

The Multitude That Cannot Repent

“Engraved Upon His Palms”

The value of a human soul was settled at the cross. His death was personal for every person. Predestination is one of the most supernatural words in Holy Scripture. It is actually our biography written by our Creator in advance. Of course, it spells out our salvation from sin and eternal damnation; but, it also spells out more, much more, than salvation. The marks in His hands had our name written in them; but, also had our future planned by His royal design. We were born to be kings and priests. The churches are filled with men and women who are living like paupers while royal blood is coursing through their veins.

Isaiah was a prophet that penned mind stretching theologies. He could think and write outside the box of His generation. As the truth of the future Messiah's death arrested him, he saw the far reaching facts. His death was not going to be some impersonal sacrifice, but an actual identification with every soul born to women. Our name, actually all of our names, was hacked in His wounds. By the Holy Spirit Isaiah stated, *"Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands"* (Isaiah 49:16). The word graven means hacked or tattooed.

Can I help you discover how much He loves you? You may think yourself to be nobody; but, I have good news for you. The Spirit has already spoken through David, the first king of Israel, *"I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them"* (Psalm 139:14-16).

Our Creator, God, possesses perfect "foreknowledge" of every detail of our person. Note again what King David said, *". . . And in thy book (scroll) all my members were written." And that was before we were made in our mother's womb. The human family was and is perfectly planned and intimately loved. Just like you know the names and features of all your family color of the eyes and particulars of each personality—so our Heavenly Father knows "my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off"* (Psalm 139:2).

It's wonderful to know that our Father has such perfect "foreknowledge" of us but that is not all. He also "predestinated" us and planned our perfect future right down to the minute details. He did not create such beautiful human creatures and leave us to chance. His will for us is pure, exciting, beautiful, and full of joy, but totally dependent on our surrender to him. The Apostle Paul said it perfectly. This description—given by The Holy Spirit and written by this man of God—can change your entire life in a matter of minutes.

You must give up your will to His will. *"For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together"* (Romans 8:13-17).

Can you do this in the flesh? No, you cannot. You must be Born Again and made a new creature. Listen to the Holy Spirit, *"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new"* (2 Corinthians 5:17). This is a work of grace that is wrought in you when you turn your entire life over to Him and rest in the cleansing and perfecting by the blood of His

cross. His blood sacrifice is supernatural and life-changing. Trust totally in that price that He paid for your soul.

Now, by faith, step into a new life. Give up your dreams and your stubborn will and commit to His will. His will is miles ahead of where you are right now. You may be rich or poor, educated or uneducated, beautiful or ordinary; but, He wants you just exactly like you are, completely ready to change for him. Do not allow some imagination that Satan puts in your mind to stop you. This has been proven million and millions of times. It absolutely cannot fail unless you rebel, give up or turn back.

The Bible warns us of those who start in this race but turn back. *"For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them"* (2 Peter 2:20-21).

What is really exciting is to watch the man or a woman that goes all the way with Christ! Paul, the Apostle, was a perfect example. *"Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith"* (Phil. 3:8-9).

This Salty Saints is the Gospel of Jesus Christ at its grandest level. When the Son of God died on that cross, you were on His mind. Your soul and life were written in His mutilated palms. He took your place and you do not have to be lost. There is only one thing that stands between every soul and the best life in the world—that one thing is your selfish will. The will of man is the root of the Adamic nature and it must be defeated. Heaven is an eternal place where the families of those that are surrendered to Him live forever in perfect happiness.

The Multitude That Cannot Repent

“Left Behind”

The impossibility to repent and to make your voice heard with God is awesome to consider. Add to this sad condition the fact that Jesus has come, the Rapture of the Bride is finished, and you are left behind for the judgment to occur. The strange emptiness toward God and spiritual matters will be penetrating. Suddenly, you remember the way you rejected God's will for your life and chose the way of self and sin. You remember the Godly, holy life you once knew and lived. You may have even been a holiness minister yourself, but the way was tough and many rejected your message so you decide to soften it and become accommodating. But now, your strange emptiness turns swiftly to utter despair as your soul bears witness to the complete certainty that there is no hope for you. It's over, you have rejected Him so completely in the past, and now He has rejected you. Now you know you cannot repent.

God's infallible Word gives us a clear picture of this future fact. Apostle Paul is warning the church at Thessalonica of the Rapture and the appearing of the Antichrist after the Rapture. His words are perfectly clear. *"For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his Coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."* (II Thes. 2:7-12).

This text explains how the Antichrist is restrained from appearing until after the Restrainer (He that letteth) is removed with the Bride of Jesus Christ. Then, his appearing (the Antichrist) will be dramatic and even demonic. He will be the master deceiver, fully empowered by the devil with paranormal powers to impress and deceive. His deceiving power will be especially directed by God's decree against those that had rejected or forsaken the truth of the Holy Scripture. The darkest time of this deception is after the Rapture, but a lesser level is already at work. The first verse above says, *"the mystery of iniquity doth already work."* The spirit of deception has preceded the person of evil himself. Present deception is terrible, but only light compared to after the Restrainer, the Holy Ghost, is gone.

This very hour and this generation is the most dangerous period in church history. Jesus warned of this stressful and dangerous period when evil and sin would become so dominating of the world that living holy would seem impossible. His words were, *"And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."* (Matthew 24:12).

The world is almost as if hell has taken over and righteousness and holiness seem so outdated and even strange. Family members and friends will compromise their lifestyle and then pressure you with unrelenting fury to do the same. Just remember, it's your wedding garment, and you are responsible to keep it clean by your total surrender to the cleaning Blood and keeping power of His Spirit.

"My Spirit Shall Not Always Strive With Men ..."

For over four thousand years the Heavenly Father has warned the world that His Spirit has a limit. *"And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years."* (Genesis 6:3) He was speaking to Noah's generation, the same generation that Jesus named in Matthew chapter twenty-four. He compared that generation with the generation when the Rapture would occur. There is a multitude in this very hour that the Spirit is withdrawing His plea. This is going to escalate until the Rapture and then a multitude of religious apostates are going to be left to their schemes and false ideas of Christianity.

