

The Rapture As Taught In Revelation

Part Thirteen

TERRORISM AND DEATH DURING THE TRIBULATION!

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To my readers: While reading, please keep in mind that all of the judgments in the book of Revelation are *demon related*, with some more intense than others. Be aware that Jesus *never* intended to place His Church in the midst of such radicalism of evil. He loves us more than we can imagine, and His Holy Spirit will soon complete a new work in us. So we are *now being tested and judged* as we walk in His precious Spirit. He has sealed us with the *Spirit of promise* (Eph. 1:13). I pray that the Master of the universe exceedingly bless you.

Considering that a small part of the Church deems it necessary for her (The Church) to participate in the Great Tribulation—and that most of those ministries have not properly discerned that area of the interpretation of the Word of God—it only seems fair that I include this thirteenth part in the series. Hopefully you have made it this far and that, in doing so through further study, you have a much clearer view of the following:

- Who are those who are “habitants”, or who “dwell” on the earth?
- Is there really *peace* during the first half of this seven year period?
- Do activities in the Tribulation continue as usual, with *only* trials and martyrdom for Christ?
- Do you understand that there are no ministries from the Church Age in the Tribulation period?
- Do you consider absolutely everything Jesus said in the Word of God to be fully truth?
- What is the *First* Resurrection? And what is the *Second* Resurrection?
- Are you willing to accept the truth no matter what?
- Did Jesus lie to us about the intensity of “Spiritual terrorism” during the Tribulation?
- Did He lie about “Himself accounting us to escape” and “keeping us from that *hour of 7 years*”?

Unfortunately, many in the church today believe the Church must go through the Tribulation, believing it’s in line with Jesus’ character, and that they will continue their ministry during that time. Why is that? One reason is that most Pastors, teachers, evangelists, and elders in the church do not know what the prophetic word of God entails—what it really means to the church in this final day just prior to the revealing of the antichrist—to understand the times in which we are a part so they can be *comforted* by the words of Apostle Paul.

Paul said, “*Comfort one another with these words.*” This was not simply a suggestion. It was a command. Jesus Himself considered it extremely important that we understand exactly where we are today, and that there is an “escape” for us who serve the Most High God (Luke 21:36). Paul’s greatest desire was for the Churches in his own day to be alert for the soon coming of Jesus Christ—His coming is still eminent!

However, if the Church today continues to disbelieve that Christ made a *way of escape*, it may yet be easy to *miss* the rapture and continue on the earth for another seven years. Here’s how:

- *Ignore* Luke 21: 35, 36: 35) “*For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.* 36) *Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.*” (my italic, underline).

Comment: ALL who dwell on the earth, in contrast to those who dwell in heaven (12:12), are those who remain in their sin. They have continued to reject the Lord and they have no interest in serving Jesus Christ. If you plan to be in this period of Tribulation, then *don’t watch; don’t pray* that you are accountable; *don’t even think of rapture*. You want to prove yourself *in the Tribulation*, instead of *now* with the rest of us.

- Ignore Rev. 3:10, 11: 10) “Because thou hast kept the word of My patience (guarded; kept My Word), I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation (testing), which shall come upon the whole world, to try (test) them that dwell upon the earth. 11) Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.” [my italics]

Comment: Still feel a need to go through the Tribulation? If so, *do not* guard His Word in your heart; try to be involved with the *things of the world* as much as possible. Then you won’t have to pray that Jesus *will allow you to dwell on the earth!* *Do not* hold fast what you have; it’s not a *bad* thing to lose your crown—or is it? Your choice. But as for me and my house, we choose to meet with Christ in the air.

The Rapture, Judgment Seat Of Christ, And Christ’s Title Deed To Earth: Revelation 4—5

We are already familiar with the first five chapters concerning their inclusions, but I will review somewhat. Remember that in Revelation 1:19, Jesus says this to the recipient of the vision: “*Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter.*”

The **a)** *things which thou hast seen* are events during John’s earthly ministries when Jesus first called him, to include the vision Jesus gave John of Himself in chapter 1. The **b)** *things which are*, are the events recorded in Revelation 2 and 3, Christ’s plea for the 7 Churches of Asia to repent and return to Him. Then, in chapter 4 are the **c)** *things that shall be hereafter*—the rapture, the Judgment Seat of Christ, and the taking of the earth deed (chapter 4, 5). Then the seven-year tribulation Period begins in Chapter 6.

