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INTRODUCTION AND GREETINGS (WHAT TRIBULATIONS SAINTS NEED TO KNOW)

Greetings to you in the Name Above all names, that of Jesus Christ, the Messiah, King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

My name is Scott Townsend, and I am an average person with a heart for YOU during this most difficult time in human history. You see, I've been a Follower of Jesus Christ for 42-years now, but only in the last 4-5 years has the urgency of our times really taken hold of me. Once I understood where we are on the Bible's Prophetic Timeline, I and many others had to take responsibility to warn people that the Rapture was coming followed by the 7-year Tribulation period. I am the founder of iamawatchman ministries and have assembled a team of pastors, educators, and writers that all played a significant role in creating this Rapture Kit resource.

If you are watching this and the Rapture has occurred, know that the discussion we are having right now is motivated by our love for you. **But, also know this, it is going to be extremely difficult to say what needs to be said to you right now.** Our team has been praying, writing, planning, and delivering these teachings and resources to you for ONE PURPOSE: to help you understand your need for a saving relationship with Jesus Christ, to help you understand the reason you are still here and not with us in Heaven, and to help you navigate the life or death decisions that must soon take place.

This will be hard to hear; and our heart aches for you right now. But, let me say that [you and I] are now part of a team. We are a team of believers—and together, we'll get through this. You see, even now, we are praying for you! May you personally realize, with great clarity, how much the LORD **LOVES YOU** in motivating the person that gave you this Rapture Kit resource. There are many other ordinary people on this side of the Rapture...that have contributed to and prepared this resource...so that at just the right time, it is ready for you.

Before we go further into a series of topics, let me say that you'll hear me refer to you as "Friend", "Brothers and Sisters", "Beloved", or "Tribulation Saints". These are more than descriptive terms—to me they are terms of affection. I trust that they reflect the REALITY of our relationship standing in Christ. You will hear a lot more about our relationship with Christ: why you must understand your need for Christ, why there is still hope for a saving relationship with Christ, SO THAT you may have the hope of Heaven and an eternal future with those you love and that have preceded you in death or the Rapture. If you do surrender your life to Jesus Christ, then no matter your current circumstances, a great reunion is in store! So, this is about love. Love for each other and being part of the broader family of God. It is because of our love for you that we are trying to come alongside you during this incredibly uncertain, stressful, difficult, and evil time.

For some of you—perhaps many of you—you may be shocked, dismayed, confused, and perhaps crushed by the knowledge that the religious framework you thought led to a genuine and saving relationship with God turned out to be in error. You are not alone in this error. But there is hope...TREMENDOUS HOPE that there is still a way...but it will be hard. As we'll see throughout this presentation, there are critical discussions about the TRUTH of the Gospel and a call for YOU to repent, humble yourself, and call out to Jesus Christ for salvation. This call to repent and believe is intentionally repeated throughout this presentation and just note that you will also hear several people speaking encouraging words to you at the end of every segment.

It is impossible for a resource like this to be exhaustive, but our team has done our best to give you a head start. There are many resources on this Rapture Kit designed to further support your decision for Christ and your growing faith. We encourage you to take responsibility for embracing the TRUTH and reaching out to others with the saving information you will learn about from this resource. We have also collated a series of sermons and teachings—some in audio format as well as others in video—that are designed to help educate you so that you can be equipped during this season. I am eternally grateful for the unselfish way they have contributed to this Rapture Kit. Before I go further, remember that these teachings are all made in the timespan before the Rapture actually happened—so sometimes you will hear each of our collaborators speak as though the Rapture hasn't happened yet. This recording was made in January 2021 and it indeed has not happened yet. Additionally, they may also share some thinking or speculation, for which for you now know to be either confirmed or just off the mark. That's okay. Some of these sermon series were taped years ago, but the content is excellent and will get you up to speed very quickly. We have all tried to do our best to bring you these

resources knowing that you will learn a tremendous amount. As you will see, each of them will have a style all their own and their heart is to give you the very best of their many years of formal seminary education, their decades of service and experience as pastors and as Christian educators—all for your good and for your edification! I trust that you will cling to every word and let the Lord help you absorb their knowledge and wisdom in these days.

Finally, let me introduce the major topics of this teaching series. We are going to talk about fear, the grace of God, reliability of Bible prophecy, what will happen, your ministry calling, evangelism, your seal, the mark of the beast, what you must discern, your destiny, finishing well, and a personal message from me at the end. You'll note that we are using the New American Standard version (NASB) and we'll be reading quite a bit of Scripture to underscore this presentation. Note that we're not just plucking out Scripture from different versions or only reading just one verse to support a statement made, because I want to provide the context around the main point for your learning and edification. Scripture references that are quoted are displayed on the bottom of the screen so that the video can be paused and looked up on your own. This Rapture Kit resource has several Bibles included for that very purpose! It is also designed to be shared after the Rapture and you can distribute and duplicate it for free...in fact, we encourage this to spread the Gospel and bring others into a saving knowledge of Christ.

Now, in a moment, we'll begin our first topic: Fear—something that I'm sure you are experiencing right now.

TOPIC: FEAR

Let's Begin. Brothers and Sisters, I want to talk to you about something you've likely been wrestling with: FEAR. I know from what the Bible says that fear is going to skyrocket during the Tribulation period. In Luke 21:26, Jesus said that people would be "fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world." So, it has already been predicted that great fear of what is happening is going to be pervasive and rampant.

You've probably already seen it. You've probably experienced it. Maybe it's something God used to lead you to dive into the materials in this Rapture Kit...and I hope already into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

It's going to take courage to see PAST the events that are going on all around you right now. But, if you've placed your faith in Jesus Christ, you have been supernaturally **ADOPTED INTO GOD'S FAMILY**. You no longer need to fear persecution, disease, the loss of a job, the Antichrist, the Mark of the Beast, or even death itself. Your life and your future are in God's hands now. You've been given everlasting life and a beautiful future with the Lord that will last forever!

Romans 8:15 proves this: "For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a **spirit of adoption as sons** by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" The term "Abba" is like saying "daddy"...it is very personal and intimate.

Our adoption is further characterized by Paul in Ephesians 1:2-6 "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly [places] in Christ, ⁴ **just as HE CHOSE US IN HIM before the foundation of the world**, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. **In love** ⁵ **He predestined us to ADOPTION AS SONS through Jesus Christ to Himself**, according to the kind intention of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved."

Should you be arrested, imprisoned, or even if you are put to death, you are going to awake in glory. Listen to what Jesus told the believers in the church in Smyrna in Revelation 2:10: "**DO NOT FEAR WHAT YOU ARE ABOUT TO SUFFER**. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. **Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.**" Those are words for you, too, not just the saints in Smyrna many centuries ago.

He said do not fear. Be faithful to the end, and "I will give you the crown of life." That's what awaits you: everlasting life, where there will be no more death, mourning, crying, or pain." That comes from Revelation 21:4.

In Luke 12:4–5, Jesus said: “I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that have no more that they can do. But I will warn you whom to fear: **fear the One** who, after He has killed, has authority to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, **fear Him!**” Those are very sobering words and I pray you listen well.

There is nothing (and no one) to fear but God alone. Look at how this is worded in Revelation 14:6–7: “And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, having an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people; and he said with a loud voice, “**Fear God, and give Him glory**, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters.”

Did you catch that? The angel says, fear God. In other words, **be in awe of Him and worship Him!**

The devil, who will possess the Antichrist, wants your allegiance, your worship, **and** your fear. And many people, out of fear, will give allegiance to him for the sake of temporary comfort. Friend give him none of it. Look at how the Bible describes the enemy of your soul in John 8:44: “You are of [your] father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own [nature,] for he is a **liar and the father of lies.**” So, he is really out to **steal, kill, and destroy** as it says in John 10:10. The enemy wants to take as many people as he can before he is locked up in the abyss during the Millennial reign of Christ as described in Revelation 20:1-3. We will cover this in more detail later because it is worth emphasizing that the influence of Satan is coming to an end. As you will continue to learn in this presentation, and then subsequently in your own studies, there is GREAT HOPE and JOY in store for you!

SO, STAY STRONG. PRAY OFTEN! The Holy Spirit will give you the peace, courage, and faith you need to endure until Jesus returns in the Second Coming—or you breathe your final breath during the Tribulation period.

I’ll end this segment with one last word of encouragement. In Isaiah 41 God gives us six reasons why His people need not fear. In Isaiah 41:10–13 it gives these exhortations: “Do not fear, for I am with You; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. ¹¹ Behold, all those who are angered at you will be shamed and dishonored; those who contend with you will be as nothing and will perish. ¹² You will seek those who quarrel with you, but will not find them, those who war with you will be as nothing and non-existent. ¹³ For I am the Lord your God, who upholds your right hand, who says to you, ‘Do not fear, I will help you.’”

Isn’t that awesome!?

God says...

1. “I am with you”
2. “I am your God”
3. “I will strengthen you”
4. “I will help you”
5. “I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”
6. I will take care of your enemies.

So, trust in the Lord! God is going to give you the strength you need to finish well.

Exhortation To Non-Believer

Before we move on to the next segment, if you are watching this video and have **NOT YET** placed your faith in Jesus Christ, I want to make it very clear that this exhortation “not to fear” is **ONLY** for those who belong to the Lord through their faith in Jesus Christ. In the Bible God NEVER tells His enemies NOT TO FEAR. Why not? For the unrepentant person who has NOT been cleansed of their sins there is great reason to fear! Why? Because one day **THEY will stand before God to give an account of their life.** Books will be opened (Revelation 20:12), and all of the sinful things they ever thought, or said, or did will be brought out into the open and they will be judged. And there they will stand guilty of all their sins—even those they thought were secret or hidden. They will stand **unforgiven!** Let that sink in. What

Jesus will say to them is quoted in Matthew 7:23: "I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness." And the reaction from those that hear these devastating words are quoted in Matthew 25:30 "Throw out the worthless slave into the outer darkness; **in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**" I have often privately wondered what that person is thinking to cause them to weep and be in such great torment that they would gnash their teeth. To me, the only thing that makes sense is that they realize—only too late—that everything the Bible said was right, that they needed redemption, and that they could have found salvation in Jesus Christ and spent eternity in Heaven...with a new and loving forever family. But instead, they are cast out, banished to the eternal lake of fire—forever to be separated from God. How horrible to realize the TRUTH...I pray you understand. You are warned.

So, the statement "I never knew you..." are excruciating words. Dear friend: YOU DO NOT WANT TO HEAR THESE WORDS! Why don't you get right with God right now? Before you take your next breath, realize that Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for ALL of your sins [not some of them, not the majority of your sins, but ALL of them.] He rose again from the grave and He is offering you forgiveness and everlasting life as a free gift to you **IF YOU PLACE YOUR FAITH AND TRUST IN HIM.** Before you back away, before you resist, before you disqualify yourself from surrendering your life to Christ, know some central truths: many people hesitate to yield to the LORD thinking that they're not good enough, or believe that the things they've done can't be forgiven. **This is a LIE!** The actual truth is expressed in Luke 5:31 "Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, **but the sick.**" Also, note what it says in Matthew 18:11 "For the Son of Man has come **to save that which was lost.**" **If you are SICK OR LOST then YOU are the one that JESUS COMES TO SAVE!!!!** Friend, YOU are so loved! In 1 John 4:9 it says: "By this **the love of God was manifested** in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world **so that we might live through Him.**" The Father sent the Son so that we might have life! REAL LIFE! Jesus is the light and we can CHOOSE to have the Light of life as it says in John 8:12: "Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; **he who follows Me** will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life." **WHAT AMAZING TRUTH!**

Yield your life to Jesus Christ RIGHT NOW. Call out to Him in prayer, but note this prayer is not a magic formula or incantation. It's not. What this prayer models is your brokenness, your awareness that there is no other way for you to be saved but Jesus Christ, and your willingness to humble yourself and call out to Him in the hour of your great need! If this is your attitude, then pray something like this:

"God, thank You for loving me. I'm so sorry for my sins. I want to turn away from them. I renounce them! I believe Jesus died on the cross for my sins. So, please forgive me. Wash away my sins. I trust in Jesus Christ to save me. Come into my life. Be my Lord and Savior. Make me into the person You want me to be and give me the strength to live for You. I surrender everything to You...my heart, my mind, my resources, and commit to follow You for the rest of my life and to the best of my ability. In Jesus Name, Amen!"

