquake will occur to shake up the ground and release the dead in Christ first. This will be the first of many terrible natural disasters to occur. After the Lord has removed His people “who remain”, the world will experience some serious turmoil. Then the Antichrist will step on the world stage to make things “better”, especially for Israel, and the ticking of the prophetic time clock will kick into last gear. The worst time in history, known as the Tribulation, will begin and will proceed for a 7-year time frame. Woe to those who are left behind. It will be the most horrific of times. If it weren't for Jesus shortening those days, no one would survive.

- **Matthew 24:16-22** ¹⁶“then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷ Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. ¹⁸ And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. ¹⁹ But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! ²⁰ And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. ²¹ **For 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.** ²² And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened
 - ✓ Here is Jesus' promise that for the elect, those days will be shortened. We are not sure of this meaning, except that the Lord will have the days pass quickly for those that find Christ (Jew and Gentiles alike) after the Rapture. The days are so horrible that He says no flesh would be saved. He pleads for those in Judea to run and hide in the mountains. Don't even stop to go back to the house. Jesus pleads, run for your life.
- **Jeremiah 30:7** Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it; And it is the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it.
 - ✓ **Remember that the Tribulation is for the salvation of the Jewish Nation**
In order to understand this verse, you must first understand that Jacob spoken of in this scripture, is Israel. God changed his name from Jacob to Israel. And from Jacob came the 12 tribes of Israel, as Jacob had 12 sons, each beginning their own tribe. Now, the time of Jacob's trouble or Jacob's distress, refers to the difficulties the Jewish people will face during the 7-year Tribulation period. During this time, the Jewish temple will be rebuilt, yet desecrated. The Antichrist will break a covenant and set himself up as ruler and expect to be worshiped. He will force all people to receive a mark to buy or sell goods.

In addition, much war and famine will occur, with Jews fleeing Jerusalem to the mountains. Despite these troubles, the Lord will fulfill His promises. In addition to protecting His people, He will return in victory (Revelation 19:11-21).

- **Mark 13:19** For in those days there will be tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be.
 - ✓ Mark also records Jesus' words of the terrible Tribulation. As well as in Luke 21:25-27. This alone must motivate us to share our faith with lost loved ones and friends. God certainly doesn't want that anyone should have to endure this. He seeks to save every soul. So, let us find patience and gentleness with spreading the goodness and faithfulness of the Lord.

- **Revelation 6 The 7 Seals:**
 - ✓ In Chapter 6, the Lamb (Jesus) opens the seal and releases the first series of Judgements.
 1. The 1st seal is the Rider of the White Horse of the Apocalypse is the Antichrist. He mimics Jesus, the true rider of the White Horse, when He comes at the second coming. This rider comes to conquer and wage physical and spiritual war.
 2. The 2nd seal is the Rider of the Fiery Red Horse. He is given a great sword and comes to take peace from the earth.
 3. The 3rd seal is the Rider of the Black Horse. He has a pair a scales and brings famine with him.
 4. The 4th seal is the Rider on the Pale Horse. He is death and Hell follows with him. He is given power to kill with the sword and with hunger.
 5. The 5th seal is the cry of the Martyrs, asking how long will the Lord take to avenge their blood on those who dwell on the earth. Each one of these who die for the Lord will be given a white robe and are told to wait, as the number of martyrs is not yet complete.
 6. The 6th seal brings great tribulation; a great earthquake so intense it will shift mountains and make islands to vanish, the sun will be darkened and the moon like blood, the stars will fall from the heavens and the sky will recede like a scroll. The tribulation will be so great that even the elite will hide themselves in mountain caves and pray for the mountains to fall on them.

- **Revelation 8 The Seventh Seal:**
 - ✓ The 7th Seal opens up to 7 Trumpets and we see more terrible judgements fall on the earth. The Lamb opens the last seal and trumpets are given to the 7 angels that stand before the Lord. Another angel with a golden

censer of incense, offers up the prayers of the saints. He fills it with fire and throws it onto the earth. Thus, begins the other judgements.