In Revelation 4:1, John said: **1)** “AFTER THIS, I looked, and, behold, a door *was* opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard *was* as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, *Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter.*” Notice how this verse aligns with Revelation 1:19.

Extreme Demonic Terrorism Begins At the Revealing Of Antichrist: Rev. 6

The Lamb Himself (Jesus) breaks all the seals disclosing the judgments of God in verses 1,3,5,7,9,12. (See Rev. 5:1, 7; John 5:22). Now, throughout the book of Revelation the plague judgments are called the wrath of God (vv. 16, 17; 11:18; 14:10,19; 15:1,7; 16:1,19; 19:15). This wrath of the Lord will be poured out on *all* those who are dwellers of inhabitants of the earth. Demon spirits will reign over all dwellers of the earth.

The First Seal—(6:1, 2) “*John heard the noise of thunder. He heard a beast come...*”

- A white horse whose rider had a bow and a crown.
- He went about conquering and to conquer; antichrist was revealed in his extreme activities—to destroy all who would not bow before him.

NOTE: Beginning of Tribulation, a future time of terrifying tribulation/judgment leading to the 2nd coming of Christ. The judgments of God are revealed in successive series. This 1st series is the 7 seals (ch. 6); the 2nd are the 7 trumpets (chs. 8,9; 11:15-19); and the 3rd, the 7 seven vials “of the wrath of God” (ch. 16; and 8:1). There are also Three “woes” (9:12; 11:14; and 12:12).

The Second Seal—(6:3) “*There went out another horse that was red..*”

- Power was given to the rider to take all peace from the earth...
- To cause men to slay each other.
- The rider carried a great sword to depict his fury. This horse and rider represent war and violent death, which God allows to bring forth His own wrath on those who dwell on earth. (Zech. 1:8; 6:2) We see violence, hatred, murder and violent war.

The Third Seal—(6:5, 6) “*John heard the third beast say...a black horse*”

- The rider had balances (weigh scales) in his hand.
- The four beasts said, “A measure of wheat for a penny, and 3 measures of barley for a penny; and do not harm the oil and the wine.
- This horse and rider suggests great world famine, even as foreseen right now! (Jer. 4:26-28)

- d) Basic necessities will be scarce, prices extremely high; hunger throughout the world. The “oil and the wine” indicate the olive tree and grapevine, which are not harmed as much by the famine as the grains. This famine is specific and worldwide. It is controlled by antichrist.

The Fourth Seal—(6:7,8) “...behold a pale horse named death..”

- a) This horse and rider symbolizes intense worldwide war, death, famine, plagues, disease and evil beasts, all which kill men who dwell on earth.
- b) Death so terrible that one-fourth of the earth will die and stand before God’s judgment.

The Fifth Seal—(6:9-11) “I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God and for the testimony they held...” (In Heaven, John sees the Tribulation Saints under the altar of God)

- a) They are saved during the Trib. and slain for their testimony (12:11). They were told to have patience and wait for many more to die before they can be resurrected. This will be a terrible time of persecution (death) for those born again in the Tribulation. They reign with Christ 1,000 years.
- b) These Tribulation saints cry out for justice. Sometimes God leads His people to pray for justice to prevail, for evil to be destroyed, for righteousness to be established on earth; for Christ to be exalted above all who oppose Him. But they must be patient for a little while.
- c) They were given white robes; they were encouraged to wait a little while till many others of their brethren would be killed. This must be fulfilled.
- d) Multitudes would be killed, a number not countable by man, of these precious brethren who are willing to give their lives for the Master. Jesus gives man to the end, to come to Him.

The Sixth Seal—(6:12-17) “...lo, there was a great earthquake; and...”

- a) The sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;
- b) “The stars of heaven fell unto the earth, as a fig tree casts her figs when shaken by great winds.”
- c) The heavens departed as a scroll when rolled up; every mountain and island were moved out of their places.
- d) The kings of earth, and the great men, rich men, chief captains, mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of mountains;
- e) And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb.
- f) For the great day of the Lord has come; and who shall be able to stand?