Can I add something? If this prayer expresses what is in your heart and you prayed it with sincerity, you might be experiencing an amazing weight lifted off your shoulders...you may feel like a burden has been lifted. If you have struggled with addiction and other sin issues, it is possible that you'll find healing in your new identity in Christ! Many broken people that are reaching up from the pit of despair do find healing. But note this, others do not...and to this person I say: "do not be discouraged!" Faith is an intentional decision of the will and feelings are secondary.

HERE'S YOUR NEW REALITY: YOU ARE BORN AGAIN NOW. I'd like to stop for a moment and ask you if you understand what being born-again means? Do you? This is what it says in John 3:1-21. From this portion of Scripture, I will read to you the backstory of how to be saved and why you needed a second birth—of the spirit—in order to receive Salvation in the LORD Jesus Christ. I'm going to share this because many, many people do not read the Bible and haven't been taught WHY they must be born-again! So, I'm going to read the entire dialog between a man by the name of Nicodemus and Jesus. Note there is an emphasis on "the Spirit". This is none other than the third member of the Trinity: The Holy Spirit. Let's begin reading John 3:1-21

"Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; ² this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God [as] a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."³ **Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is BORN AGAIN he cannot see the kingdom of God."** ⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a

second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?"⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water **and the Spirit** he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."⁶ "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, **and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**"⁷ "Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'⁸ "The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; **so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.**"⁹ Nicodemus said to Him, "How can these things be?"¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and do not understand these things?"¹¹ "Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know and testify of what we have seen, and you do not accept our testimony."¹² "If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?"¹³ "No one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man."¹⁴ "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up;"¹⁵ **SO THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES WILL IN HIM HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.**¹⁶ **For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.**¹⁷ **For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.**¹⁸ **He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.**¹⁹ "This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil."²⁰ "For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed."²¹ "But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."

The Bible says that when you are born-again, the very Spirit of God now resides in you. You have literally participated in a second birth just as Jesus described it to Nicodemus. I KNOW that it would be appropriate to have you rewind to the beginning of this reading and hear that Scripture again...perhaps over and over again. Listen with your mind AND your heart! There is so much GOOD in it. One amazing example of this good—just to give you great hope in your new faith—is found in verse 17: "He who believes in Him is not judged!" WOW! As we will discuss later, you will NO LONGER be accountable for the blackness and depravity of your sin...because that was ALL FORGIVEN when you became born-again. Hear that? You will stand blameless before Jesus. Made pure, washed clean, and we'll see later that there is a scene in Heaven where you will be given a white robe—which, signifies your purity before the throne room of God! The payment for your sin was thrust on Jesus as a substitute...and His perfect life, without sin, satisfying all the requirements of the LAW, is imputed to you...for YOUR GOOD! You will worship the LORD forever because of this truth! I know I will!

One more thing: never evaluate your salvation by the feelings you have. Feelings are a roller coaster. You may still fear from time to time, or may feel discouraged, or worse. Be strong in the Lord: understand that **You are now His forever!** It is an act of FAITH AND BELIEF AND YOUR WILL...you **can CHOOSE!** As we'll continue to learn in this presentation, there is much reason for you to rejoice because **we WIN!** And because of the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross many centuries ago, when you accept Him and believe, **YOU** inherit the "win". You, my friend, are now on the winning side!

Soon, you will either join us in Heaven if you are martyred, or if you survive through the entire tribulation, we will all be amazed by the **restoration of all things** (Acts 3:21) during the Millennial reign of Jesus Christ! We will talk about the Millennium in a future segment. Just know this: our suffering is for a short while...eternity with the Lord and fellowship with your Brothers and Sisters awaits. You are **already blessed** in your relationship with Jesus Christ, the Messiah, King of Kings and Lord of Lords forever and ever!!

Therefore, it is exceedingly foolish to turn aside in pride or anger or disbelief...yield to God's plan for your redemption and have peace in your soul. If you do, there is NOTHING that can remove you from God's love, as noted in John 10:27-28 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;²⁸ and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and **no one will snatch them out of My hand.**" You are forever secure in Jesus!

In our next segment, we will be talking about the Grace of God! This is especially critical because so often we convince ourselves that it's too late to change, too late to receive Christ, too late to have a second chance! You will learn that God has MADE A WAY and His grace given to you plays a major role!

TOPIC: The Grace of God

Friend, I'd like to talk to you next about something beautiful and incredibly important: **God's grace.** The Bible has a lot to say about grace, but it is something Satan has successfully kept many people from hearing about and understanding.

What is grace? Here's a good definition. Grace is favor or kindness **SHOWN** by God **WITHOUT** regard to the worth or merit of the person who receives it and in **SPITE** of what that person deserves. This bears repeating: Grace is favor or kindness **SHOWN** by God **WITHOUT** regard to the worth or merit of the person who receives it and in **SPITE** of what that person deserves.

There are surely millions of people alive right now, during the Tribulation, who thought everything was fine between them and God. Many thought to themselves, if and when they died, "Surely" they thought, "if God exists and Heaven is real, I'll go to Heaven." Or "If there ever is a Rapture," as my Christian friends once said to me, "I'll probably be taken up." You might be one of the persons who thought that. The common reasoning behind this belief is "Good people go to Heaven and seeing that I haven't murdered anyone or done something really evil, it will all work out fine in the end. God will welcome me with open arms." We are guilty of comparing "our sins" with another (worse) person's sin and try to excuse our sin condition as "well—I'm not as bad as that person over there...". This is a false and man-made distinction.

Furthermore, "good people go to heaven" might be the third most widely believed lie in human history, only following "there is no God" and "Satan isn't real". Being good enough, or having our good deeds outweigh our bad deeds has never been the correct position according to the Bible. As if to underscore the point, your present situation—being left behind and facing the impending Tribulation period is a stark wake-up call. This must be a **TERRIBLE SHOCK** to you, but it is also a merciful opportunity at the same time. Let me explain. You now have concrete evidence that your previous religious framework was wrong. **However, you CAN still obtain the Grace of God and salvation!**

But the Bible makes it clear that no one will be saved on their own merit, by their own goodness, or even by obeying all the rules. You might have tithed, done good works, and attended Church your entire life. It's not enough. We have all broken a variety of God's commandments over the course of our lives. We are all guilty. And we all deserve judgment, condemnation, and Hell. It takes just **ONE SIN** or act of disobedience to condemn us and therefore lead to everlasting separation from God. Just one—*this is why we need a Savior!*

Knowing that to be the case, Jesus, God Himself, **lovingly received the judgment and condemnation for us on the cross**. He took the penalty of every one of our sins and provides a miraculous spiritual substitution; a transaction if you will. He takes our unrighteousness, sin, and even death, and gives us His forgiveness, salvation, and eternal fellowship with God forever! Romans 6:23 says: "For the wages of sin is death, but the **FREE GIFT** of God is **eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord**." Because of Jesus, the gift of eternal life with Him is yours for free! Jesus made a way for you to overcome the curse of sin so that we can stand blameless before God! This is why you hear the words "in Christ" so many times...we are literally hidden **IN** Christ as believers and able to have a full and eternal relationship with a holy and perfect God. All because of the substitutionary death Jesus paid for on the cross many years ago.

Salvation is not about works but our **FAITH** in Jesus. Listen to a couple of these verses. In Galatians 2:16, Paul said, "a man is not justified by the works of the Law but **through faith in Christ Jesus**" for "by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified." One of the primary purposes of God's Law was to show mankind how much we need a Savior and to lead us into a relationship with Jesus Christ. In Galatians 3:24, Paul said, "Therefore the Law has become our tutor [to lead us] to Christ, so that we may be justified [how?] by faith."

This is GREAT news friends. You don't have to earn forgiveness of your sins. You can't. The way to receive salvation is simply by placing your **FAITH** in Jesus. In Ephesians 2:8–9, Paul reminded the Ephesians how they had been saved, "For by grace you have been saved [how?] **through faith**; and that not of yourselves, it is the [what?] **gift of God**; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast."

If you are watching this presentation you too can lay hold of the gift of salvation right now. How? By placing your faith in Jesus. Call upon Him in prayer. Say something like, "Save me Jesus! Forgive me for my sins. I can't save myself. I need You. Be my Lord and Savior and help me to live out the remainder of my life for You. Amen." It doesn't have to be a fancy prayer, but you must dig deep and mean it with all your heart, mind, and soul. Be sincere!

Well, the news gets even better! Not only will God graciously wash away your sins and declare you righteous in His sight, but He will also continue to supply all the grace you need to live for Him. How? The grace of God doesn't stop at the moment of salvation, that's how! God has lots more grace for you. That's why Hebrews 4:16 encourages believers to "...draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may **receive mercy and find grace** to help in time of need."

The time you are living in is certainly your personal time of need. Things are going to be **VERY CHALLENGING**. You need God's grace, His help and mercy, and He will supply it to you as you walk with Him, trust in Him, and call out to Him. But here's a warning: so often we believe we are independent, self-sufficient, and capable of solving our own problems. Note what James 4:6 says, "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Pride is opposed, but God values the humble. Whatever you do, don't shake your fist at God and blame Him for your current circumstances...that is so unfair. See past your circumstances and embrace the grace that God extends to you. Look at the example of Job, a man that endured incredible trials, loss, and suffering. Look at Job's reaction to this devastation in Job 1:20-22 "Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped.²¹ He said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked I shall return there. **The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD.**"²² **THROUGH ALL THIS JOB DID NOT SIN NOR DID HE BLAME GOD.**" And so, too, you should not blame God, but imitate the example of Job.

One more thing you need to know about God's grace! Not only will God dispense grace to you for salvation and for your remaining time here on the Earth, but note how Ephesians 2:7 puts it: "...so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of **His grace** in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus." Isn't that amazing!? God loves you and plans to continue showing the redeemed the riches of His grace throughout all eternity! What wonderful things God has in store in Heaven for those who love Him! Don't miss out on Heaven, embrace God's grace right now!

As we transition to the next segment, many people don't have any background or knowledge about what makes the Bible so amazing. It has to do with the fact that Bible Prophecy—especially, the track record of its exact fulfillment—sets it apart from all other religions, philosophies, including the summation of all other teachings of mankind. Are you ready?

TOPIC: Reliability of Bible Prophecy

We're going to shift gears just a bit and talk about the reliability of the Bible. Because you may not have realized the TRUTH about the written Word of God. Knowing the truth will help you come to terms with the reasons why you can trust the Bible during these dark days! So, let's dive in.

Unique among all books ever written, the Bible was authored by 40 different individuals over a 1,500-year period. It contains 2 major sections, 66 books, with 1,189 chapters and 31,173 verses. Despite the timespan and various authors, there is a unity—a cohesiveness—that reveals these authors were inspired by the Holy Spirit. The Bible accurately foretells specific events—in great detail—many years, sometimes centuries, before they occur. Approximately 27% of the Bible contains prophetic writing at the time it was written. Of all the verses in the Bible 8,352 are prophetic or spoke to future events. All Biblical predictions about the future in these thousands of verses can be grouped into 737 different predictions, 522 predictions have already happened to the letter, JUST LIKE God's Word said they would. That leaves about 2,040 verses with 215 specific predictions from God about the end of the world that are in process of being fulfilled even as I speak to you today! So, the Bible contains many specific events that would signal the end of days for life on planet earth as it has been for the past several thousand years. There is incredible specificity in these prophecies, so much so that it becomes a mathematical impossibility to grasp the probability—far more staggering to contemplate than all other religious systems combined!

How? How can the track record of fulfilled Bible prophecy be so complete? Well first, let's ask: what is the purpose of Bible Prophecy? **It's to authenticate that GOD is GOD.** No other religion or religious book outside of the Judeo/Christian faith risks touching anything prophetic, nor has the established, verified, and proven track record that the Bible does. They ALL fail to hold the same perfect standard as the Bible. The Bible has been scrutinized by more skeptics and unbelievers than any other religious writing—and has withstood these attacks—every time! In fact, many atheists have come to faith in Jesus Christ after trying to disprove the Bible! The historical evidence and truth in the

Bible are overwhelming. As you have already seen, this evidence is continuing today. The things foretold in the Bible are coming true at an accelerated pace right now.

So, let's read from Isaiah 46 about how God establishes His authority!