The church world has created an endless list of religious ideas that give them an excuse to sin. The doctrine of "once saved, always saved" is one of the worst false schemes of them all. It would not be so bad if men were told that there is no license to live in sin and those that go back to their evil ways were never saved. Yet, to teach that even fornication and sodomy, along with a long list of other vile sins, cannot negate your redeemed stature before God is utterly false. There is a multitude right out of this idea that is being deluded beyond hope. They live like sin is a joke and that God has already forgiven whatever sin in which they choose to indulge.

No one can deny that conviction of sin is rare today. Most sinners have no conscience and treat any idea of right and wrong with disdain. Ministers have retreated in their pulpits to pretty platitudes and psychobabble. To rail against adulterers, cheating, defiling the Sabbath, or any major sin is to be profoundly scorned. (Some) Religious television is more dangerous than MTV. There is an all-seeing Eye watching and He will shortly act to change the worldview of sin. Isaiah by the Holy Spirit settled this subject. *"... When thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness."* (Isaiah 26:9) One of his most breathtaking words from God were, *"Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies."* (Isaiah 28:17a). . .

. . . A radical acceptance of the Word of God is the only view of Scripture that does not leave man vulnerable to judgment. Jesus made it clear that His Word is perfect and must be held in total faith. He said, *"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."* (Matthew 4:4) This was also made plain in II Thessalonians. The indictment declared that, *"... they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved."* (II Thes. 2:10). No person can come to Jesus

and say; "I believe part of Your Word so I want to be saved." Even if you believe the sacrifice of His Blood and claim faith in that Blood, but reject the rest of the Word, your faith is unacceptable. These religious trends are the purest evidence of apostasy and preparations to believe the lie. Multitudes of these apostate people will be outside of grace after the Rapture. They chose new religious ideas over the infallible Word of God. It was their choice and now the result is delusion and judgment.

Matthew 24 and 25

This is the very warning that Jesus Christ was prophesying about in these two chapters of Matthew. Many teachers of prophecy have tried to exclude these words recorded by this apostle from the church world and assign it only to the Jewish nation. It does not fit at all. Please note His words about false prophets and damnable doctrines that hardly apply to the Jews. *"And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."* (Matthew 24:11-14). The Gospel being preached in the entire world cannot be a Jewish matter rather than a church concern. Again, He said, *"Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."* (Matthew 24:23-24).

After these incredible warnings of apostasy and departure from truth, He proceeds to proclaim the Rapture where some would be taken and others would be left. Sure it applies to the whole world but more specifically to the great crowds that were being deceived by the false doctrines and apostasy trends in the church. *"But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left."* (Matthew 24:37-41)

These words hardly seem relevant to the heathen world that knows nothing of Christ's coming. The multitudes around the world that have never heard the daily broadcast of Christian ministers will hear the Gospel by the angels, the two prophets, and the tribulation converts; and millions will be washed in His Blood. It's the church world, where multitudes cannot repent. The people that cannot repent are people that did not "love the truth" that was so available but rejected. The Western World has had enough Bible to know every principle of the Blessed Book, but is still woefully ignorant of its demands on the soul.

The words of Jesus, spoken after He spoke about the "taking and leaving," confirm that this crowd knew the truth. They were not heathens that had never heard, but souls that were warned to be watchful. His words were, *"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."* (Matt. 24:42-44). His entire language is written to people that know but are careless and unwatchful. He could not describe this generation of the religious world more perfectly. These are the multitudes that love pleasure and riches more than they love the wonderful words of life that have been preached over and over, time after time.

The twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew is no different. The ten virgins that go to meet the bridegroom are not the unheard millions of heathendom. All ten of them have at one time had oil and fire, but five of them were undisciplined and careless. They all fully expect to go into the wedding and rise at once when the cry is made. Again, Jesus uses language that cannot be applied to any event but the Rapture and Marriage of the Bridegroom. This Gospel does not speak some hidden message to the Jewish nation. The Jewish Nation will still be in unbelief at this time.

The Master warns, *"And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with Him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."* (Matt. 25:6-13). This is incredible language that leaves no room for misunderstanding. The door is shut on these foolish virgins and they miss the welcome into the wedding chamber. The warning would suggest that these foolish virgins are just like much of our church world. They once lived in the wonderful joy of being ready and watching, but turned back to accept the careless lifestyle of worldly living and conduct.

The Scorning of Truth

Much of the church does not just ignore this kind of truth but they scorn it, To preach anything but cheap grace that covers sin is to be attacked with fury. How did our generation become so hard against the necessity of righteousness and godliness? Of course, the only answer is apostasy. Everything the Son of God taught and everything that the New Testament teaches is opposite to the present "easy believism." Listen to the Son of God warn the disciples and converts of His ministry. *"And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it conic on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."* (Luke 21:34-36).

He was teaching His disciples that they and we might teach others. Notice His words, *"that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things."* These things were the Great Tribulation that is coming on this world. The saints of God will be raptured and there is no possibility of those living in sin or living careless lives being supernaturally caught up to meet Him in the air.

Who Can Be Saved After The Rapture?

This is the most awesome question I could ever ask anyone. There will be a multitude saved and there will be a multitude that cannot be saved. This fact is already true in our day. When a person crosses the line and the Holy Spirit withdraws His conviction, that soul is forever lost. After the Rapture, those that had refused to love the truth and hold to His supernatural words of Holy Scripture will find themselves either deluded by the lie of the Antichrist or totally unable to repent. Anyone that knows the truth and carelessly proceeds to live disobediently is progressing to the point of being forever lost in this present life.

The multitude that is saved after the Rapture will be people that had little or no opportunity before the Rapture. Every moment a person is rejecting the will of God by Christ in their life, they are living dangerously. Anyone that knows enough about the Rapture and the Tribulation to say, "I'm going to get saved after the Rapture," has probably already passed the point of no return. That attitude is the very spirit of delusion and deception from which there is no return.

Do not forget the wise words of Solomon, *"How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the worriers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you. Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish*

cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: They would none of my counsel: they knowledge and despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices." (Proverbs 1:22- 31) Many have already passed the point of no return. When the Rapture occurs, a multitude more will pass that point.