1. The 1st Trumpet sounds and hail and fire, mixed with blood are thrown on the earth, burning 1/3 of the trees and grass.
2. The 2nd Trumpet sounds and a “great mountain” most likely a meteor, will be thrown into the sea and 1/3 of the sea will become blood, a third of the living creatures in the sea will die, and a third of ships will be destroyed.
3. The 3rd Trumpet sounds and a great star falls from the heavens into the rivers and springs of water. The star (Wormwood) makes the fresh water bitter and many men will die of thirst.
4. The 4th Trumpet sounds and 1/3 of the sun, moon, and stars are struck, leaving 1/3 of the day in darkness. Meanwhile, an angel shouts from the heavens warning the inhabitants of the world that the last of the trumpets are about to sound.

- **Revelation 9 More Trumpets:**

- ✓ The 5th Trumpet sounds (this is the first Woe) and a star falls from the heavens to the earth. This star is Satan. The key to the abyss is given to him and he opens the bottomless pit. Smoke rises from the pit and the sun and the air are darkened by it. Out of the smoke comes locust and they are given power to sting and torment those who do not have the seal of the Lord on their foreheads. These locusts are specifically described with gold crowns on their heads, hair like women’s, and teeth like lions. They will have breastplates of iron and wings that sound like the sounds of chariots. Finally, the king that rules over them is named Apollyon—in Hebrew; Abaddon. In those days’ men will seek death but will not find it.
- ✓ The 6th Trumpet sounds (2nd Woe) and the angel is told to release the 4 fallen angels bound at the great Euphrates. These 4 fallen angels have been prepared for only this hour, day, month and year. They are to kill a third of the unrepentant mankind with an army of 200 million. The riders of the horses of this army have red, blue and yellow breastplates. The horses have heads like that of lions and from their mouth comes fire, smoke and brimstone. Their tails are like serpents, having heads that sting and do harm. The rest of mankind who are not killed by these plagues, still did not repent of their reaped sins of murder, sorceries, sexual immorality, and theft.

- **Revelation 11:15 The Last Trumpet**

- ✓ The 7th Trumpet sounds (The last Woe) and the 24 elders who sit before God on the throne, fall on their faces and worship God. The Temple of

God is opened, and the Ark of the Covenant is seen. There is lightnings, noises, thundering, earthquakes and great hail. The 7 Trumpets have sounded and are complete, but now begins the wrath of God on earth with 7 Bowls.

- **Revelation 16 The Seven Bowl Judgments**

- ✓ The seventh angel sounds the last trumpet and releases another 7 judgements upon the earth.

1. This 1st bowl pours foul and loathsome sores upon the men who take the mark of the beast and worship his image.
2. The 2nd bowl is poured out into the sea turning it to blood and everything in the sea dies.
3. The 3rd bowl is poured into the rivers and springs and they become blood as well.
4. The 4th bowl is poured out onto the sun and it is given power to scorch men with fire and great heat. And men will blaspheme God over these plagues but still they will not repent.
5. The 5th bowl is darkness upon the land
6. The 6th bowl is poured out onto the great river Euphrates and the water dries up to prepare for the battle of Armageddon. Demons are released from the Dragon (Satan), the Beast (antichrist), and the false prophet to gather the army.
7. The last bowl is a huge earthquake that divides the great city of Jerusalem into 3 parts and the cities of the nation's fall. Every island is fled away, and the mountains are no more. Great hail falls from the sky, each weighing 100 pounds (the weight of a talent). Still men will not repent and blaspheme God.

- ✓ You may ask why I cover these Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls. I believe it is so important for us to know what is to come. Learning of the wrath of God will only motivate us more to help try to spare those who do not know the Lord of these coming judgments. The Tribulation period will be literally Hell on earth. Please, work up the courage to talk to those you know who do not have the Lord in their lives. They await this hell, if they do not repent of their sins and call on the name of Lord.

6. The Second Coming of the Lord

Christians of every denomination await the second coming of the Lord. This is His promise to us in many verses of the Gospels. But we catch one additional detail of His return from the gospel author of Luke in Acts 1:10-11 “¹⁰ And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, ¹¹ who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.” Jesus will come on a cloud, with great power and glory. Every eye shall see Him! Every knee shall bow! Every tongue confess that He is Lord!