⁹ "...For I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is no one like Me,
¹⁰ Declaring the end from the beginning,
And from ancient times things which have not been done,
Saying, 'My purpose will be established,
And I will accomplish all My good pleasure';

Then, in verse 11, He continues:

**Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass.
I have planned it, surely I will do it.**

So, let's take these remarkable disclosures from the Lord one step further. Let's ask the daring question: "why does the LORD tell us what will happen in the future?" To answer that question, let's look at 2nd Peter 3:1-9: "This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you in which I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, ² that **you should remember the words spoken beforehand** by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles. ³ Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, ⁴ and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation." ⁵ For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, ⁶ through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water. ⁷ But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. ⁸ But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. ⁹ **The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.**" Do you believe that isn't a requirement of faith...to repent? Jesus Himself says it is. We read in Matthew 4:17b "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Setting aside the realization that YOU might have been one of the mockers following after your own lusts prior to the rapture, did you catch that? The Lord is **PATIENT** towards you, not wishing for **YOU to perish but to come to repentance and true faith in Jesus Christ**. So, the point of Bible Prophecy is to establish **WHO is the TRUE GOD** (capital G) of this world. The enemy hates God, so he has set forth many false religions that distract, misdirect, and mis-characterizes the truth of the Bible. These include Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Atheism, Humanism, New Age, and more...but especially the "one-world religion" loosely based on universal salvation for anyone that is "good or does good works." Perhaps this new religion will be headed by a reconfiguration of the Roman Catholic Church or something similar. I mention this because we see a drifting of most Church doctrine towards ecumenicalism, pantheism, and universalism...where there are many paths and many understandings of God. Truth is what you believe it to be, nothing more. Some reason that Biblical truth is just one version of truth, but there are many truths found in other religious thinking that are just as valid...just as true. **These views are categorically opposed to the Biblical Worldview.**

Many false apostles, false Churches, and false religious systems are already here and although they all appear to be different, one shocking truth unites them all: they try to usurp, impersonate, and deflect the TRUTH of God's Word. The acid test for identifying a prophet of God is recorded by Moses in Deuteronomy 18:21-22. According to this Bible passage (and others), God's prophets, as distinct from Satan's spokesmen, are 100 percent accurate in their predictions. There is no room for error! Even one error means that they are not a prophet of God. It disqualifies them immediately.

Let's walk through several examples of Bible prophecies that were predicted and then came TRUE:

(1) Some time before 500 BC, the prophet Daniel proclaimed that Israel's long-awaited Messiah would begin his public

ministry 483 years after the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem (Daniel 9:25-26). He further predicted that the Messiah would be "cut off," killed, and that this event would take place prior to a second destruction of Jerusalem. Abundant documentation shows that these prophecies were perfectly fulfilled in the life (and crucifixion) of Jesus Christ. The decree regarding the restoration of Jerusalem was issued by Persia's King Artaxerxes to the Hebrew priest Ezra in 458 BC, 483 years after the ministry of Jesus Christ began in Galilee.

(2) In approximately 700 BC, the prophet Micah named the tiny village of Bethlehem as the birthplace of Israel's Messiah (Micah 5:2). The fulfillment of this prophecy in the birth of Christ is one of the most widely known and widely celebrated facts in history.

(3) In the fifth century BC, a prophet named Zechariah declared that the Messiah would be betrayed for the price of a slave—thirty pieces of silver, according to Jewish law—and also that this money would be used to buy a burial ground for Jerusalem's poor foreigners (Zechariah 11:12-13). Bible writers record thirty pieces of silver as the sum paid to Judas Iscariot for betraying Jesus, and they indicate that the money went to purchase a "potter's field," used—just as predicted—for the burial of the poor (Matthew 27:3-10).

(4) Some 400 years before crucifixion was even invented, both Israel's King David and the prophet Zechariah described the Messiah's death in words that perfectly depict that mode of execution. Do you understand what that means? They could not have known such details about the Roman method of execution Jesus would endure for us. Further, they said that the body would be pierced and that none of the bones would be broken, contrary to customary procedure in cases of crucifixion (Psalm 22 and 34:20; Zechariah 12:10). Again, historians and New Testament writers confirm the fulfillment: Jesus of Nazareth died on a Roman cross, and his extraordinarily quick death eliminated the need for the usual breaking of bones. A spear was thrust into his side to verify that he was, indeed, dead.

(5) The prophet Isaiah foretold that a conqueror named Cyrus would destroy seemingly impregnable Babylon and subdue Egypt along with most of the rest of the known world. This same man, said Isaiah, would decide to let the Jewish exiles in his territory go free without any payment of ransom (Isaiah 44:28; 45:1; and 45:13). Isaiah made this prophecy 150 years before Cyrus was born, 180 years before Cyrus performed any of these well documented historical feats (and he did, eventually, perform them all), and 80 years before the Jews were even taken into exile to begin with.

(6) Jahaziel prophesied that King Jehoshaphat and a tiny band of men would defeat an enormous, well-equipped, well-trained army without even having to fight. Just as predicted, the King and his troops stood looking on as their foes were supernaturally destroyed to the last man (2 Chronicles 20).

(7) The very rapture event you have recently witnessed is now a **FULFILLED PROPHETIC EVENT**. In 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 we read: "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of [the] archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the **dead in Christ will rise first**.¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain will be **caught up** together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord."¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words." Speaking about our transformation, it says in 1 Corinthians 15:50-52 "Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable."⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed,⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. It is worth noting that those of you that were left behind on the earth may not have heard this trumpet call...it is very likely that only those that were raptured heard it. So, don't be confused if you did not hear a trumpet call.

You've now seen that those who had previously died in Christ were resurrected out of their graves; you've seen those that are born again instantaneously rescued from this Earth in an event called the Rapture; and depending on how far you find yourself in the months or years since the signing of a peace covenant between the Antichrist and Israel, you will also begin seeing for yourself the terrible seal, trumpet, and bowl judgments that will plainly reveal the WRATH OF GOD AGAINST AN UNBELIEVING WORLD!

So, who can afford to ignore what the Bible says will happen? It's perfect track record stands for all time as a witness to YOU! Listen, friend, you cannot get distracted by the world system and its ways. You will see that all of the prophesied

events unfolding in the books of Daniel, Ezekiel, and especially Revelation are true. You can't just pretend these coming events aren't real, nor miss out on the immeasurable blessings offered to anyone (and everyone) who submits to the Lordship Jesus Christ.

Would a reasonable person take lightly God's warning of judgment for those who reject what they know to be true about Jesus Christ and the Bible? God's reality is the actual **TRUE REALITY**, not what you (or anyone else) conjures up in your own head. Never reject God's claim on your life! It is foolishness to pretend "another reality". That is a self-delusion leading to everlasting separation from the ONE that Created you; the very ONE that offered you REDEMPTION. Don't turn your back on the Lord but see your profound need for forgiveness and call out to Him right now. Don't be like the Church of Laodicea in Revelation 3:17 that had deluded themselves into stating "...I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing..." but Jesus gives them a wake-up call when He says in reply: "...and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked..." Wow.

Given that the Bible proves so reliable a document, there is every reason to expect that the remaining 500 prophecies, those slated for the "time of the end," also will be fulfilled to the last letter. You, Brothers and Sisters, have already witnessed an acceleration of Bible prophecy being fulfilled RIGHT BEFORE YOUR EYES! It will go very fast now. You will see event after event come to pass, just as the Bible said it would. This should comfort and greatly encourage you! To help you understand the timeline of events you will see, there is a "Bible Prophecy Timeline" PDF document authored by Charlie Campbell in this Rapture Kit resource that will help you get these events straight.

With the perfect track record of Bible Prophecy proven, we will now go to our next teaching **WHAT WILL HAPPEN** because it will show you some impending Bible Prophecies that have either already been fulfilled to the letter since the rapture or that are about to be fulfilled in the days, months, and years ahead. I pray you will listen very closely. Let's move on together.

TOPIC: What Will Happen?

In this segment I want to talk to you about some of the major events the Bible says will transpire during the seven-year Tribulation. Why? Well, if you know ahead of time what's going to happen, you can be better prepared spiritually, emotionally, and physically to navigate your way through these challenges to the best of your ability. And make no mistake: there **WILL BE** unprecedented challenges. Jesus said in Matthew 24:21 that "For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will." Unfortunately, you are going to witness this Tribulation firsthand, so you will see that these are indeed TRUE words spoken by our Lord Jesus Christ.

So, these are going to be challenging, devastating, and deadly times. But as you witness the events that the Bible said would happen in the Tribulation, let the fulfillment of these prophecies strengthen your faith. The fulfillment of Bible prophecy is solid visible proof that the Bible is trustworthy and that the God of the Bible is more than worthy of your trust. As if I need to state the obvious, you have already witnessed the Rapture of the Church! Perhaps by now you've also witnessed the emerging of a new world leader that can solve many of the world's problems, and the signing of a seven-year peace covenant with Israel. Many more prophecies are going to come true very soon if they haven't already! As I said, it is likely you are already seeing them unfolding before your very eyes.

Here are some things you can expect to read about or see in the news, or witness with your own eyes. But here's an important disclaimer: do not expect the World System to credit the God of the Bible for these events. They will bring forth every reason BUT the fact that this was predicted in the Bible. It's part of the deception strategy of the Antichrist! We've already seen an incredible fake news machine take over what we see, and social media platforms do nothing more than censor and push the "agenda" forward. They will never credit the God of the Bible for these judgments, but they will blame natural causes, cosmic events, global warming, and many other distractions. It's all a lie. **YOU WILL SEE THINGS THAT WILL BOLSTER YOUR FAITH IN THE BIBLE AND IN JESUS CHRIST!** From one point-of-view: it would be impressive and incredibly amazing to witness all these things coming true—if it weren't for the severity and death and destruction. The tribulation is no joke...and unfortunately, you will have a front-row seat. So, let us begin, because it is better to know than not to know.

There will be a massive military attack on Israel that ends with a supernatural decimation of Israel's enemies. This is spoken about in Ezekiel 38–39. Sometime, probably in the first 3.5 years of the Tribulation while the Jews are dwelling securely in the land (Ezekiel 38:11), they will be attacked by a massive coalition of armies from what are mostly Muslim countries today. When this prophecy was written centuries ago, the countries were called Magog, Tubal, Togarmah, and Persia in Ezekiel's day. In modern times, these countries have names like Iran, Russia, Libya, Sudan, Turkey, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, and Tajikistan. Using a massive earthquake, a plague, and hailstones mixed with fire and burning sulfur, Ezekiel 39:4 tells us that God is going to quickly and totally destroy every last soldier that opposes Israel. This may be what creates favorable circumstances for the Jews to finally rebuild their temple in Jerusalem...because at least temporarily no enemy nation will be able to oppose them anymore. So, be on the lookout for this military invasion and God's miraculous intervention on behalf of the Jews.

Another thing to be on the lookout for...

The rise of a cunning, charismatic political ruler the Bible calls the Antichrist. A Gentile (non-Jewish) man energized and controlled by Satan (Revelation 13:2) will rise to political power in Europe (Daniel 9:26), the ancient Roman Empire. His coming, the Bible says, "is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders" (2 Thes. 2:9). So, working in conjunction with Satan himself, he will be able to perform great signs and wonders. This world leader will seemingly be able to solve many (if not all) of the world's problems but is **NOT to be trusted**. And that goes for his false prophet, who is a religious leader who also performs deceitful signs and commands people to worship the Antichrist.

Another event to be on the lookout for...

The Antichrist's signing of a 7-year covenant or treaty with Israel. The exact beginning of the seven-year Tribulation will overlap with the signing of a seven-year covenant between Israel and the Antichrist (Daniel 9:26–27). Most Bible commentators believe that this will be some sort of peace treaty or agreement for peace that will solve problems in the Middle East, though we can't be certain because the Bible does not say exactly what the terms will be. But from the signing of that covenant until the return of Jesus Christ to the earth will be exactly seven years of 30-day months. This equals 2,520 days, or 7-years, or 84 months, or 2 periods of 42-months. Mark it on your calendar! If you are curious how far into the 7-year Tribulation you are do this simple date math: take today's date and subtract the number of days since the **exact date** of the signing of that covenant, then divide by 2,520 days. It should lead to the percentage of how far into the tribulation you find yourself.