Left Behind

“The World’s Response To The Rapture”

There is a growing hatred for anything that centers on Jesus Christ. Its like the world wants to promote a "god" idea that can fit all belief systems, but trashes the God of Christianity and the idea of the Son of God as a Savior of all men. There is an even greater hatred for the idea of a Rapture, where a large number of people are going to be caught up and supernaturally removed. More and more of the leading ministers in Biblical circles are denying the Rapture and turning to theological ideas that suggest a Christian dominion of the earth rather than escape from the earth. Much of the Evangelical world and all of the Catholic leadership are dead set against a sudden exodus of the chosen saints of God.

When you understand the multitude of different ideas relating to End Times events, it is challenging to describe the many different reactions that may well follow the great escape of the saints. The Rapture may well serve to unite the religious world and force them to forge a united reaction. There are not many religious leaders left that do not have a growing distaste for Bible-believing fundamentalism. Every major religious trend has served to build a consensus against what is being called "narrow-minded fundamentalism." Building a broad-based movement to bring the Catholic, the Evangelical, and the Pentecostals together demands that no theology is important enough to divide the church world.

We now have a religious atmosphere that drives the fundamental truths to the back room. That is the crowd that is going to be the Raptured saints. It would be a great relief to many religious personalities if we would just disappear. We will! Holiness of lifestyle is hated. Ministers that still preach and teach separation from the trashy and carnal world are considered cultic and bothersome. The music of the average church in the acceptable church growth world is unclean and repulsive. The atmosphere in the Jewish synagogues when Jesus came the first time is a fair example of today's church atmosphere. Genuine truth has fallen in the streets. Most ministers that still continue to preach the Rapture also trash solid Biblical holiness living.

"The Passion of the Christ" did not change anything, but it did reveal some things that had already changed. Suddenly, the last holdouts of the church world could join the Catholic Church world and start uniting with them without question. The main two church denominational holdouts to wild ecumenicalism were the Baptist and the Pentecostals. They are now beginning to lead the way into the greatest unity of the "Christian" church world in all of two thousand years. How are all of them going to explain that the Rapture has taken place and they are still here?

Immediately After The Rapture

The Rapture is going to make an incredible stir throughout the world. This is one of the greatest moments in human history and the result will be an incredible crisis. The media will explore every detail. Interviews will be granted to all sides and many different explanations will be given. The paranormal world will have a field day with many bizarre stories. Somehow the majority of the world will be convinced to carry on and to join the new day of liberty and license.

The Catholic Church Will Move to the Forefront

The best way to deal with a crisis is to celebrate it and the celebration will begin. The One World Church will quickly develop a speakers' bureau to appear on all news channels. Let's consider what may be their

explanation. I believe they will proclaim that a supernatural miracle has occurred. Religious fanatics and rebellious fundamentalists have been removed by an act of God so that the world can finally experience peace. They will say that these people were no different than the terrorists within the Muslim world. They were like the Taliban of Afghanistan and we have been spared their hindrance to our planned wonderful world by this miracle of their removal.

Forerunners of the Antichrist will see this as their golden opportunity and they will join in with the religious One World Church. They will herald the coming revelation of their "Christ" and great paranormal events will become commonplace. As the idea that this "Christ" is waiting to be manifest begins to grip the world, great excitement to His coming will develop. Great speakers with demonic appeal will conduct rallies all over the world. They will build excitement to the point of hysteria. Incredible miracles of healing (i.e., blinded eyes opened) and mass healing events will occur. This new church world of the inclusive church will explode. It will be religious mania.

This new religion will be as emotionally real as the true Pentecost of the past. The only thing missing will be the restrictions of commandments and standards. It will be the greatest day of mass religious events in history. The music is already written, the singers have already trained, and these campaigns will feature the best. The present contemporary, rap, rock, funk, and other ungodly music are all the music of the Antichrist and are ready to inoculate the world. The multitudes will line up to be baptized and marked as the worshippers of this new "Christ." They will actually believe that he is the true appearing of the real Christ.



While the One World Church Is Worshipping

As hid from public view as possible, a genuine surrender to Jesus Christ will grip the world. Millions of people that knew very little about the faith of Jesus Christ will believe that the Rapture, which has just occurred, was the real thing. This great company will find private places to pray and devour the Holy Bible. They will help each other find food and survive as long as possible. Little children will be led to a living faith as moms and dads, sometimes only mothers; sometimes only dads, help their families prepare for the worst. Every person, who makes

a complete surrender to Jesus Christ, will be signing his or her own death warrant by the worst possible form of death.

The great multitude that wash their garments in the Blood of the Son of man/Son of God will be hated by the liberal media, the Antichrist and his army of savages, and the New World Religion followers. The persecution of Christians will be worldwide and brutal. Human rights will not exist. There will be no "911" phone number for those that are being brutally hunted and slaughtered.

The death of these repentant and blood-washed souls is going to be so massive and vicious that the Great Creator and His divine Son set one of the seven seals to draw attention to this fact. These people will be champions. They will bear their testimony bravely before the world, while being hated and threatened by the entire One World system. These new saints do not have any weapons and no one is available to plead their call before the powers that be, but they are brave unto death. Listen to the Lord Jesus Christ in His Revelation to John describe them. *"And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them,*

that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow-servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled." (Revelation 6:9-11)

The Gospel will certainly be heard worldwide during the Seven Years of the Great Tribulation. The souls we just witnessed were condemned and killed for the Word of God and their testimonies. There will be two incredible prophets that proclaim God's Word to the world and cannot be killed until their witness is complete. They will perform many genuine miracles and even shut the heavens so that it does not rain. Their testimony will be so effective that the Beast, the Leader of the One World Religion will make war with them. After three and one-half years of ministry, they will be killed and their death will cause a worldwide celebration by the wicked multitudes.

Look at a few descriptions of their ministry and effectiveness. *"And I will give power unto my two witnesses...And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth...These have power to shut heaven...And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city...where also our Lord was crucified ...And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them...and great fear fell upon them which saw them...the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven." (Revelation 11:3-13)*

Even angels will fly through the Heavens proclaiming the everlasting gospel. No one that takes the Mark of the Beast or worships Satan, the Antichrist, or the Beast will have an excuse. The absolute proof that the God of Heaven is the source of these days of great judgment will be undeniable. The glory of God vs. the hideous nature of Satan and his entire deceived host will be evident for men to see.