NOTES: Chapter 7 is an interlude between the 6th and 7th seals, revealing those who became faithful to Christs during the great tribulation. Those who take their stand for God during this time (6:17) are both Jew (3-8, the 144,000), and non-Jew (vv. 9,10; and 13-15, the Tribulation saints). These accept the ever-lasting gospel preached by the soaring angels (14:6).

The breaking of the 7th seal initiates the 7 trumpets, with the 7th seal becoming the 1st Trumpet judgment. These seven judgments are partial judgments (chs. 8-9; and 11:15-19), while the judgments of the seven bowls are more severe. The seventh Trumpet judgment will announce the seven bowls of judgment (16:1-21). *The silence in heaven* is due to the horror or coming judgments against man’s sin.

“And when he had opened the 7th seal, there was silence in heaven for about the space of half an hour. 2) And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets. 3) And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of the saints upon the golden altar before the throne. 4) And the smoke of the incense which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel’s hand. 5) And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thundering, and lightnings, and an earthquake. 6) And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.” (Rev. 8: 1-7).

The Seventh Seal (First Trumpet Judgment)—(8:7) “...And there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.”

- a) The first four trumpet judgments begin (1) A third of the earth's vegetation is destroyed by fire and hail; a third of the sea and rivers is polluted; the heavens, sun and moon, and stars are darkened for a third part of both day and night (vv. 7-13).
- b) Then the judgments affect people also, for many are killed (vs.11). The judgment is limited to a third of the world, because the purpose is to partially to warn people and bring them to repentance (9:20-21).

The Second Trumpet Judgment—(8:8, 9) “...the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;

- a) A great mountain was cast into the sea;
- b) A Third part of the sea became blood;
- c) A third part of the sea creatures that were alive, died.
- d) And the third part of all ships were destroyed.

The Third Trumpet Judgment—(8:10, 11) “...a great star fell from heaven burning like a lamp...”

- a) The star fell to the earth from heaven.
- b) The star fell on a third part of the rivers; and upon the fountains and waters.
- c) The name of the star was wormwood;
- d) Many men [who dwell on earth] died of the waters, because they were made bitter.
- e) “Wormwood” is a bitter plant, representing God’s judgment and human sorrow (Pro 5:4; Jer. 9:15; Amos 5:7. Wormwood might also be a source of poisons such as in Nuclear plants.

The Fourth Trumpet Judgment—(8:12-13) “...and the third part of the sun was smitten..”

- a) ..and the third part of the moon,
- b) ..and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened,
- c) ..and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

“and I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, **Woe, Woe, Woe, to the inhabitants of the earth** by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!” (Rev. 8:13).

- d) John saw an angel fly through the midst of heaven saying with a loud voice, Woe, Woe, Woe!
- e) **Woe, Woe, Woe**, to all the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound! (*Indicates 3 woes are coming after this introduction*)
- f) This means the rest of the judgments are becoming much more severe!

Terrorism By Demonic Forces Rage

The Fifth Trumpet Judgment (The First Woe)—(9: 1-12) “...And the 5th angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven to the earth: and to him was given the key to the bottomless pit.”

- a) The star falling from heaven is probably an angel who carries out God’s judgment; it is referred to as “he” in verse 2. The bottomless pit is the abyss, a place of imprisonment for demons. The beast (antichrist) comes from the abyss (11:7), and satan will be imprisoned there for 1,000 years (20:3).
- b) The angel opened the bottomless pit. The smoke as from a great furnace darkened to sun and the air from out of the pit.
- c) Out of the smoke came millions of locusts on the earth: and unto them was given power, as scorpions of the earth have power.
- d) They were commanded to NOT harm the grass on earth, or any green thing, neither any tree;
- e) But only those men which have *not* the seal of God in their foreheads. (see Ezek 9:1-7)
- f) The locusts were ordered to *not kill them*, but that they should be tormented for 5 months:
- g) Their torment was as that of a scorpion, when it strikes a man.
- h) Men will seek death, but will not find it; and shall desire to die, and death will flee from them.
- i) The locusts were shaped like horses prepared for war; and on their heads were as crowns as gold,
- j) And their faces were like the faces of mankind. And they had hair like a woman’s hair.

- k) Their teeth were like the lions teeth; and they had breastplates, as iron breastplates;
- l) The sound of their wings was like the sound of many chariots of many horses running to war.
- m) Their tails were like those of scorpions, and had stings in their tails;
- n) And their power was to hurt men for five months.
- o) They had a king who was the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew is Abaddon,
- p) But in the Greek his name was Apollyon.
- q) ***This was the first WOE.*** Two more will come.