- **Romans: 14:11** ¹¹ For it is written: “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.”
 - ✓ There will be no way around it. Even the most professing atheist or agnostic, even Satan himself, will fall to his knees and see Jesus coming on the clouds. Every being will profess that He is Lord of Lords and King of Kings.
- **Philippians 2:10** ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
 - ✓ Jesus came onto earth the first time, a lowly king; born in a manger, not a castle. Lived in poverty, not in riches. He was humble and meek as a lamb, who was led to the slaughter. His second coming will be the exact opposite. He will come as the King above all kings. He will come as the lion of Judah. He will finally get the glory and honor He deserves.
- **Matthew 24:29-31** “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰ Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.
 - ✓ Matthew gives us a bit of everything. He records here, that Jesus tells us of the last of the judgement bowls, and that the heavens will be shaken. He tells us of Jesus’ return and how the angels will collect His elect from the four corners of the earth and from the heavens to gather together! I

believe this will be at the last day, when we gather as an army to watch the Lord take out His enemies. Every eye shall see that He is God!

- **Luke 21: 27-28**²⁷ Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.”
 - ✓ Praise God! At the end of the 7 years of Tribulation, Jesus tells us to look up! Our redemption cometh!
- **Mark 13: 24-27**²⁴ “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; ²⁵ the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.
 - ✓ Mark, like Matthew, tells how Jesus will gather His elect and describes Jesus’ return, coming in a cloud with great power and glory! Praise the Lord! I live for this day!
- **Revelation 7:9-17**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, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen.” ¹³ Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?” ¹⁴ And I said to him, “Sir, you know.” So, he said to me, **“These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”** ¹⁵ Therefore they are before the throne of God and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. ¹⁶ They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. **And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”**
 - ✓ Finally, the martyrs of the Tribulation and all those who have died for their faith are washed white as snow and the Lord will wipe away every tear from their eyes!

- **Revelation 1:7-8** Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, **even they who pierced Him**. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. ⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,” says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”
 - ✓ Keep watch, for He is coming quickly!

7. The Millennial Reign

- **Revelations 20:1-3** Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ²He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; ³and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.
 - ✓ We talked about this earlier, when at last, Satan, the antichrist, and the false prophet are bound up for a thousand years. We will be free of his torment for a while.
- **Revelations 20:4-6** ⁴And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. **And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.** ⁵But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. ⁶Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with Him a thousand years.
 - ✓ Those who were martyred (died in Christ for their faith) and those who miraculously live through the Tribulation, that gave their hearts to the Lords, will live and reign with Christ during that 1000-years. Those that die out of Christ remain dead. This first resurrection of the martyrs, death can no longer touch them! They will live through these millennial years and for all eternity.
- **Revelation 20:11-15 The Great White Throne Judgment**

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. ¹²And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. ¹³The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. ¹⁴Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of

fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

✓ At last, every man and women who ever died out of Christ was delivered up and judged according to his or her works. Here, they received their second death, spiritual death. For those who are written in the Lambs book of Life, they will live with the Lord forever. Those who receive their second death are tossed into the Lake of Fire, with Satan, the antichrist, the false prophet, and Hell and Death. All would be no more. No more Satan and his demons, no more torment of Hell, and best of all, no more death.