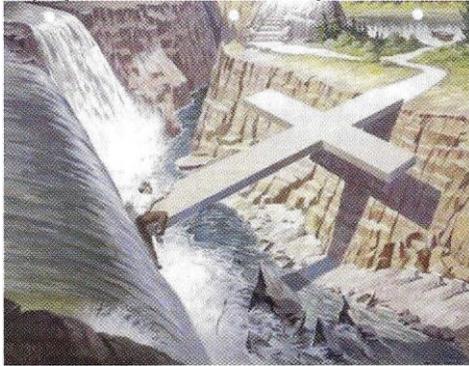
The Wicked Will Be Wicked Still

The spirit of prophecy used Prophet Daniel to give us incredible information about the Seven Years of the Great Tribulation. The last chapter of his book speaks of the rapture and resurrection of the righteous, as well as the resurrection of the wicked. He described the first three and one-half years, placed the abomination of desolation in the middle, and then described the last three and one-half years. It's a remarkable description. Along with placing the abomination in the middle, he also described a revival of righteousness. With that he also spoke of the company of the wicked that, in spite of judgment and the undercurrent of genuine revival, they would continue to be wicked and even grow into a level of wickedness never experienced.

Look at Daniel's anointed description of this coming hour after the Rapture. *"And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are dosed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days (the last three and one-half years of the seven)." (Daniel 12:9-11)* The wickedness of the wicked will reach a level of vileness that we do not yet understand. A human being can become a devil in nature just like Satan and his angels became devils. This is already happening, but will reach a new level during the Great Tribulation.

At the very beginning of the seven years, the sixth seal reveals something of men's response to the evident judgments of God. Look at these words, *"And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" (Rev. 6:14-17)*

There is no evidence of repentance, just a stark reflection of their understanding that this is a judgment from the God of Heaven and His Son, Jesus Christ. By the time of the sixth trumpet, the hearts of men will have grown arrogant and obstinate. *"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: Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts."* (Rev. 9:20-21)



In the face of judgment that they dare not deny, the wickedness of those men left after the Rapture only grows more and more wicked. By the time the two prophets that had performed many miracles and proven themselves to be prophets from God have been killed, the multitudes of the wicked have the audacity to rejoice and send gifts celebrating the Beast's victory over those men of God.

Now, as the Seven Years draw to a close, the time comes that Jesus Christ will appear in the Heavens on a great white stallion, along with a multitude of His saints with Him. The sight will be too awesome to describe. The wicked, who have arrogantly rejected every expression of truth or mercy, join themselves to the Antichrist as his army and gather to Armageddon to fight against the descending Christ and His army of the glorified saints. The devil, the Antichrist, the Beast, fallen angels, and the host of wicked men and women become as one to fight the Lamb of God and His host. But, the end of this rebellion has come. *"And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great."* (Rev. 19:17-18)

The Deluded That Knew But Rejected the Truth

I cannot end this article without remembering the multitude that were "Left Behind" but could not repent. They were turned to a reprobate mind to believe a lie and be damned. That lie of a false religion, a false Christ, and miracles to deceive will conclude by actually fighting against the returning Son of God. Imagine the men and women that once heard and knew the truth, but loved the world more. There will be multitudes of them that were raised in Bible-believing churches, heard the preaching about the Rapture, and were loved by the saints of God, but are now the companion of Satan to fight the Battle of Armageddon. The worse degree of the Lake of fire is reserved for those that knew but rejected the great Savior that came down to die.

Left Behind, Seven Years of Hell

This world will soon be Satan's last stand. He is a master at deceit. With thousands of years of experience in fighting against God, he will certainly use his acquired skills to lead this world to war. With the restraining presence of the Holy Ghost removed, there will be nothing to hinder but the limits of prophesied truth. He and his host will fight to the finish. There will be schemes of deception unknown. Only those that wash themselves in the Blood of the Lamb and choose death over the mark will survive.

It's foolish to wait and follow the love of self and sin. Turn wholly to Jesus Christ today. Tomorrow may be the sad day of the "Left Behind."

The Rapture **“And God’s Faithfulness”**

There is no truth more fixed and dependable than God's faithfulness. His saints, redeemed by the Blood of His

Son, Jesus Christ, are His delight. We are not just His servants; we are His friends and the future Bride of his Son. We are plainly instructed by the Apostle Paul that we are joint heirs with Jesus Christ. *"For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God. and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together."* (Romans 8:15-17).

"Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." (Luke 12:32).

Understanding His faithfulness and knowing that we are "heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ are foundational truths for the Pre-Tribulation Rapture. The wrath of God has never been directed against His chosen that find grace in His presence. Not one Scripture in the Word of God places the righteous and the unholy together under a display of the Father's wrath. From the worship of Cain and Abel in Genesis chapter 4, God always makes a distinction between obedience and disobedience. God accepted Abel's worship and rejected Cain's bloodless sacrifice and the manifestation of God's Spirit in accepting Abel's worship left no doubt. Holy Justice can never condemn the righteous for the deeds of the wicked. This is a principle that underlies every revelation of the Holy Bible.

The Differences Between Tribulation and Wrath

"... In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33). It is probably unfortunate that we use the same word *tribulation* for the normal experiences of every Biblical saint with the period the Scripture calls the "Great Tribulation." There is a total difference between the "much tribulation" that Luke wrote about in Acts and the "Great Tribulation" that Jesus spoke about as recorded in Matthew. Luke stated, *"Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God."* (Acts 14:22).

Matthew recorded Jesus' words as following, *"And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."* (Matthew 24:19-22). The difference is extremely clear.

The word tribulation embodies the idea of pressure and trouble. There are clearly many different levels of this pressure or trouble throughout the Scripture. Jesus Christ experienced incredible pressure and sorrows in His crisis of death. The tribulation of His sorrows in behalf of our redemption is the basis of why He said, *"... In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome (already defeated those tribulations) the world."* (John 16:33). The tribulation that the Son of God experienced for us that we face by faith in Him is not the wrath of God but the wrath of the world. This pressure that Satan and the world under his control brings to bear has no kinship to the pressure of God's wrath directed toward the wicked and Satan's crowd.