Also, look out for the construction of a new Jewish temple on the temple mount in Jerusalem. In AD 70, Roman soldiers completely destroyed the second Jewish temple that stood in Jerusalem in Jesus's day. But it will be rebuilt, authorized we believe, by the Antichrist and the peace treaty he signs with the government of Israel. You can expect animal sacrifices will once again be offered there. This is spoken about in Daniel 9:27; 2 Thessalonians 2:4; and the Book of Revelation chapter 11.

This next prophecy will be completely unmistakable! Look for the powerful ministry of two men clothed in sackcloth in Jerusalem. Revelation 11:3–13 tells us that two individuals dressed in sackcloth will prophesy (i.e. to proclaim God's Word) in Jerusalem (Revelation 11:8) for 1,260 days (3.5 years) during the first part of the Tribulation. The two witnesses will be protected by God until their ministry is complete (Revelation 11:3–6). Anyone who seeks to harm them will be destroyed by fire. When their ministry is complete, God will permit the Antichrist to kill them. Their bodies will be left rotting and unburied on the street in Jerusalem for 3.5 days for the wicked to rejoice over (Revelation 11:10). But after three days, both men will miraculously come back to life (Revelation 11:11) and ascend visibly up into Heaven. Immediately following this there will be a large earthquake in Jerusalem that will result in the death of 7,000 people (Revelation 11:13).

The abomination of desolation is a key prophecy that will finally wake up the Jewish nation to the fact that the man they thought was the Messiah is actually the Antichrist. At the midpoint of the Tribulation, the Antichrist will step into the newly constructed temple in Jerusalem and desecrate it when he performs "the abomination of desolation" (Daniel 9:27). Bible scholars speculate this might suggest that he sacrifices a pig—which is an unclean animal forbidden to Jewish dietary law. But that is speculation, because we don't know for sure. Among the other blasphemies he

perpetrates, he will also declare himself to be God (2 Thessalonians 2:4). Not the God of the Bible. Jesus also referred to this event in Matthew 24:15 and indicated that great tribulation would ensue...and indeed it will, because it is widely accepted that the second half of the 7-year tribulation period will be more severe than the first half...so much so that it is called the Great Tribulation. Pay attention to the warning that Jesus gives to YOU: the second part of verse 15 it literally says: "...**let the reader understand**". God wants you to know what is going to happen so that **WHEN IT IS DONE, WHEN IT IS FULFILLED TO THE LETTER, THEN YOU WILL KNOW THAT HE IS THE REAL GOD** and the way to salvation. To ignore this is foolishness.

Now, this is where we come to a series of devastating judgments. During the Tribulation, God will pour out a series of judgments on the earth that will begin to intensify like labor pains. Some of the judgments will include deadly famines (Revelation 6:8), huge out of control fires (Revelation 8:7), an asteroid that crashes into the sea and kills a third of the living creatures in the sea and destroys a third of the world's ships. There will be a prolonged drought (Revelation 11:6), demons that will be unleashed and permitted to torment **UNBELIEVERS** for five months (Revelation 9:1-5). There will be incurable, open, oozing sores on the worshippers of the Antichrist—only those people who take the mark of the beast (Revelation 16:2). Other judgments include intense heat that will scorch the earth (Revelation 16:8-9). Darkness across the planet (Revelation 16:10). There will be a worldwide earthquake so powerful that the cities of the nations will fall (Revelation 16:19). As a result of the earthquake, the Bible says that islands are going to disappear, and mountains are going to crumble (Revelation 16:20). And the very next verse, Revelation 16:21, says that there will be "huge hailstones, about one hundred pounds each [that] came down from heaven upon men." As you can imagine, there is going to be widespread panic and fear. By the end of the Tribulation, the earth, its environment, and its cities are going to be devastated. The Book of Revelation tells us that more than half of the world's population will die during this time in two massive waves. In Revelation 6:7-8 a fourth of the world population will die, followed by Revelation 9:13-15 where another third will die. The world population at the time of this recording is 7.8 billion. So, after subtracting for those that were raptured, half of that number will be dead in just a few years' time...that's several **BILLION** people dead. Will you be among them? Don't you understand your need for Christ and for the second-chance opportunity YOU have been given to be born-again to gain everlasting life? Please call out to Jesus now and don't delay!

We're not done yet. Watch with anticipation for the Antichrist to apparently resurrect. Revelation 13 indicates that the Antichrist will be assassinated or killed (Revelation 13:3) or at least appear to be killed. But the Bible says his fatal wound will appear to be miraculously healed. The healing (or let's agree to characterize it as a counterfeit resurrection) will be so deceiving "the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast" (Revelation 13:3). **DON'T FALL FOR IT!** This is an impersonation and parallel to the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Now listen carefully, because we'll talk about this in great detail in another segment but look out for the requirement to have a mark on your right hand or forehead to buy or sell. And to be clear, there will likely be many compelling benefits and perks included to entice people to take this mark. The Antichrist's worldwide government is going to **require** people all over the world to show their **allegiance to him** by receiving a mark on their right hand or forehead (Revelation 13:16-18) in order to buy or sell anything. **But beloved, DO NOT take the mark!** It would be better to die as a born-again martyr than receive the mark. Why? Taking the mark is a sign of allegiance to the Antichrist and Satan instead of Jesus Christ and God. And God is going to judge and condemn to eternal hell all who receive it. So serious are the consequences of taking this mark, we devote an entire expanded segment to it. Remember: don't take the mark!

Another thing to be aware of ahead of time is...an increase in the persecution of Jews and Christians. The Antichrist and his followers are going to take out their anger and hatred of God on the Jewish people and on Christians (Revelation 6:9-10, 13:7). The Bible indicates that persecution will be global and not just isolated to a specific country or region like it is today. In Matthew 24:9, Jesus said to His followers that they "will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of Me." So, prepare for that. This doesn't mean that every Jew will be killed, because we know that a Jewish remnant will survive. We also know that many born again believers will also make it all the way through to the end of the Tribulation period because there has to be a surviving remnant to enter into the Millennial Kingdom and repopulate the earth. Thinking of the Lord's desire to save as many as possible, in Matthew 24 Jesus warned his followers that when they see the abomination of desolation in the Jewish temple, they must "flee to the mountains" (Matt. 24:16). So, listen to me: you too, can flee from danger. In Matthew 10:23, Jesus told His disciples, "whenever they persecute you in this city, flee to the next." So, God is not calling you to line up for internment

camps or guillotines or gas chambers. It would be better to try and survive **as long as you are able** so that you can be a light to others, to help other people who are suffering, and so on. But, as I mention in other segments, there is also no reason to fear if you are captured and put to death by the Antichrist's enforcers, or even killed in one of the judgments. Why? "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life" (John 3:36). Friend, if you are killed, not only will you instantaneously be in Heaven with Jesus, but later you will rule and reign with Christ when He returns to the Earth in the Second Coming (Revelation 20:4). We will talk more about your eternal future in more detail later! **Spoiler alert: we WIN!**

Also, there will be an angel preaching the gospel! Be on the lookout for reports or even the sound of an angel who will proclaim the good news of the gospel throughout the entire world. It is extremely likely that YOU will hear this angel and no—it is not a figment of your imagination! Revelation 14:6–7 says there will be an angel who will fly around "carrying the everlasting Good News to preach to the people who belong to this world—to every nation, tribe, language, and people." **THIS IS ONE OF THE MAIN PURPOSES FOR THE TRIBULATION.** The trials of the Tribulation are not just God's judgment on the wicked; these trials, tribulations, and difficulties **are also intended to wake people up and lead them to repentance.** Peter said, "THE LORD IS...NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH, BUT THAT ALL SHOULD COME TO REPENTANCE" (2 Peter 3:9). And many people "from every nation and tribe and people and tongue" will repent during the Tribulation (Revelation 7:9–14). If you have become a believer in Jesus Christ, know that you are not alone. Millions all over the world will be turning to the Lord as well. If it is safe for you to do so, seek out other believers so that you may encourage and help one another.

Towards the last part of the 7-year tribulation period, there will be a massive battle at Armageddon in northern Israel. Everyone on earth will know about this battle. The resulting disorder brought on by all of God's judgments during the Tribulation is going to create opposition to the Antichrist (Daniel 11:40–45). Because he will be unable to fulfill his promises of peace and prosperity, a worldwide revolution will take place and major portions of the world will rebel against his authority (Dan. 11:40–45). This climaxes in a gigantic war that begins to unfold in the plain surrounding Mount Megiddo (Revelation 16:13–21). But look up Brothers and Sisters! Because while the events of Armageddon are going on, Jesus said in Matthew 24 that "The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken, and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the Earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory" (Matthew 24:29–30). Revelation 19 tells us that Jesus is going to descend from Heaven to the Earth on a white horse. Revelation 1:7 says, "Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him." He will capture the Antichrist and his false prophet and throw them into the lake of fire (Revelation 19:20), and you, Brothers and Sisters, will never see or hear from either of them ever again! As I've mentioned elsewhere, in the end Jesus wins! And because He wins, **we who have accepted** His gift of salvation and **called out on His name** will likewise win in the end. I PRAY THAT YOU REPENT AND BELIEVE. It is eternally critical that you do so. You want to be on the winning side, don't you? Of course, you do! I have faith that you will choose Jesus Christ and accept Him as both your LORD and your SAVIOR!

One important truth will help you educate and win others into a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. The seal, trumpet, and bowl judgments all happen sequentially. One right after the other and in the same order that you see them in Revelation. This can become a very POWERFUL WITNESSING opportunity, because when you speak to others about what the next prophecy is and then it happens exactly as the Bible foretold, then it gives YOUR testimony about Jesus more weight and authority. Especially if this track record of correct prediction and fulfillment happens over and over—repeatedly coming to fruition exactly as you shared with others. In effect, like me, you are a **Watchman for the Lord** and one of your key roles is to WATCH and WARN and pass on the **GOOD NEWS of the GOSPEL of JESUS CHRIST** to a lost and dying world population! *You are now an evangelist, and like me and other Watchmen, you have an Ezekiel 33 responsibility and thus accountability to share what you know with others! Note you are **not** accountable for their reaction—perhaps including their outright rejection of the Gospel—you, my Friend are only responsible to **warn**. The rest is between **THEM** and the LORD!*

So, in conclusion, review these major events that are coming, and note what Jesus said: "when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near" (Luke 21:28). Jesus Christ will return at the end of the 7-year tribulation period to rule and reign the earth (Revelation 19–20). And the Bible says that those of

us who were in Heaven prior to the Tribulation will be coming down to the earth WITH Him (Revelation 19:14). So, we will see you soon, Beloved!

I'd like to conclude this difficult discussion by sharing that Paul encourages us with these words from Ephesians 6:10: "Be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might". COME TO HIM, SERVE HIM, see how He redeems YOU for all eternity! In our next segment, we will be spending more time developing this notion that you will have every opportunity to step up into a potentially significant role during the Tribulation. I want to help you think this through.

TOPIC: Your Ministry Calling

Brothers and Sisters, it might strike you as odd, but can I challenge you to pray about your **calling into Christian ministry** for such a time as this? Many times, we've thought of the many "very knowledgeable" men and women that have a lot of head knowledge but resisted full submission and faith to Christ before the Rapture. Are you one of these? Have you fully committed to Him now? If so, you are a new creation according to 1 Corinthians 15:22. Don't be surprised if you begin to see things differently in your life...especially now.

If you were completely caught unaware by the Rapture, or chose to defer your decision for Christ, or ignored those around you pleading for you to come to faith, **there is still hope for salvation!** It is never too late to serve Jesus and to finish well—yes, even in these dark days. So, brace yourself: those of you that have a lot of knowledge and experience **MAY** be the very beginning of a new move of God during the Tribulation period! You might very well be the future leaders needed to continue to disciple a new group of believers in your sphere of influence. Sure, you can cower in fear in these days, but you shouldn't, because that's not aligned with the Word of God. I would like to take a personal moment to share what Paul writes in 2 Timothy 4:6-8 "For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; ⁸ in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing." These verses are MY favorite; I wonder, will they be yours, too? Never have these words been more appropriate to pass on to you than now.

In 2nd Timothy 2:17 it says: "for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."