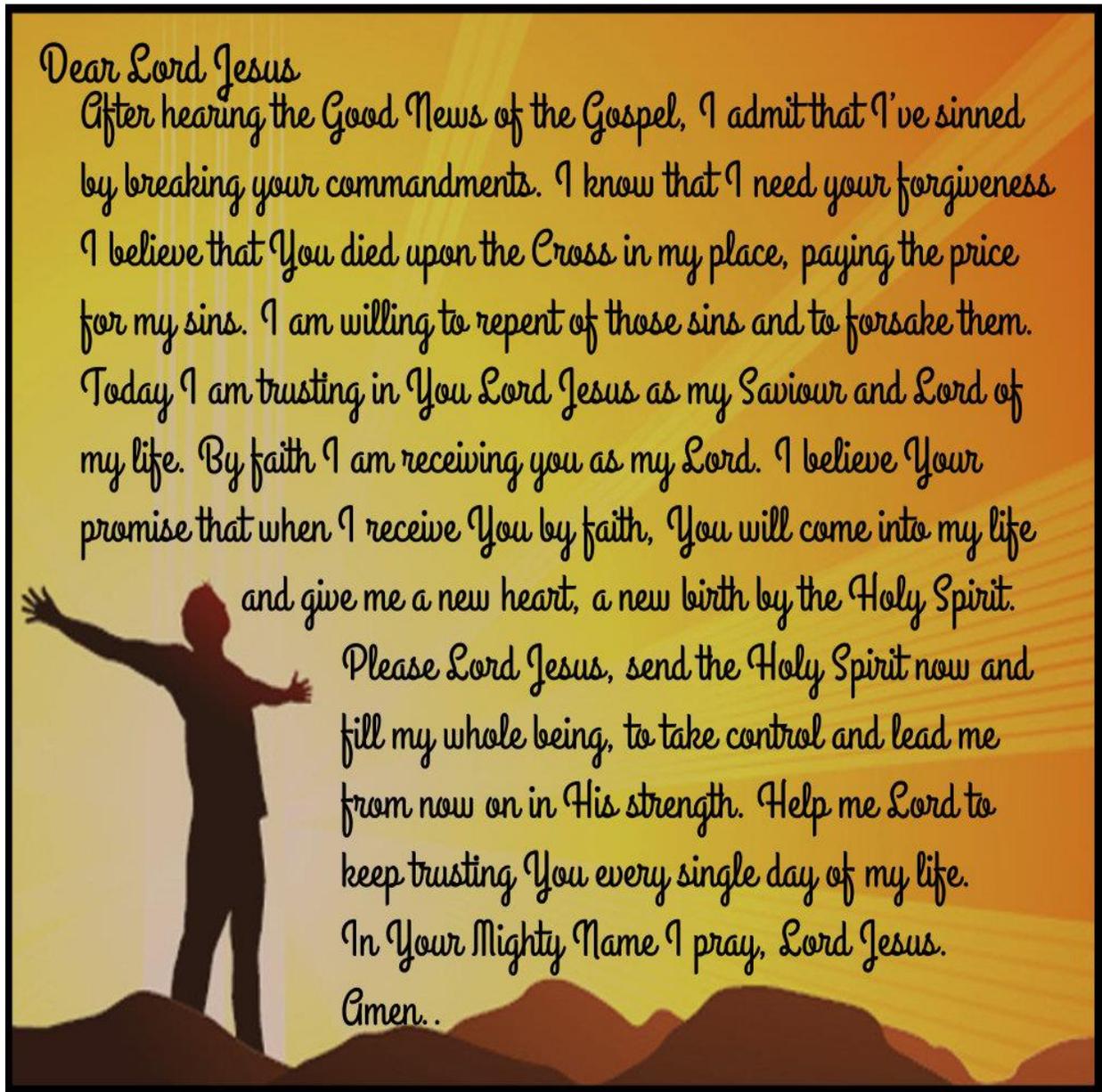
- **Revelation 21:1-4** Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also, there was no more sea. ² Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

✓ All things will be made new. Earth and Heaven will pass away and a new Jerusalem will come out of Heaven from God. And He will dwell with His people and be their God! Paradise anew, with no more tears, sorrow or death. No more pain, only joy!! John continues through this chapter and the next, describing the beauty of the New Jerusalem. It parallels nothing we could ever imagine, with streets of gold and waters like crystal. The walls of His City adorned with every gem and pearly gates. There will be no temple, for the Lord God and the Lamb are its temple. There will be no need for the sun or moon, for the glory of God will illuminate the City. There will be no more darkness.

- **Revelation 22:12-13** ¹² “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to everyone according to his work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.”
 - ✓ For those written in the Lambs book of Life, they will finally receive their rewards for their good works. Get ready to receive your crowns.
- **Revelation 22:20** He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming quickly.” Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

- ✓ Jesus, who testified to all these things written in His Word says, He is coming quickly. John, who recorded His words, replied, “Amen! Even so, come, Lord Jesus!” I second that! Come Jesus! Come quickly!

If you have not yet given your heart to the Lord, do it quickly!
Pray this prayer below and be saved!



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