When you simply translate the word *tribulation* by its distinctive meaning of pressure and trouble, it clears up the confusion that many people have assigned to this subject. As Luke wrote in Acts, we enter into the Kingdom of God by much pressure and trouble. The world is not a friend to the saints of God. *"We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted. but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh."* (II Corinthians 4:8-11). These tribulations or pressures that we bear make mature saints out of us as we trust in Him and die to our own selves.

The "Great Tribulation" is a distinctive time of pressure and trouble directed towards a population that is

infested with and sin that has rejected the revelations of Jesus Christ. It is also planned as tribulation or pressure against the hordes of hell or Satan and his fallen angels. While our tribulation or pressure produces redemption of the saints, this future tribulation or pressure produces the redemption of the earth and God's cosmos. This makes it clear why the same word is used. In both cases, it is redemption that is produced by the pressure of tribulation.

God Never Inflicts His Wrath on His Saints

It is Biblically unthinkable that our God would ever allow His chosen saints to be left in the middle of His judgment of the wicked. He has never done so, nor will He ever do such an unprincipled thing. It is contrary to His nature and to His faithfulness. To leave the saints of God on this earth, while He poured out His redeeming wrath on the Christ-rejecting crowd would strike at the heart of His holiness. It will not happen because it cannot happen. Anything that is contrary to His nature must never be assigned to His actions.

The Days of Noah

It was Jesus Christ Himself that compared the days of Noah with the coming of the Son of Man. *"But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come."* (Matthew 24:36-42). Reasonable scholars that do not have strange theology to defend believe that this is the exact language concerning the Rapture before the Tribulation.

The story concerning Noah is breathtaking. The Father was repenting that He had created man. *"And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart."* (Genesis 6:6). He then determined that He would destroy man and beast from the face of this earth and then He stated again, *"... for it repenteth me that I have made them."* (Genesis 6:7). *Then our faithful God looked in the direction of a godly man named Noah and stated, "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD."* (Genesis 6:8). What a picture of the nature of God's holiness. He was ready to destroy His own creation, but then one man was not guilty of the filth of the rest and God devised a plan to save that one man and his family from the planned holocaust. This principle sets the tone for the entire Word of God and God's acts of judgment. He must judge sin, but He will do it by the principles of His own nature.

Noah had to act in obedience to receive the promise of deliverance from the impending wrath. He was instructed to build an ark to the saving of His household and was given the plans for the same. This is the same principle that has never changed. Our salvation is free, but Jesus made it plain that our deliverance from impending wrath is a matter of our faithfulness. Jesus said, *"But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."* (Matthew 24:43-44). He forever makes a difference between the righteous and the unrighteous.

When Noah had finished the ark, God Himself came to see the project. While He was on the inside, He called to Noah, *"And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation."* (Genesis 7:1). When Noah and his family, plus all the creatures of the earth had finished entering the ark, the Scripture states, *"...and the LORD shut him in"* (Genesis 7:16b). It's beautiful to see the Lord call him from the inside, but shut the door from the outside. God cannot be limited to an ark made by man, but He certainly was responsible for the security of Noah's family by securing the door Himself.

This story is a breathtaking truth. It is a perfect picture of God's faithfulness in the judgment of the wicked. The protection of the righteous is a personal thing with our Heavenly Father. He did not assign this project to even His most trusted angel.

The Days of Lot

Lot and his removal from Sodom and Gomorrah before its destruction is another prime picture of God's nature in judgment. He will always and in every case judge sin, but He will never judge the righteous at the same moment or in the same manner. It is impossible for sin to ever go unpunished, but it is just as impossible for sin and righteousness to be treated the same. Sodom and Gomorrah's population had filled the cup of sin to its max. But our God determined that He by His nature would do right and the righteous had to be delivered. Listen to the words of Abraham when he was speaking to the Lord, *"That be far from thee to do after manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked and the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"* (Genesis 18:25).

The Heavenly Father sent His angels right into the throbs of filth to assure the removal of Lot and those in his family that feared God. Our God even said that if He found as few as ten righteous persons in Sodom and Gomorrah, He would not destroy the city. *"...And he (God) said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake."* (Genesis 18:32b). Settle it in your mind that this is God's nature and not just a story of how He acted in one circumstance. He is the Lord and He doesn't change.

Lot had family that had become compromised by the evil of their surroundings. They had no fear of God and laughed Lot to scorn. *"And Lot went out, and spoke unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that I mocked unto his sons in law."* (Genesis 19:14). We live in a similar generation where the families of many believers are careless and unconcerned. It is evident that Lot had allowed himself to give up the more separated life of a Bedouin for the comforts of Sodom and Gomorrah. The New Testament writer said that Lot's righteous soul was "vexed by the unlawful deeds" of these sodomites. *"And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)"* (II Peter 2:6-8).

I believe he lost those family members because he chose worldly comforts over living a separated life with them in a pure environment. How many believers, themselves living holy lives, have taken their families into social settings and compromising churches only to watch their children lose the fear of God. It is sad to consider this Godly man having to leave these cities knowing that part of his family was "left behind." In fact, Lot was so hesitant to leave that the angels had to remove him. *"And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law. And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city. And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city."* (Genesis 19:14-16).

The angels had to take Lot and his wife and two of his daughters by the hands and take them out of the city. This generation seems about as reluctant to escape this filthy world as Lot and his family were. Finally, the angel said, *"Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do anything till thou become thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar."* (Genesis 19:22). Do not forget those words, *"...for I cannot do anything till thou become thither."* This is the faithfulness of God. They were not saved by their goodness, but by His "grace."

It is easy to understand why Lot's wife looked back and lost her deliverance. She was leaving daughters, son-in-laws, and probably grandchildren to be consumed in the flames of fire and brimstone. She could not refrain herself from looking back when her own flesh and blood was about to suffer hell on earth. *"But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt."* (Genesis 19:26). Is it possible that this scenario will be repeated when the Son of Man comes for His saints? Will there be saintly people so besieged with passions for their unsaved loved ones that they miss the Rapture? I would not suggest so, but the thought strikes terror to my heart. Remember the Scripture, *"So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."* (Hebrews 9:28). Regardless of what is left behind, His saints must look for Him without hesitation.