In Isaiah 11:2 it says: "The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him--the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD." See that? It's not fear of man, or our circumstances, or all that's happening in these days that we need to fear! **We fear the LORD only.**

I'm aware that we opened our presentation on the subject matter of fear, but what we are talking about now is not a contradiction. The difference is in what (or better stated) WHO to fear. So, let's explore this further. What does it mean to "fear God?" When the Bible refers to the "fear of the Lord," it means having a deep respect, reverence and awe for God's power and authority. Rather than causing someone to be afraid of God, a proper "fear of the Lord" leads one to love Him. As if to underscore this, Jesus says in John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled; do not be afraid." **Those are words of love from the Lord Himself.** In Romans 8:15 it says: "For you did not receive a spirit of slavery that returns you to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The term "Abba" is better understood as "Daddy". It is a term of familiarity and endearment, just like when you were a small kid, and you skinned your knee and then reached up to a parent to plead for their help and comfort.

So, in overcoming your fear, it's completely possible (and even likely) that you will feel this surge of commitment and desire to serve the LORD for the rest of your life during the Tribulation. If you are serving the Lord when everything is so hostile around you—one thing is for sure, you will surely become an outlier. It is risky to have a Biblical worldview and a determination to finish well. You will have to do two things: manage risk and manage fear. Both of these are mitigated by your growing faith, belief, and trust in the LORD. The remainder of your life is in the Lord's hands, be it one more day, or all the way through to the end of the Tribulation to witness firsthand the 2nd Coming of Christ! No matter the length of time that has been given to you, use every day wisely and live for the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. At the end of your life, remember, it's just the beginning of your true citizenship in Heaven. **But for right now, there's work to be done! So, I'm going to challenge you right now: are you called into a special role for such a time as this?** Let's review what the Bible says about serving.

First, let's understand that there are different leadership roles and functions involved. Look at what it says in Ephesians 4:11-13, "And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to **equip the saints for the work of ministry**, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." Now listen carefully, you are in the Tribulation period now, not the Church Age which ended when the Rapture occurred. Some of these roles may or may not be possible in the same way as before. Likely, they will not be. For example, we don't imagine traditional Churches being started at this point, but what about small groups meeting secretly and privately in a home? We believe that Christ followers will be underground soon, if not already.

So, follow the prompting of the Holy Spirit in ALL YOU DO as it is more important than **EVER** for you to do so in these, the last days. You must discern what He desires for you to do. Never in all of human history has the following verse been more true than it is now, in these difficult days: In Matthew 10:16 Jesus says: "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves." It was true of us before the Rapture through the centuries of Christian and Jewish persecution and it is doubly true of you now. Under the heading of general principles for those that are called—look at 2 Timothy 2:15: "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth." That means making sure you understand the correct meaning of the Bible and handle it literally and reverently in all you say and do. There are many, many resources on this Rapture Kit that will help you understand the Bible and help you with your ministry calling!

Also understand the profound truth of Romans 10:13-15: For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" **YOU can share your faith in Christ** and although you have to be careful and wise, it is possible to have an eternal impact with your family members or those in your circle of influence or even random people you meet. Pray diligently as you communicate with others because it's not going to be easy...and potentially it will be life threatening. But understand what Jesus said in Luke 6:22 "Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize (reject) you, and insult you, and scorn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man." **We are to steward that blessing for the benefit of others.** Just a few verses later, in verse 27 it continues: "But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." This will be an important decision for you: will you bless and not curse? Will you love those that persecute you? I pray it is so for you.

Look at how intense and focused you must be by reading what it says in 2 Corinthians 6:3-10 about enduring hardship for the sake of the Gospel. "We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: **by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left.**" As it says in Hebrews 12:2: keep your eyes on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith.

And, if you are young, don't think that you cannot serve the LORD, because 1 Timothy 4:12 admonishes: "**Let no one despise you for your youth**, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." *You have a vital role to reach those of all ages, but potentially and especially, those in your own age group!*

As you pray about what the LORD would have you do in your role during the Tribulation, know that you stand on the shoulders of all those that have ministered the Gospel in past centuries. Consider for a moment that their sacrifices, example, and bravery have laid a strong pattern for you to imitate. It says in Hebrews 13:7 to "Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. **Consider the outcome of their way of life and IMITATE their faith.**"

We are all encouraged to finish well, to complete what the Lord has individually and collectively called us to do. In Acts 20:24 it says: "**But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, IF ONLY I MAY FINISH MY COURSE and the MINISTRY THAT I RECEIVED from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.**" Did you catch that? It says do not count your life of any value or as precious to yourself. Wow! Talk about clarifying priorities. The

Word of God is encouraging us to realize that our Citizenship is in Heaven and that our longing is to be **FOREVER WITH THE LORD**, to be reunited with loved ones, and to know and become a part of our forever family. This will take some courage to pray through, but we don't see that we should solely and/or exclusively prioritize our own life, hiding in the foothills or in a cave or a bunker somewhere. What good are we as ministers of the Gospel if we do that? We must look out for the **REAL NEED**: to bring those you encounter the life altering and eternally significant Gospel. It's the Lord's responsibility to manage our risk. So, HE manages risk, WE'RE supposed to "testify to the Gospel of the grace of God." I do urge you to fully comprehend these words. Beloved, follow the leading and prompting of the Holy Spirit in all matters!

Now, there is some very important guidance in 2 Corinthians 4:1-18. "Therefore, **having this ministry [i.e. your calling]** by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's Word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God." **But note that although we share the Good News that Salvation is found in none other than Jesus Christ and that there is still hope for eternity in Heaven, NOT ALL WILL RECEIVE IT.** Look at how it continues, "And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. In their case the god [Satan, little "g" god] of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the Gospel of the Glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake." *So, you can't be discouraged by people rejecting the message of Salvation and Hope in Jesus.* Many will reject and mock and scorn, and maybe [listen to me] report you to the authorities because the World System in that day will be very severe and punishing and hateful of Jews and Christ Followers...even unto reporting them to the authorities for execution. Sadly, they may even be incentivized to do so! It's possible that your own family members might betray you for a handful of money and benefits. Be careful in all matters but know that our goal is to champion the cause of Christ.

We must be ready to share our faith. Even if that means taking a crash course in the Word of God and reading many of the materials (both eBooks and videos) that will help you in this Rapture Kit resource. In 2 Timothy 4:1-5 it says "I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: **PREACH THE WORD; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.** For the time is coming when people WILL NOT ENDURE sound teaching but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions and WILL TURN AWAY from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. **AS FOR YOU, ALWAYS BE SOBER-MINDED, ENDURE SUFFERING, DO THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST, FULFILL YOUR MINISTRY.**" This must sink deeply into your heart and mind...because it doesn't get any clearer than that!

So, consider this: even before the Rapture, these were critical exhortations to **US**: your Brothers and Sisters that are already with the Lord today in Heaven. For you—those of you in the Tribulation now—there will be an acceleration of "unity" and "love" and "let's all just get along" messaging. This is a false hope, a false peace. What the World System wants to APPROVE OF is any belief system or practice that seeks to **AVOID** the reality of Jesus Christ and the **ABSOLUTE TRUTH** found in the Word of God. Unfortunately, there will still be plenty of false teachings to sort through. Be a good Berean—that is to say, know the Bible, know the important doctrines of the Bible, and never waiver (even for a moment). Stay strong and cling to the Word of God as your sole AUTHORITY!

You must RESIST CONFORMITY with the World System. In Romans 12:1-8 Paul encourages us with these words: "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. **DO NOT BE CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD**, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another." Although we are separated now, both those that died in Christ prior to the Rapture and those that were alive during the Rapture are all waiting for you in Heaven! **WE ARE YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND OUR LOVE FOR YOU HAS NO LIMITS.** We know that you will be facing the most critical time of your life and there are situations and circumstances that are too horrific for us to anticipate so as to help you. But LOVE BASED

ON JESUS UNITES US IN A COMMON BOND of being born again and ready for Heaven, the Millennial Kingdom, and for our Eternal State in the New Jerusalem and New Earth!

Before concluding this segment, I want to quote from a dear Brother-in-the-Lord, a man that has had a profound impact on my life. Listen to what he wants to say to you today:

Beginning of quote: “We live in an age where people believe mental acknowledgment that there is a God is sufficient. Others teach that a few good deeds are adequate to assure God will accept us into heaven. However, James distinguishes between those who merely believe, and those who **believe and act or DO** – the second group are True Believers.

James 2:19 notes that it is not enough to believe. James writes, “...even demons believe, and they shudder.” In chapter 2, James clarifies that **True** faith must be accompanied by good works (James 2:14, 20, 22). Jesus said it this way:

“Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away...He who abides in Me, and I in him, **bears much fruit...**” (John 15: 1-2, 5).

No one will want to be “ashamed” (1 John 2:28) or found lacking (Matthew 7:21-23) on Judgment Day. So again, the key question is, what will Jesus be looking for at the judgment?

Revelation 21:8 provides a glimpse at the answer by presenting a list of those who will not enter the Kingdom of God without the saving work of Jesus Christ. The list, predictably, includes sorcerers, idolaters, murderers, and the unbelieving. What many may be surprised to learn, however, is that in Rev. 21:8, the #1 answer to the question, who will not be accepted into the Kingdom of God, is “**the cowardly.**” End of quote.

In praying about your own ministry calling, may those words swell in you a deep resolve to obey and serve the LORD God Almighty. You will **NEVER REGRET** doing so. Our next topic will cover our responsibilities to communicate the Gospel to others...to become actively involved in a massive “second-chance” rescue effort during the Tribulation period. It will include tips and techniques that you should keep in mind.

TOPIC: Evangelism

The Bible says that God is not willing that any perish (2 Peter 3:9). He loves you, so much so that He died on that cruel wooden Roman cross for your sins. But He also loves your neighbors, coworkers, and family members. This is one of the reasons the Book of Revelation tells us that God is going to send an angel during the Tribulation to preach the gospel to the whole world (Revelation 14:6). But I believe that God also wants to **use YOU during this time.**

The lost need to be hearing from their newly born-again friends and family members...they will need to hear the Gospel message from YOU. Will you allow the Lord to use you? I and many others pray that you will. He will give you the boldness you’ll need if you’ll ask Him. It says in Matthew 7:7-8 “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸ **For everyone who asks receives, AND HE WHO SEEKS FINDS, and to him who knocks it will be opened.**” Note that YOU should be willing to come alongside other people’s process of seeking and finding the Lord. We have a great responsibility to do so.

Let me give you a few quick exhortations on being a better ambassador for Jesus Christ. Number one...

1. **Be loving** – 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 says “Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. **Let all that you do be done with love.**” People are going to be very scared about what is happening. The disappearance of so many people will shake the entire planet. The wars. The supernatural judgments. Be loving with them. God loves them, and our witnessing efforts will always be more effective if we reflect His love to people.

2. **Be clear about what has happened** – The disappearance of millions of born-again Christians is going to be compelling evidence that Jesus and the Bible can be trusted. But the Antichrist’s false prophet and others are going to be hard at

work deceiving people, giving them alternative explanations, even performing counterfeit signs and wonders in order to misdirect and deflect people from the TRUTH of GOD'S WORD. You must stand against this deception.

As one example, this is why it will be important for you to be familiar with 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18. It speaks of believers being "caught up...to meet the Lord in the air." Highlight those verses in your Bible. Show them to your friend and remember to explain that the root word for "caught up" is Harpazo in Greek and Rapturo in Latin. So, the word rapture comes from Rapturo! Arguments that the Rapture isn't found in the Bible are categorically untrue.

Show them John 14:3, where Jesus promised that He would come again and receive His people to Himself and take us to be in His Father's house (14:2) in Heaven. Highlight that in your Bible. Be ready to show it to people. There might be an opportunity to comfort those you talk with...after all, if they have loved ones that were caught up in the Rapture then they are now safe in Heaven, away from all the danger you face. There is great hope for an eternal reunion if the person you speak to receives Christ before they fall victim to the events of the Tribulation—as long, of course, as they do not take the Mark of the Beast, which we will talk more about in a bit. God could use the fulfillment of these prophecies to open their eyes to the truthfulness of His Word.

As you're communicating this, always remember to...

3. Be gentle & respectful – 1 Peter 3:15 "...but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always [being] ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, **yet WITH GENTLENESS AND REVERENCE...**" Do not be surprised if you are prompted by the Holy Spirit as to what to say to someone you're sharing with. It's okay to convey a sense of urgency—in fact, it should be one of the most important things spoken of as you talk with others. When over 3 billion people are prophesied to die, no one knows just how close their moment will be. Many will stall, not receive what you're saying, and potentially be quite hostile towards you. That's okay. Let your gentleness set you apart from others...the LORD can and will use your conversation! How do we know this? Well, let's remember what it says in Isaiah 55:11 "So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding [in the matter] for which I sent it." So, although you are the bearer of the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, just know that it is the LORD that draws people to Himself. Your role to "convince" someone to receive Christ is limited, because it is the Holy Spirit that performs the work of Salvation...not you per se.