The Sixth Trumpet Judgment—(9:13-21) “..I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar...”

- a) This 6th angel was commanded to loose the 4 angels which were bound in the river Euphrates.
- b) They were released for an hour, a day, a month and a year, to slay a third of mankind.
- c) The number of the army of the horseman was two hundred thousand thousand (200,000,000).
- d) On the horses were demon-like spirits from the abyss (maybe controlling real men).
- e) The man-spirits had breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone:
- f) The heads of the horses were like the heads of lions;
- g) Out of their mouths issued fire, smoke, brimstone.
- h) By these three were a third of mankind killed, by fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone which issued out of their mouths. For their power is in their mouths; and in their tails:
- i) Their tails were like the bite of serpents, and had heads that also hurt men.

20) “*And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood;: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk; 21) Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.* (Revelation 9: 20, 21). These are inhabitants of the earth!

Read verses 20 and 21 one more time! God’s judgments are righteous judgments. They are just, fully just. Our God is THE true God of Justice! Imagine this. God has gone the entire trip bringing multitudes to Himself during this time of testing on all the earth! But in the end, there are those who will not come, no matter how severe the testings.

These are the ones God calls earth inhabitants, dwellers on the earth! Unbelieving church tell me this: Do you really desire to go through the Great Tribulation? We need to get our heads out of the sand—and learn Who the God of Abraham Isaac, and Jacob really is! His Church is not appointed unto wrath!

Pastors, you need to get in the Word of God and teach your people that eternal Gospel of Jesus Christ. Paul did that in less than 3 years on this earth. He presented almost every godly doctrine to the Church—not by man—but supernaturally by the Holy Spirit! (Galatians1:11-24).

This is The Second Woe—(11:1-14) The two witnesses, their death by the antichrist and those who dwell on the earth; and their resurrection when God reported from Heaven, “*Come Up Hither*” after three days laying on the street of Jerusalem.

The tenth chapter of Revelation is another interlude between the sixth trumpet (blown in 9:13) and the seventh trumpet (blown in 11:15).

The Seventh Trumpet—(11:15-19) “*..there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever.*”

- a) All the Elders on their thrones fell on their faces and worshipped God Almighty.
- b) They said, “*We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest destroy them that destroy the earth.*”
- c) And the temple of the Lord was opened in heaven, and they saw the Ark of the testament;

- d) And there were lightnings, and voices, and thundering, and an earthquake, and great hail.

This was the last Trumpet judgment. The seven Bowl judgments begin with chapter 16. The sound of the 7th Trumpet is followed by a parenthetical passage revealing some events related to the tribulation period. (12:1-15:4)

NOTE: The tribulation will involve great conflict on earth but also war in heaven. Satan and his angels will put forth a supreme effort to defeat God and His angels in heaven. 1) Satan is defeated, cast down to earth (Luke 10:18), and allowed no more access to heaven. 2) Heaven rejoices (vv.10-12), for Satan is no longer a spiritual force in heavenly places (Eph 6:2). At the same time it causes “woe” to those on earth (vv. 12-13).

NOTE: (12:11)—Faithful believers on earth overcome Satan by being freed from his power by the blood of the Lamb, by determining to speak for Christ, and by showing a willingness to serve Christ at any cost, even death.

NOTE: (12:12)—Satan, knowing he is doomed and will soon be defeated, has power only upon the earth. The “short time” refers to the tribulation period. His great wrath results in widespread suffering for the trib. Saints.

This Is The Third Woe—(Rev. 12:12) *“Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.”*

The Parenthesis Between Chapter 12 and 16.

- a) The woman (Israel) and the Dragon (12: 1-6)
- b) The war in Heaven-Michael and his angels fought the dragon. (12:7-12)
- c) Important verse/s:
 - 11) *“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. 12) Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the devil is come down unto you having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.”*

- d) War on earth (12:13-17)
- e) Beast from the Sea (13:1-10)

“...and all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power to the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him? (Rev 13:3,4).

“And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.” (Revelation 13:8).

- f) The Beast From The Earth (13:11-18).
- g) The Lamb and the 144,000 (14:1-5).
- h) Angels proclaiming the gospel

“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people (14:6).