He Reserves Wrath For His Enemies

This prophetic truth spoken by a prophet named Nahum is breathtaking, *"God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies"* (Nahum 1:2). What a statement of absolute perfection concerning the nature of God in His judgments. The wrath of God cannot be mixed but is always divinely discerned in the objects of its activities. God is a jealous God. He will not allow sin to go unpunished. Never! But, He reserves His wrath for His enemies. As our Heavenly Father, He will chasten us, lay His rod of correction upon us and deal correctingly, but lovingly with us. He may even direct His righteous anger at us because of disobedience, but His wrath is reserved for the wicked that refuse to obey His will. He created this universe for His glory and honor and He is jealous over it with an unfailing love. It will be subject unto Him shortly and all that opposes His will *will* be consumed by His wrath.

This principle lives even more beautifully in the New Covenant. Jesus filled His message with the promises that He came not to condemn but to save. Jesus said, *"For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God."* (John 3:17-21).

His great message of deliverance forever tempers the rigid positions of His commandments. The laws of God bring conviction of sin, but the grace of God cleanses and delivers us from the powers of sin. He is the door by which we escape the coming wrath; therefore, we are no longer under the "fear of judgment."

The coming "seven years of wrath" is not a "New Covenant" message. It is an "Old Covenant" message. Jesus reiterated this fact when He prophesied of its future fulfillment. The wrath of God and the wrath of the Lamb are seen in their coming horror in Revelation chapter six. This earth cannot be a "Garden of Eden" until righteousness is established in judgment. Sin was finished on the cross, but the finality of this finish has to be manifest by an outpouring of wrath on those that refuse the pardon from sin's prison. Sin is finished in those that are redeemed by His blood, but the enemies of God are yet to be dealt with.

Now, we see why the "wrath of God" must be poured forth, but it is unthinkable and impossible for those redeemed by His blood to be subject to this wrath. He has Himself borne our wrath on His cross at Calvary. If we were subject to that wrath, then Calvary would have been in vain. We must look at this wrath and note those that cry out because of its terror. *"And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"* (Revelation 6:15-17). The saints are already

around the throne as this defining moment begins.

Paul's epistle confirms this truth, *"For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do."* (II Thessalonians 5:9-11). This Scripture, when viewed in light of the above facts, almost comes off the pages of Holy Writ. The Jewish believers were students of the laws and prophets of God. They trembled under the weight of the coming judgments for sin. Their history is filled with examples of God's wrath. The story of the Assyrians and Babylonians, who acted as God's instruments of judgment, were all too familiar. It was *Good News* to hear that Jesus Christ had taken their wrath on the cross, that they no longer had to flee.

As a whole, the Nation of Israel refused this message and rejected the Son of God and they have lived under wrath since that day with more to come. As wounded as my heart feels for the Nation of Israel today, even as I pray for the peace of Jerusalem, that peace cannot be complete until Messiah comes and they are redeemed. We resist the truth of God's Word when we expect them to have complete peace until they repent for helping crucify the Son of God. Thank God we are at the door of that prophetic moment. Israel, along with the Gentiles that refused the pardon of His Blood, will soon be under the ultimate wrath of the Lamb and will soon be raptured up to Himself and removed to His Heavenly Jerusalem. Our present joy is to "wait for the Son from Heaven." The apostles' messages were constantly filled with this assurance. They knew that God's wrath was a future fact, but they had no dread. *"And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come."* (I Thessalonians 1:10).

Apostle Peter spoke with enthusiasm of the same assurance. Look carefully at the hope of His words. *"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless."* (II Peter 3:10-14).

On and on you can search the pages of the New Covenant to find much assurance that we, as His saints, are not *"appointed unto wrath."* We have been delivered from that wrath because he took our wrath for us. "Isaiah the prophet said, *"It pleased the Lord to bruise Him"* that we might be set free. This does not give us liberty to be lovers of this world and to live carelessly. Rather, it calls us unto holiness and soberness of mind. John the Revelator summed it up to the Church of Philadelphia. He stated by the Holy Ghost as given to Jesus by the Father, *"Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth."* (Rev. 3:10). For the saints of God, who are watching the incredible events of prophetic fulfillment, the atmosphere is filled with the Blessed Hope.

The Rapture

“Opening The Gates To Hell!”

The present gulf between the earth and heaven will cease to exist as it now is after the Rapture. The Rapture is an incredibly supernatural event and will change almost every law of natural phenomenon, as we now know them. At the Rapture, the Lord of Sabaoth (Lord of a multitude), which is none other than Jesus Christ, and His host of heavenly angels will descend into our atmosphere to receive the raptured saints. They will break and destroy the sound and distance barrier between Heaven and earth and activity between the two will

become commonplace. Earth's population left after the Rapture will be limited to the earth, but the activities of the great Host of Heaven and the glorified saints will easily occur between the two worlds.

The same will be true to an expanded degree between the earth and beneath the earth. At the direction of God's messengers, the hordes of evil spirits festering in hell's chasms will be turned loose on the earth. Armies of evil creatures, led by Satan's most vicious lieutenants, will terrorize the population of this world. The Bible does not describe the full extent of this overwhelming truth, but the evidence is certainly clear. The earth will become a battleground between God's great army and His saints and the dark activities of the unholy trinity; Satan, Antichrist, the False Prophet, and a multitude of fallen angels. The worst event of all will be the unchaining of Satan's darkest demons that have been bound in hell because of their evil activities on the earth. This earth is in for the darkest period of human history.

Amos cried out under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and stated, "*Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end is it for you? the day of the LORD is darkness, and not light. As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him. Shall not the day of the LORD be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?*" (Amos 5:18-20)

There are all kinds of different interpretations about the Tribulation Period following the Rapture. Many deny a Tribulation Period altogether and believe that the world is progressing toward the Millennium. Others have the church still on the earth during the first three and one-half years. Still, others believe in a pre-wrath deception and have the church here until the middle or the second half of the seven years. This would put the church here for five years and three months of the seven years. Amos appeared to be warning anyone that denies or divides the Great Tribulation of seven years. He called it the Day of the Lord and the language clearly forbids dividing it or making any part of it less than complete. It is a specific time and must not be tampered with or changed. *No part of the Day of the Lord will be less than a time of utter darkness.*

Why Mankind Is So Superstitious

We live in a closed world compared to how it was before sin entered, and how it will be when sin is being judged, and how it will be after that judgment. We are body, soul, and spirit and were created to live in the universe with all of God's created angelic hosts. God and man had fellowship together before sin entered the human heart. Man also communicated with Lucifer before man sinned and made the choice of believing Satan over God. The fall of man was so devastating that man was forbidden to eat the Tree of Life lest he live forever in his sinful state. Man was also forbidden to communicate with Satan or his angels. It is clear that we are forbidden any contact with wizards, fortunetellers, or any of the host of fallen spirit entities.