Finally,...

4. Be patient – 2 Timothy 2:24-26 says: "The Lord's bond-servant **must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged,** ²⁵ **with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition,**" Why do we need to be kind, patient, and gentle? Well, the verse continues: "...if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, ²⁶ and **they may come to their senses and escape** from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will." Paul says we must be "patient" with people and now we see why, because it may lead to their salvation.

At some point during the Tribulation, it's going to be apparent that becoming a Christ Follower could result in persecution and death at the hands of the Antichrist's government and the World System. This is going to put **ENORMOUS PRESSURE** on people to reject the gospel and give allegiance to the Antichrist. So, for many people there will be a battle raging in their hearts and minds as they consider the cost of following Jesus. **Help them think through the ramifications of their decision.** Share with them the deliberate and intentional thoughts **YOU** had to go through and be sure to provide the evidence of the truthfulness of the Word of God versus all other One World religious propaganda, indoctrination, and posturing. Remember that the track record of Bible Prophecy and the sequence of events that you get to share will greatly assist you in planting the seeds of salvation with those you speak to. Don't think that you have to be an expert in Bible Prophecy, because events are unfolding with great precision all around you at this point. It should be very doable to show those prophecies that have been fulfilled—these are quite obvious by now—and disclosing what the Word of God says will happen NEXT is a very, very powerful testimony. Your witness, if you follow the Word and do not depart from the sequence in the book of Revelation will convince many people. To train you on this subject matter, there are a number of audio and video sermon series that cover Daniel and Revelation on this

Rapture Kit USB drive. I am very confident that these Pastors will get you up to speed very quickly. This is the very reason they gave us permission to include them! One day in Heaven, you can thank them personally!

So, as we'll get into in more detail later, taking the mark of the beast (Revelation 16:16) might bring temporary peace and safety, but that could come to an end with the very next Tribulation judgment. And it will certainly come to an end when they stand before God to be judged for their sins and end up with eternal separation from God in the lake of fire. Help them to understand that it will be far wiser to place their trust in Jesus Christ, endure whatever comes, and enter into everlasting life and joy with Him.

Brothers and Sisters, this is a very burdensome thing, and my heart goes out to you. Although you will feel a crushing sense of urgency sometimes, be patient with those you talk to if time permits. Give them the time and space to think through the decision. You don't want a false convert who just prays to receive Christ so that you will stop bugging them. We have many that are praying for you RIGHT NOW, ON THIS SIDE OF THE RAPTURE! In this regard, we—Your Brothers and Sisters—have gone before you! Be a light in the pervasive darkness found during the Tribulation! Be a beacon of hope and truth. **GOD WILL USE YOU!**

In our next segment, we will be talking about your seal given to you by the Holy Spirit when you come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and believe. You must be born-again before you can be sealed. Additionally, during this discussion, we'll talk about the 144,000 Jews that will evangelize the entire world—these servants of God are also sealed.

TOPIC: Your Seal

We will soon talk about the Antichrist and False Prophet that will force the Mark of the Beast on all people of the Earth. This will be a **COUNTERFEIT MARK** that Satan uses to unite those who worship him. But did you know that if you are born again that you are also sealed? **You're sealed with the Holy Spirit!** This is this **GENUINE** and invisible seal that identifies you as being set apart with other believers that belong to Christ and that are a part of His people. Listen to what it says in Ephesians 1:13-14: "In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, **you were SEALED IN HIM with the Holy Spirit OF PROMISE**, 14 who is given as a **PLEDGE OF OUR INHERITANCE**, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory." Also, in 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 it says: "Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, **who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.**" Those of us that have gone before you in the Rapture have it too, **BUT FOR US THIS PROMISE IS NOW FULLY REALIZED** because we are now in Heaven! **So, like us, you are being sealed as a promise of your ultimate redemption!** We will see you soon, and there will be great rejoicing between us when we do!

There is another group of people that are also sealed by the Holy Spirit. In Revelation chapters 7 and 14, God chooses 144,000 spirit-filled Jewish believers in Jesus Christ for a special purpose. He chooses these men from among the twelve tribes of Israel, twelve thousand from each of them. They are sealed on their foreheads and they are dedicated servants of the living God. It is not known if their seal is visible to others or not. The Bible also says that they are fully set apart to serve God—that means they have a special calling and purpose from the Lord...and that's **ALL THEY DO**.

Let's pick this up as we read from Revelation 7:1-4 "After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, so that no wind would blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree. ² And I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God; and he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, ³ saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees **until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads.**" ⁴ **And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel...**"

Later on in Chapter 14, it says in verses 1-5: "Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb [was] standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, **having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads.**" ² And I heard a voice from heaven, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder, and the voice which I heard [was] like [the sound] of harpists playing on their harps. ³ And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders; and no one could learn the song except the one hundred and

forty-four thousand who had been purchased from the earth. ⁴ These are the ones who have not been defiled with women, for they have kept themselves chaste. **These [are] the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes.** These have been purchased from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb. ⁵ And no lie was found in their mouth; they are blameless.”

So, these men have immunity from the events of the Tribulation and God will protect them as they disperse and travel throughout the entire world preaching the Gospel to all people, in all languages, and in every country. But listen very carefully, *their immunity is not yours*. You might even have the blessing of seeing one of these men preaching around your area. If not, you may see them on a news feed, or on YouTube or on some other media platform. That will be thrilling to see because you are seeing yet another Bible Prophecy coming true! But know this: there will certainly be a demonically energized hatred and anger against them because of WHO THEY REPRESENT and WHAT THEIR MESSAGE IS. Millions of people like you will come to faith **BECAUSE** of their faithfulness in announcing that NOW is the day of Salvation, that Salvation IS STILL POSSIBLE, and that there IS STILL HOPE FOR ETERNITY WITH GOD. **FRIEND, IT IS NOT TOO LATE.** Although the Bible does not explicitly mention what these 144,000 Jewish believers in Jesus Christ will say, it is very probable that the first word they will start with is: **“REPENT...”** I believe many millions of people will repent and come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ! You are not alone.

There is a huge harvest of new believers in Jesus Christ during the Tribulation. Along with many others, I personally believe it will be the greatest time of people coming to **TRUE** faith in Jesus in the shortest amount of time in **ALL** of human history. I don't think of this as a revival per se, at least not in the pre-Rapture traditional sense—especially because much of it will occur underground in small groups and in private settings. It is an amazing thing that these Jewish evangelists will be sent out to seek the lost and bring them the Good News of the Gospel.

John, the author of Revelation, in Chapter 7:9 says: “After these things I looked, and behold, **A GREAT MULTITUDE** which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands.” One Bible scholar comments: “This is the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus given in His Olivet Discourse. Jesus said the Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations and then the end will come.” *I rejoice that you are one of these...if you have put your faith and trust in Jesus and not taken the Mark of the Beast!*

So, I say this carefully. If you see one of these Jewish evangelists, they will likely be surrounded by those that are listening to the message of Salvation...the Gospel. There will likely be two reactions: people will be repenting and putting their faith in Jesus—it is possible that you will personally witness this happening or that YOU will be among those accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior! But there will also be a great resistance to the lifesaving message of grace and mercy and forgiveness that will result in anger, hatred, and hostility. *It's the physical violence and hostility that is the most threatening to you.* Remember, the 144,000 Jewish evangelists are supernaturally protected by God Himself—but **you are not**...even if you are a believer and have now been sealed by the Holy Spirit. **Do NOT walk around thinking that you're immune**...Bible scholars on this side of the Rapture do not believe that you will be immune from harm. Brace yourself, Brothers and Sisters, because the Bible is quite clear that those that are born-again and offer a profession of faith in Jesus Christ will DENY the Mark of the Beast and REJECT the demand to worship the Antichrist. Because of your firm conviction and stance, effectively rejecting the opportunity you will be given to **cooperate with Satan** and his lies and schemes, it is **quite likely that you will be detained, imprisoned, and likely beheaded.**

A further caution, my friend. It was customary in the Bible that when a servant of God came through town that hospitality was offered as an act of respect to a servant of God. It expresses loyalty in our common bond and love for Jesus! If one of these Jewish evangelists is near you or approaches you to spend the night or share a meal with you, please prayerfully seek permission from the Holy Spirit for confirmation in all regards. Realize this: you could shelter an anointed servant of the Living God! What an honor! Extend every courtesy as the Lord permits. It is perfectly okay for you to ask for a blessing in return from this Servant of God as you pray for, nourish, and shelter them! After all, we all need encouragement! You might have a wonderful opportunity to convey your journey to Christ and give your testimony. It will help them to sustain the difficult work these Servants of God must endure, thus greatly encouraging them along their difficult journey! And, in the process, even more people might enter into a relationship with Jesus Christ! We **ALL** seek to finish well and by witnessing the fruit of the Holy Spirit in each other—well, it can be incredibly

fulfilling and emotionally energizing as you continue to push forward in your respective calling. If you encounter one of these Servants, you might be very surprised at what you learn! But again, please be very careful. Do not put yourself in harms-way...they are supernaturally protected but **you are not**. If it doesn't look safe for you to proceed, one suggestion would be that **IF** you lock eyes just give a very subtle nod of recognition and respect to them. This small act alone will encourage them!

As we move forward into our next section, we will be covering a topic that has confused and troubled many people, especially as we see the season of the Lord's return. The Mark of the Beast is something we need to talk very honestly about, because of the **CONSEQUENCES** involved. Brothers and Sisters, this is not going to be an easy topic, but we must take responsibility to **URGENTLY WARN** you of this Mark and what the Bible says about it.

TOPIC: The Mark of the Beast

Friends, part of the reason behind the push for globalism and a one world system of government, religion, and financial systems is: **CONTROL**. **The Antichrist wants control over the entire Earth...**and you know what? The Bible clearly states that he will, indeed, come to **dominate the entire world** with much death and destruction following. The prime method to exert control is to establish a new financial mechanism. Everyone on the planet needs to be able to buy and sell...even for the smallest of things. From making a mortgage or rent payment to buying a pack of chewing gum, the Bible predicts that it will not be possible to do so anymore without an identifying mark. The mark is likely visible, and it is put on the forehead or the right hand. The Bible is very specific about this...remember: the forehead or right hand. It is a sign of **loyalty to the Antichrist** and those that accept this mark will either willingly worship or be forced in submission to worship the Antichrist. Who is the enforcer for the process of forcing people to take the Mark of the Beast? Well, the Bible calls him the False Prophet. The False Prophet has two main purposes: to deceive the world as the head of a new world religion and to point to the Antichrist as god (remember, "the little g god"). He will authenticate that the Antichrist is god by a series of supernatural and spectacular miracles and signs. Because people all over the world have never seen such signs **AND DON'T KNOW THE BIBLE**, they will fall for these counterfeit signs and be further deceived. People will be falling under the deceitful spell of the Antichrist in droves. Don't you be among them!

Alright, so let's read from the Word of God. Let's go to the last book of the Bible: Revelation and read Chapter 13:1-10 "And the dragon (this is Satan) stood on the sand of the seashore. Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names. ² And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority. ³ I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast; ⁴ they worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?" ⁵ There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him. ⁶ And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven. ⁷ **It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them**, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him. ⁸ All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain. ⁹ If anyone has an ear, let him hear. ¹⁰ If anyone is destined for captivity, to captivity he goes; if anyone kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed. Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints."

So, the dragon is Satan, the beast from the sea is the Antichrist, and the beast from the Earth is the false prophet.

These three entities are the counterfeit Trinity. BEWARE! Let's pick up in verse 11 and continue reading about the false prophet: "Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb and he spoke as a dragon. ¹² He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed. ¹³ He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men. ¹⁴ And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life. ¹⁵ And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast would even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed. ¹⁶ And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and

the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead,¹⁷ and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name.¹⁸ Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.”