- i) Visions in Heaven (15:1—15:8)

The Seven Bowls (Vials) of wrath—(16:1-21) *“And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.” (vs. 1).*

Note: The bowls (vials) of God’s wrath begins at a point just before the Lord’s return to the earth. A great world war will occur at the end of these judgments (vs. 14, 16; Dan. 11:36-45). THESE JUDGMENTS ARE EVEN MORE SEVERE THAN THE PREVIOUS ONES HAVE BEEN.

- a) Noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, (vs. 2).
- b) And upon them which worshipped his image. (vs. 2)

The second bowl (Vial) Judgment—(vs. 3) *“And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man; and every living soul died in the sea.”*

- a) The sea became as the blood of a dead man.

b) Every living thing died in the sea.

The Third Bowl (Vial) Judgment—(vs. 4-7) “..upon the rivers and fountains of waters; they became blood.”

a) All rivers and fountains of waters became blood.

b) The angel of the waters said, “*Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, wast, and shall be, because thou hast judged thus. . .*” (vs. 5)

c) “...For they (earth dwellers) have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.” (vs. 6)

d) Another from the altar said, “*Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.*” (vs. 7)

The Fourth Bowl (Vial) Judgment—(vs. 8, 9) “..upon the sun; and power was given to scorch men with fire.”

a) Power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

b) Men were scorched with great heat,

c) They blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues.

d) And they would not repent over their evil deeds and give God glory.

The Fifth Bowl (Vial) Judgment—(vs. 10, 11) “..upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was darkness.”

a) The 5th angel poured out his vial over the seat of the beast.

b) The kingdom of the beast was full of darkness.

c) And they (dwellers of earth) gnawed their tongues in pain.

d) They (dwellers of earth) blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores.

e) Yet, they would not repent of all their evil deeds.

Evil Spirits Again Manifesting Their Evil Powers Upon The Earth Dwellers

The Sixth Bowl (Vial) Judgment—(vs. 12-16) “..upon the great river Euphrates..”

a) The water was dried up.

b) That the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

c) Three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon.

d) And out of the mouth of the false prophet.

e) Spirits of devils, working miracles, going to the kings of the earth, and the whole world...

f) To gather them together for the war (Armageddon) of that great day of the Lord God Almighty.

Jesus said, “Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.”

NOTE: Frogs were unclean spirits (demons) who work miracles, deceiving nations in the name of evil of all kinds. The dragon is identified with satan (12:9), the beast and antichrist (Ch. 13). During the tribulation Rulers of the nations will be demonized. Deceived by satan through miracles, they will enter into an insane scheme that will plunge the entire world into a great holocaust. Armageddon, located in north-central Palestine, means the Mt. of Megiddo. It will be the center of “the battle of the great day of God Almighty (vs. 14). This war will occur toward the end of the tribulation and will end when Jesus and His own army returns to destroy the wicked nations and begin His eternal, righteous rule on earth...a reign that will never end. Even the prophets of the Old Testament prophesied of this event. (Deut. 32:43; Jer. 25:31; Joel 3:2, 9-17; Zephaniah 3:8; and Zechariah 4:2-5).

The Seventh Bowl (Vial) Judgment—(vs. 17-21) “..poured out his vial into the air..”

a) A great voice from out of the Temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, “It is done.”

b) There were voices, thundering, and lightnings; and a great earthquake, greater than any on earth.

c) It was extremely mighty...a great earthquake.

d) The great city, Jerusalem, was divided into three parts; and the cities of all nations fell.

e) Babylon was remembered by God, He gave to her the cup of the wine of His fury of His wrath.

f) Every single island fled away, and the mountains became flat.

g) A great hail from heaven fell upon men, every stone the weight of a talent.

h) Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague was *exceedingly* great.

“And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me (John), saying unto me, Come hither; I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: **2**) *With whom the kings of the earth* have committed fornication, and *the inhabitants of the earth* have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.” (Rev. 17: 1,2; My italics).

I prepared this document directly from the Word of God, believing if anything will help today’s Christian realize their place *in Christ* concerning *His promises of escape* from the awful time soon coming on earth, a study of His twenty-one judgments on all those who *dwell* (reside, habitate [inhabitants]) on the earth would. I know there is power in every Word recorded in His wonderful love letter to us.

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