Anyone trifling with these dark entities becomes subject to their attacks or their destruction. Man has an inward tendency (sin nature) to enjoy and delight in superstitious activities or to contact other worldly creatures. Our world will quickly descend into a new religion after the Rapture, which will be "naked Satanism" and will satisfy this innate hunger. Satan will take full advantage of the unbelieving multitudes. Already, the descent into this world of spiritual deception is not far from complete. I'm sure it will get worse. A solid Bible filled life is man's only hope of escaping the growing and overwhelming invasion of evil spirits before the Rapture. Let's try to understand what will happen when the "Gates of Hell" are open. First, there must be the Rapture of His saints.

The Rapture: Caught Up To His Throne

Immediately, the moment John was in the Spirit after He heard the Lord's invitation, *Come up hither*, he was before the throne of God. My friends, that is time travel at a speed and in a manner unknown to our natural world, but absolutely normal in the world of the spiritual and the Divine. The limitations of flesh and blood are our normal experiences, so we have trouble thinking and understanding the way it will soon

become. It's actually exciting to learn about the future world and to anticipate what our Father has planned for us.

Our resurrection and rapture from this limited world into the glory of His presence fills the fourth and fifth chapters of the Book of Revelation. The twenty and four seats before His throne represent a literal multitude of glorified saints unashamed in the majesty of His presence. We will be center stage before Him and the Bible fully describes the glory of His throne. *"And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald,"* (Revelation 4:3) Then, John describes this multitude prefigured as twenty-four to show both Old Testament saints and New Testament saints. He says of them, *"And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold,"* (Revelation 4:4) This symbolic number of twenty-four is shown to be a multitude in chapter five. John describes this great company. *"And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing."* (Revelation 5:11-12)

Mingled with the saints are the living creatures, heavenly principalities, seraphims, cherubims, and His archangels. The entire scene is so far beyond the limited universe, as we have lived our limited fleshly lives, that it appears unreal and beyond comprehension. All of this I write to show you what is about to happen in both Heaven and on earth as we pass into God's planned future and the end of sin and all of its consequences.

Our Father never intended for our world to be so cheap and full of sorrows. Satan and his rebellious hosts are going to pay the price for turning our world into a wilderness and especially for destroying a great multitude of souls. Do not let the confused theologians tell you that our Heavenly Father planned all the hell that Satan has spewed on mankind. Such a god would not deserve your worship. He left no doubt when He inspired His Spirit to proclaim by His prophet, "Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father. . ." (Ezekiel 18:4) Satan is a thief that came to destroy. *"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life. and that they might have it more abundantly."* (John 10:10)



Opening The Gates of Hell

Before the Gates of Hells are opened, His saints will be removed and the sacred dead resurrected. Our God has never judged the righteous with the wicked, so this dark period called the Day of the Lord cannot begin without His saints being safe in His secret place. The bride and all the hosts of saints from six thousand years will be well beyond the reach of Satan and his vicious horde. The earth and its atmospheric sphere will be the scene of unfettered wickedness. Satan will be allowed to act almost without limitation until he has finished his last rampage.

The four horses and their riders in Revelation six present the first pictures of what is in store for the earth and its inhabitants. These horses and occupants clearly show us that nothing is normal any longer but that our world is in for a rough ride. A white horse, a red horse, a black horse, and a pale horse are all delivering a woeful picture of this world gone berserk. Nothing about this world will ever be normal again. Some voices have suggested that the first three and one-half years would be great peace and prosperity, but I thoroughly disagree. These four horsemen suggest the exact opposite. The seven years

begin with these horses and their riders, and nothing about this picture is peaceful or prosperous. This is one of the main reasons to disprove the mid-Tribulation doctrine of the First-fruits Rapture. The Lord is not going to leave *His Bride* here to suffer the effect of these horsemen.

The first horseman is a conqueror and it certainly is not a peaceful takeover. The second horseman takes peace from the earth and hatred and slaughter results. The third horseman is black and famines engulf the world, while the fourth horse is pale and its rider is called Death and Hell (so much for three and one-half years of peace and prosperity). The fifth seal is a picture of a multitude of people who have already been slain by the Antichrist because they embraced Jesus Christ and His Word in the face of having missed the Rapture. By the time the sixth seal is opened, the world is fleeing for a hiding place because the wrath of God has exploded in the world. I believe that by this time in the seven years every living soul will know that the great God of the Bible, the Father of Jesus Christ, is indeed the one and only true God.

"And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" (Revelation 6:12-17)

Invasion From Below

The seventh seal was opened and there followed this seal, seven angels with seven trumpets. Everything that is occurring originates in Heaven where Jesus Christ Himself, along with His sainted elders, is directing the events. At the same time all of it is affecting the earth, the atmosphere above, and the world of hell beneath. It's almost as if there is no separation between Heaven, the earth, and beneath the earth. The activity of the saintly elders and the heavenly host are clearly unhindered in movement between these three spheres of God's universe. Satan has been cast down with his fallen angels, and they are certainly limited to the earth and beneath the earth.

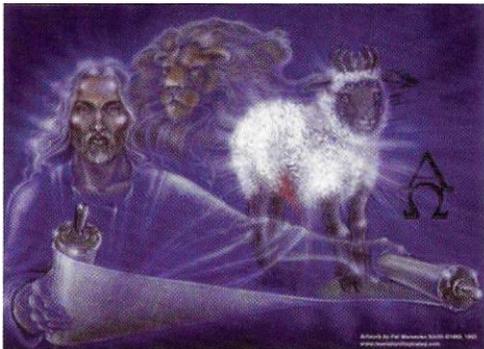
The earth is about to get a picture of Satan's real kingdom. He has been a cockroach for 6,000 years, hiding in the dark and fleeing for cover. His cover is about to be blown and his time to hide behind human shields is ending. The world will see the real devil, not a masquerade behind an angelic facade.