Much has been speculated concerning the Mark of the Beast and the upcoming New World Order under the control of the Antichrist. You are in the Tribulation and you have witnessed the departure of hundreds of millions of born-again believers in Jesus Christ depart in the blink of an eye. Because you are in the Tribulation period...and providing you survive long enough into this horrifying period, you WILL be facing the Mark of the Beast...**make no mistake!** Most scholars believe it will roll-out worldwide around the mid-point, or 42 months, or 3 ½ years after the 7-year peace covenant is signed with Israel. But be forewarned, the Mark might be sooner than that. We can't be completely sure because the Bible doesn't speak to the exact implementation date. But we do know it is coming.

On this side of the Rapture, there has been a lot of speculation and ambiguity about the Mark. But, you will KNOW EXACTLY that it is the Mark because two things will happen to you: someone wants to enroll—or more likely force you—to receive some kind of augmentation to either your forehead or your right hand **AND** you are asked to worship the image of the Antichrist. Well, as I think more about it, it could be the other way around. You might be asked to worship the Antichrist **FIRST AND THEN** you can receive “the privilege, benefit, and recognition” of the Mark. We can't advise you on what that Mark looks like, how it is implemented, or the technology that is used. Most Bible scholars believe it is a sign of loyalty...almost like how a brand or tattoo on cattle shows who owns them. You will be threatened with an ultimatum: you won't be able to buy or sell without this identifying Mark of loyalty.

PLEASE LISTEN CAREFULLY. IF YOU TAKE THE MARK—ALTHOUGH IT WILL BE LIKELY VERY OBVIOUS THAT YOU ARE ON THE VERGE OF DOING SOMETHING COMPLETELY EVIL AND IRREVERSIBLE—YOU ARE EFFECTIVELY GIVING YOUR LOYALTY TO SATAN AND REJECTING GOD FOREVER. **FOREVER!** Bible Prophecy experts on this side of the Rapture believe that NO ONE will **accidentally** take the Mark...they will know exactly what they are doing and will knowingly give their allegiance to the Antichrist (and by extension: to Satan himself).

Brace yourself Brothers and Sisters, for you will literally find yourself in the most stressful conflict of your life. On one hand, as Revelation 13:15 says he will “cause as many as do **not worship the image of the Antichrist to be killed.**” And on the other hand, God says in Revelation 14:9-11 says “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand,¹⁰ **he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God,** which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and **he will be tormented with fire and brimstone** in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.¹¹ **And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”**” This is a horrific and heart-stopping moment—for when [not if] YOUR MOMENT happens to you personally...there's just no way to sugar coat what needs to be said to you, nor can you avoid what is at stake for you right now. This moment is inevitable.

So, you have to decide:

- (1) Refuse the Mark and die by the hand of the Antichrist and the world system, or
- (2) Take the Mark, become a part of the Antichrist's world system and then incur the wrath of God forever and ever.

Refusing the Mark and being martyred is a temporary thing, because **if you are in Christ** you will immediately be in heaven when you are killed. Taking the Mark will mean eternal torment. *One is temporary pain leading to eternal glory, the other is seemingly beneficial but leading to death anyway and eternity separated from God in hell, suffering forever.* We know that millions and millions of people will refuse the Mark of the Beast and therefore will be beheaded, because the Bible says that “tribulation saints” are a “great multitude”.

You will be forced to make this incredibly difficult decision. Stand firm, understand what's at stake, yield to the LORD and His desire that you do not perish in everlasting torment in the lake of fire. Accept His free offer of everlasting joy in

His presence forever. Our citizenship is in Heaven. This Earth is dying under the weight of our fallen nature. The spectacular policies and brilliant strategy of the Antichrist to seize control over the entire world seems beneficial initially, but he will bring death to hundreds of millions of people. Don't be fooled into thinking he is some kind of hero and will "rescue mankind". Only God can rescue us, and despite what the Antichrist will proclaim: that he is god, know that he is a **liar and the father of lies**. Don't take a shortcut for the limited and temporal benefits offered to you if you take the Mark. Think independently and for yourself. It is the most important decision you can make, because if you cave-in at the last minute, you are going to be cast into eternal torment. Do you remember the previous segment on Ministry Calling? This is where we discussed the #1 characterization found in Rev. 21:8 for those who will **not be accepted** into the Kingdom of God, it is "**the cowardly**." Friend, it is better to be killed than to take that Mark...so be **STRONG...PREVAIL THROUGH THIS TEST...BE AN OVERCOMER!**

SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PERSONAL MOMENT

If you reach that point in the Tribulation to see the Mark of the Beast being implemented, understand what is at stake. You WILL go through this, so deciding right now how you're going to handle this critical moment in your life is so incredibly important! Don't wait to process all this until it is actually happening. **Do the hard work of counting the cost now!** I fear that if you don't, you will succumb to peer pressure, threats against those you love, and beatings and internment camps until you do agree to it. Under no circumstances can you buy time, defer a decision, pretend to cooperate, or fake compliance. Actually: this is your **ultimate moment to stand strong and to NOT bend a knee to the Antichrist. YOUR ETERNAL FUTURE IS AT STAKE.** Those of us that have gone before you in the Rapture want you to make the **right decision**...because we **LOVE YOU** and want to be **REUNITED** with you, but you have to do your part to resist. Unfortunately, we can't be with you at that moment.

So, be prepared emotionally. If you have a spouse and kids, the "enforcers of the Mark" may threaten to kill them too...even in front of you. You need to understand the raw hatred the world system has for the people of God and will exert tremendous pressure in a last-ditch effort to submit your will to Satan and to worship the Antichrist. If they threaten your loved ones—even your kids—you have to prepare to resist that. That's why your role in bringing the rest of your family into a saving relationship with Christ is so incredibly important. Think ahead. If those that can be threatened to coerce you to take the Mark are also in Christ, then the sting of death and that pressure is completely mitigated. You will all be in the Lord's presence very soon...perhaps it will be just moments away...**so prepare yourself and your loved ones to PREVAIL ahead of time for that critical moment.** Bring as many in your family to genuine faith in Christ. Explain the Gospel message, get on your knees and pray with them, let them know that this is critically important. Once you are in Christ—**NOTHING CAN SNATCH YOU AWAY FROM JESUS AND YOUR ETERNAL FUTURE!**

These are extremely tough words, but you will be tracked. Hunted. Pursued. *Your finish line is at hand the moment you are cornered and are asked to decide about taking the Mark...but truly know that your life is just beginning! Don't be afraid. Don't succumb to fear.* This is not the end, but the beginning. **Trust the Bible!** You must take **STRONG STEPS OF COURAGE TO BELIEVE** what it says in 2 Corinthians 5:8 "...to be absent from the body" which means that our physical body is dead "...is to be at home with the Lord." The death of our body leads to an instantaneous transition between being on Earth and being in Heaven! **CHOOSE LIFE. Choose eternity in Heaven.** Be reunited with your loved ones that died long ago OR that were caught up in the Rapture.

REFUSE THE MARK!

Other martyrs have gone before you: you are not alone. Let's look at the very first martyr recorded in the Bible. Stephen was one of the disciples of Jesus. In Acts chapter 7, we can learn about this amazing man and what happened to him as he was about to be killed. It says in verse ⁵⁵ "But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God. While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he said that, he fell asleep." To fall asleep means that our physical body is dead, but our spirit is alive and well in Heaven!

As you approach your death, the LORD is watching you. You are able to pray to the LORD and to forgive those that are persecuting you. It becomes a very powerful testimony to do so, although those that are involved in enforcing the world system and trying to force you to take the Mark are very likely already past the point of no-return. They cannot be redeemed. *Their minds regard your choice as foolishness because their hearts have been hardened and their consciences seared.* At that critical moment—instead of speaking to those that are persecuting you—turn your attention to others that are involved, those that have NOT taken the Mark, and shout out your warnings, tell them to call out to Jesus Christ for salvation. Consider shouting out words of encouragement, something like: “Don’t take the Mark; Call out to Him for YOUR salvation; You can prevail; Be strong in the Lord; Take courage, our suffering is almost over.” The Lord will help you with these words as it says in Luke 12:12: **“for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.”** **Trust in the LORD.** He will give you the words to say in your personal moment. You are on the brink of eternity with the Lord, in Heaven, and you will be among your Brothers and Sisters in Christ that have gone before you.

Over a period of roughly 3,000 years since King David penned Psalm 23, it has brought comfort to many and a model prayer during incredibly hard times. Let’s recite this right now...it should sound familiar to you already. Psalm 23:1-6 “A Psalm of David. The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. ³ He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. ⁴ **EVEN THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I FEAR NO EVIL, FOR YOU ARE WITH ME;** Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.” If it is possible to do so, rejoice! Out loud! Pray out loud! Worship the LORD out loud like King David did. Go out of this life at the top of your game, worshipping the **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.** *You will see Him soon.*

It is heartbreaking to tell you these things. **YOU HAVE BEEN PRAYED FOR.** There are many believers on this side of the Rapture that fully know what’s going on right NOW in the groundwork leading up to the Mark of the Beast and imagine what you will be facing. Know this: we will all unite again as we witness Jesus in the throne room. We will witness Him establishing His Millennial Kingdom and He will reign forever and ever! **Once we are with Him, He promises we will never again be separated from Him for all eternity. Hallelujah!!!**

See you soon, stay strong and know that we—your Brothers and Sisters—are **cheering you on.** May you find peace and comfort in these words. As we prepare to switch topics, there is a series of things I believe we need to talk about. There is going to be a lot of noise, chaos, distraction, confusion, and discernment will be difficult. So, let’s agree to tackle some of these things head-on in the next segment.

TOPIC: What You Must Discern

The following is a discussion about several things that I need to speak with you about. It’s not an exhaustive list of things, but things that are top of mind that we should emphasize. I admit some of it will sound strange to you, but nevertheless, it’s best to prepare for a Biblical Worldview rather than let the Antichrist, the False Prophet, and the World System dictate what you are to believe. So, let’s get started!

Meeting other Believers

Heads-up, it does happen that sometimes you can “sense” that another person you meet is a Christ follower...it’s happened to me and others I know. If that happens to you, however, pray before revealing more of yourself and listen to the Holy Spirit giving you an impression of permission or caution. If you’re not **PEACEFUL**, it is likely that the Holy Spirit is telling you that something’s not right and not to open up any further. You must rely on the Holy Spirit for a prompting as you walk through these very difficult and stressful days. It is very dangerous now, and many false believers act almost like “wolves among the sheep”. It is not inconceivable that they may be paid to betray you—almost like getting a bounty. Don’t be fooled into trusting people that “sound like they’re a Christian” too soon until you know more about them. Look for evidence of a strong belief in Jesus Christ that is proven—if it is at all possible to do so. For the record, if that person has the Mark of the Beast you should automatically avoid that person entirely. They are not of God but have given their lives over to Satan. **BEWARE!**

One reason why you must develop this discipline is because IF another person you meet is a believer and the Holy Spirit is giving you a sense of kinship, and that person is in a very bad state—like they haven't eaten for some time, you will want to give and share what you can for a fellow believer. Loving others and sharing what you have is a strong mandate from the Lord and because of that...be aware that under the right circumstances, it should be a **joy to do so**. Pray over food and meals...hold hands in unity if you can do so safely. We expect that it won't be long before food supplies are highly sought after and because resisting the Mark will mean you can't just run down to the grocery store anymore. Do your best to pray to the Lord for **miraculous provisions**...not in abundance so that you can hoard—but, enough for the day at hand for the people you are preparing food for. He is our provider in all of life and we expect to eventually hear YOUR TESTIMONIES of how the Lord dispatched His angels and perhaps other believers to help you at just the right time.

Even though the Tribulation is a terrible time of God's wrath and judgement upon an unbelieving world, there should be moments of mercy and provision. And if you are hungry, possibly even starving, don't think that God doesn't know and care for you...because He does, Friend! Or don't think that if you are starving that you are not saved and begin to doubt your salvation. I'm very sorry, but the truth is: it's just more likely that there are very severe hardships that will affect the entire world at the same time—the **saved and the unsaved alike**. Be resolved to push through in **FAITH THAT OVERCOMES!** So, if you pray hard and you don't see food provisions and people are literally starving, worship Him and give Him praise anyway. Your suffering and death will bring you to glory in His presence very soon. You will suffer but a moment, but your joy will last for the rest of all time. Never, under any circumstances, shake your fist at God and blame Him for your circumstances. Humbly remember that you bear responsibility and chose not to be saved (born-again) so as to be Raptured. Always know that He loves you and has a place for you in heaven! We know this because John 14:3 says: **"If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, [there] you may be also."** So, be comforted and joyful and peaceful to the best of your ability...and in all circumstances worship Him whom has shown such great mercy to you—giving you a second chance at salvation—and an eternal future with Him!