First, we need to look at Joel's prophecy of this future revelation. He wrote by the Holy Ghost, *"Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand; day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations. A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them."* (Joe12:1-3)

Can you believe that the Charismatic deceivers are calling this army, "saints, a new breed of saints," establishing the kingdom of God on earth? The doctrine of Dominion Theology, a hybrid form of post-millennialism, left them with no choice but to twist this account into some kind of a "criticized army," much like the "Catholic Crusaders" of the past. My friends, these are devils, demons out of Satan's kingdom invading the earth. This picture in Joel chapter two is an Old Testament preview of Revelation chapter nine. When the gates of Hell are open, the earth will be turned into a wilderness.

The following activity of this army leaves no doubt to their purpose and character. *"Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness. They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march everyone on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks: Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk everyone in his path: and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded. They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief. The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining: And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?"* (Joel2:6-11).

The same scene is vividly revealed in John's Revelation received from Jesus Christ our Lord. *"And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads."*



(Revelation 9:14) This army out of the bottomless pit is evil spirits, fallen angels that have been reserved in hell and prepared for this future dark hour. Jude stated, *"And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day."* (Jude 1:6) Apostle Peter also gave testimony concerning these fallen angels and their future, reserved for the Day of the Lord or judgment time on earth. *"For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment."* (II

Peter 2:4)

The fallen angels make up the entire world of evil spirits and the total host of Satan's army. It is clear that this army is divided into two groups. One group, probably the largest, is free to roam with Satan and carry on his business. The other company, which has been bound because of dark despicable deeds, are awaiting judgment of this earth. The second group is comprised of those we see in Jude verse six, II Peter chapter two and verse four, and in Revelation chapter nine. These spirits are reserved for judgment and will be loosed on earth to vent their festered wrath on earth's godless multitude.

Please remember that the kingdom of Satan will be in utter disarray. His fallen angels that rebelled with him will turn on the host of men and women who have given allegiance to him on earth. The creatures out of the bottomless pit cannot attack men, women, and children that have the seal of God in their forehead (See Ezekiel 9:1-7) so they attack the rest of the rest of the population. Look at a deception of their powers to torment and work havoc. *"And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them. And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men."* (Revelation 9:5-7) The Tribulation Period is not going to be a free ride for the wicked. The wrath of God is manifest on one side and the anger and vented wrath of demons is manifest on the other side. It will literally be "hell on earth."

The demons fit the developing character of our present world. They appear to be half-men and half-women and the male population of the earth and even the church is well on its way to fitting that mold. The Word of God says, *"And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions."* (Revelation 9:8) Notice their activities, *"And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months. And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon."* (Revelation 9: 9-11) These are clearly demons, fallen angels under the leadership of a satanic lieutenant, named Abaddon or Apollyon. The name of this ruler of darkness as Apostle Paul called him is frightening in itself.

Immediately, the Holy Ghost issues a warning to the earth's population, "One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter." (Revelation 9: 12).

Beneath the City of Babylon

Then, the sixth angel sounds the trumpet and the very center of Satan's historic activity comes into play. The Great River Euphrates originally flowed under the walls of Babylon. The Tower of Babel was on its banks or very near. The omnipresent office of the Holy Spirit is all that restrains the evil that still operates in this geographical area. When we understand that the center of evil is manifest in the very heart of the Middle East and the Arab nations, there is no wonder of the terrorism and evil being revealed in our present time. Please note that these spirits are bound in prison, but there are spirits operating worldwide already that are not bound and the activity of the unbound evil world has a special affinity for this historic evil connection. There will be no lasting peace in the Middle East because of this overabundance of interest and connection. Much of the Arab world is in total deception to this fact. The Muslim religion is clearly a devil's religion controlled by his evil rulers of darkness.

In the Tribulation Period, it will be time for this Euphrates and Iraq connection to be fully revealed. Let's watch the picture unfold. *"And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God. Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for a hour and a day, and a month, and a year, for the slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them."* (Rev. 9:13-16).

This multitude of spirits numbers a minimum of two hundred million (200,000,000). They slay one third of earth's population. The first group of spirits that was loosed out of hell was restrained from killing, but this horde will be more unrestrained and bloodthirsty. They appear to bring hell up out of the earth with them, along with fire and brimstone. *"And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt."* (Revelation 9: 17-19).

The picture is clear that this is God's unleashed wrath using the anger of fallen angels against the kingdom and world of Satan and his army. Their time of judgment will have come to full power as demons destroy the godless. The cup of wrath is running over and the last fling of evil before the one thousand year reign of the kingdom of Jesus Christ is at hand. At this time Satan will have finally been fully exposed to the entire earth's population. Look at the description of wicked men that will still refuse to repent and believe in the cleansing Blood of Jesus Christ even after a full revelation of Satan and his offense against the great omnipotent God of Christianity and all humankind. *"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: Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts." (Revelation 9:20-21).

I have recently realized that man has become so evil that he no longer needs Satan and his evil spirits to be godless. May I say that much of our world population has become human devils themselves? Any person can serve the devil so long and with abandonment that they become one in nature with him. That is the picture that we see in this last hour before the final judgment is complete.

Conclusion

The entire period of the Seven Years of the Great Tribulation will be "Hell on Earth." After the kingdom of Satan is cast out of the heavens above and his demon spirits arise out of his stronghold beneath the world, will be caught in the results. Satan will know he has but a short time (Revelation 12:12), and he will go forth against every conceivable enemy of his evil intents.

It should be easy to get men and women to do anything necessary to escape this coming dark period. Instead the world is looking for any theological system that denies the plain truth as revealed in Scripture. When men should be preparing for the Rapture and the one and only way out of this coming judgment, they are concocting new theories of End Time events. We could blame Satan, but the Bible is too plain and too available. It is the Father's will that all should be saved. His blood will cleanse any soul that truly repents and His Holy Spirit will speak to any heart that says, "I'm ready to listen."

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