The Great Deception

This is going to be a difficult discussion. But we cannot avert our eyes from the warning that speaks about a "deception" of such great magnitude that it might even lead strong Christ Followers astray. Let's begin discussing this. In Matthew 24:24 it says: **"For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, SO AS TO MISLEAD, if possible, even the elect."** Here, we are not talking solely about the Antichrist and the False Prophet, but there are many other sources of deception. People that impersonate Jesus Christ...maybe even calling themselves Jesus reincarnated, or Jesus the chosen one, or possessed by the Spirit of Jesus. The endless variations to the perversions you will hear is designed for one purpose: to **mislead and deceive you and distract you from the TRUE JESUS CHRIST. THE JESUS FROM THE BIBLE.** There is only ONE, He was born 2,000 years ago, disciples twelve men, died a horrible death to make a way for salvation for you and me, and ascended to Heaven. And that is where He is right now! The Bible says so in 1 Peter 3:21: **"...who is at the right hand of God,** having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him." So, if anyone claims to be Christ then YOU AUTOMATICALLY KNOW that it is a **false Christ**.

Furthermore, if anyone in your sphere of influence begins to succumb to listening to, or following, or abandoning the REAL JESUS in order to follow one of these, rebuke them in love, correct them immediately, and snap them out of the deception if you can. It **IS** attractive and appealing to have a flesh and blood "JESUS" walking around claiming to be the Messiah and showing many counterfeit signs and wonders, but the spirit behind that person is from Satan himself. Initially, the Antichrist will appear to be a form of Christ and Messiah perhaps, but he is not...and he will lead many to their destruction. **YOU ARE WARNED.** And if they don't heed your warning to them, you must protect yourself further and distance yourself from them. Like...immediately! The problem is, they may turn you in or betray you...so you must pray about and discern such matters very carefully. Be wise!

There are also false prophets. You might ask what this means and so we need to discuss this now. To me, it is easier to dismiss a false Christ than it is a false prophet. Borrowing from Got Questions on this subject, it says: "A false prophet is a person who spreads false teachings or messages while claiming to speak the Word of God. In the Bible, false prophets also spoke on behalf of false gods. False prophets functioned in their prophetic role illegitimately or for the purpose of deception. The Bible denounces false prophets for leading people astray." **That is a very good description.**

What's going to be extremely deceptive is the satanic power behind false prophets. We've discussed the role of the false prophet in the previous segment for the "The Mark of the Beast". But make no mistake, it is the spirit behind these false prophets that reveal what the true agenda is: **TO KILL, STEAL, AND DESTROY**. *What makes false prophets extremely dangerous is the counterfeit "evidence" they project that attempts to sway the opinion of others and to convince people that they "act on behalf of God"*. Get this: the miracles themselves are so stunning that they will overpower those that cannot stand on the authority and truth of the Word of God. Weak people, compromised people, people that are looking for something to believe in, people that are seeking the "experience" of God without repentance and becoming born-again, people that want reassurance that everything will be okay...**IF YOU FOLLOW THEM**. In other words, follow the false Christ they are pointing to, and ultimately to follow deceiving spirits and demons and ultimately: Satan himself.

Additionally, it is extremely dangerous to hear half-truths, or truths intermixed with false doctrine...enough for a shallow sniff test to "discern" that it sounds right "enough" to follow that teaching or person. **BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL** with such matters. We already see plenty of false Christs and false prophets today to know that they exert immense control over many peoples. And that's this side of the Rapture. *When the restrainer in us is removed, there will be a tsunami of demonically inspired deviation from the truth that has only one agenda: to distract, deflect, deceive you from the TRUTH of the WORD OF GOD and the SAVING WORK OF JESUS CHRIST.*

Fortunately, we are instructed in the Word of God as to how to defend against false Christs and false prophets in 1 John 4:1-6 "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world."² **By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God;**³ and every spirit that does **NOT CONFESS** Jesus is not from God; this is the [spirit] of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world."

And incidentally, look at how this passage continues! It speaks as to our position in Christ and our reassurance that we belong to God. It goes on: "⁴ **You are from God**, little children, and have overcome them; because **greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.**"⁵ They are from the world; therefore, they speak [as] from the world, and the world listens to them."⁶ **We are from God; he who knows God listens to us; he who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.**" The promise that: "Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world" has been a comfort, reassurance, and anchor for hundreds of years. Memorize this verse!

One of the best ways to test the spirits if you are unable to hear their response to the question: "do they confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh" is this nugget of wisdom from Acts 17:11 "Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, **EXAMINING THE SCRIPTURES DAILY** to see whether these things were so." And so, this is within YOUR POWER to discern: is what that teacher / prophet / pastor / religion asserts **EXACTLY EQUALS what is written in the WORD OF GOD?** If the answer is **YES** it aligns, then proceed with caution. Always have your eyes fully open for statements, signs and wonders, other evidences, and misleading proofs that contradict Biblical doctrine and worldview. If the answer is **NO**, you must immediately cut off that influence and avert your eyes—it is doubly dangerous for you to entertain such influencers if there is already evidence of a disconnect from the Word of God. Why? Well, it's because these half-truths mixed with false doctrines are what counterfeits, misdirects, confuses, and therefore deceives many from a true Biblical Worldview. These lies will lead people to destruction. Be warned friends for such as these.

From 1 Timothy 4:1 it says: "But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons." So, here we've been given the prediction that has already caught so many people off guard and led them astray. Listen, this is happening **EVEN** on this side of the Rapture! **IT WILL GET MUCH WORSE**. You might ask yourself why are so many paying attention to these deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons? Here is a parallel and related warning found in 2 Timothy 4:3-4 "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their **own desires**, and will turn away their ears **from the truth** and will turn aside to myths." Ears tickled and own desires, means they want to pursue their independent path from God and seek to entertain their sinful lifestyle and condition. They don't love the TRUTH and they don't want to REPENT so that they are forced to acknowledge their **NEED FOR CHRIST**. They are struggling to put aside the things of this world for our Glorious future in Heaven followed by

the 1,000-year long Millennium and ultimately, our Eternal state in the New Jerusalem and the New Earth. They want to be in control of their own life and will not bend a knee to submit to Christ. Think of the PRIDE and lack of willingness to see things as they really are. People like this will insist that they are okay and don't need Christ because they are **their own source of truth**. And how dare you challenge that! Unfortunately, they are strongly deluded, because they will likely reflexively bend that knee after the Second Coming of Christ and before the Great White Throne Judgement. **MAKE NO MISTAKE**—they will see His glory, but for them, by then, it is too late to repent. They will be cast into the Lake of Fire for all eternity. You do not want to go there, Friend.

And finally, it says in 2 Thessalonians 2:3 “Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,” The man of destruction and lawlessness is the Antichrist himself. Dear Brothers and Sisters, we—on this side of the Rapture—were never going to see the Antichrist revealed because the Holy Spirit **IN US** ... as the Body of Christ, in the Church Age and Age of Grace ... we were still present in the World to resist and oppose the evil that was coming. *But we are now gone, and you are not going to escape this evil.* Those that become Christ Followers after the Rapture, known as the Tribulation Saints, will experience the Earth with **no further restraining force**. I'm sorry to say this, but you will experience the FULL BRUNT of the Evil that is opposed to the Jewish people, to Israel as a Nation, and to Christ in these days. And heads-up, let me clarify something before I go on: initially, the Antichrist will appear to be the best friend and supporter that Israel has ever known—so much so that they will literally believe that **he is the Messiah!** But they are wrong. It is another clever deception thinly veiled until he commits the abomination of desolation halfway through the 7-year Tribulation period, where he will declare that he is god (little g-god). As he does this blasphemous act, a second Jewish holocaust will occur in Jerusalem that will make the first holocaust during World War II look like just a blip on the radar. The Bible predicts that **two-thirds of the Jews will be killed**. The rest will flee (Revelation 12:6). Most Bible Prophecy scholars believe they will flee to Petra, located in Jordan. There, they will be WELL DEFENDED and the LORD Himself will protect them. It is these remnant Jews that will say: “Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord” (Matthew 23:39). It is this profession of faith in Jesus that finally triggers the second coming of Jesus Christ! **National Salvation** has come to the Jewish people, at last!

So, you must get your head around all of this! Bravely and resolutely face it without compromise. It will be difficult. Although it is true that some people survive the 21 Judgements from the Lord and make it all the way through the 7-years of the Tribulation, **YOU MAY OR MAY NOT BE AMONG THESE**. You must face the Tribulation **head-on** and rest in the assurance of your ultimate Salvation, that your redemption is secure **in Christ**, and your citizenship—which is not of this Earth, is reserved for you in Heaven...with Jesus, never to be separated from Him again for all eternity. This is a wonderful promise!

The “Light” or “Illumination”

The Apostle Paul strongly speaks warning about those that pretend, impersonate, or counterfeit the TRUE light of the World: which is the **Word of God** and our **Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**. Listen to Paul as he makes this perfectly clear in 2 Corinthians 11:12-15 “But what I am doing I will continue to do, so that I may cut off opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the matter about which they are boasting. 13 **For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.** 14 **No wonder, FOR EVEN SATAN DISGUISES HIMSELF AS AN ANGEL OF LIGHT.** 15 **Therefore it is not surprising if his servants ALSO DISGUISE THEMSELVES AS SERVANTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, whose end will be according to their deeds.”**

You must likewise understand that anyone that talks in the language of “light” or “enlightenment” or “awakening” or “transcendence” or any other parallel expression is almost assuredly deceived and believes in a false religious framework. **Beware of such men and women, Brethren!** Many examples of this exist in the New Age Movement, which will most assuredly be rampant during the Tribulation. We know that there will be a One World Religion that will likely be an aggregation of all other major religions. There is an expected merging of belief systems prophesied in the Bible. The central theme will likely be “we are god or can become gods” or “we are all one” or “we must protect Mother Earth” or “we can fix our problems”. However, the reality is: this is a deception! The truth is: *We cannot fix it with our sin nature and evil intents of the heart...*only the LORD can do this when He returns to establish His physical reign on the Earth during the Millennial Kingdom. Anything that averts attention from Jesus Christ is false...run from this!

Furthermore, there is a lot of speculation that the Catholic Church may play a role—perhaps even be the lead catalyst—for ushering in an ecumenical movement that will unite “just enough from each of the religious belief systems so that people can relate to it and adopt it comfortably.” This central message of the Gospel: that there is only ONE WAY TO GOD THROUGH JESUS will be **hated, opposed, and eventually persecuted unto death**. In Acts 4:12, let’s read with total clarity and understanding: “And **THERE IS SALVATION IN NO ONE ELSE; FOR THERE IS NO OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN AMONG MEN BY WHICH WE MUST BE SAVED.**” That name is Jesus. Only He is the KING of KINGS and LORD of LORDS! Any religious system that opposes the Lordship of Christ is false and must be opposed.

We even see this blending of faiths in what are called “inter-faith initiatives” sponsored in part by the Pope and other religious leaders. Many Bible Scholars on this side of the Rapture speculate that the Pope is acting more and more like a candidate for the role of False Prophet—who, when the restrainer is removed—will reveal the most evil man in all of history: the Antichrist. Even today, we see the Pope trying to conjoin the leaders of other faiths into a corrupted mixture of false religions with the ultimate aim of deceiving the world with a very important message: “love is love”, “we need to tolerate each other”, “just be good”, “do good”, “become a part of the One-World Church and you’ll be fine”. All these statements, in all their perverse and blasphemous expressions they will seek to lead and distract people **away** from Salvation in Jesus Christ alone and will always attempt to add “justification by works”. Truth isn’t ours to make—TRUTH IS THAT WHICH THE BIBLE DEFINES...AND IT IS ABSOLUTE. The Bible says we cannot earn our way to Heaven. Period. We must yield to the atoning work of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sins so that **HIS RIGHTEOUS LIFE**—offered freely to us—is **imputed** (or credited) for our eternal benefit. That’s the only way this works. **SALVATION IS BY GRACE ALONE IN CHRIST ALONE!** It’s so simple, even a child can understand it. Friend, it’s not about US nor what we can do. It’s about Jesus and what Jesus did to make a way for us! However, we must **ACCEPT** this gift, repent, ask for forgiveness, and devote our lives completely to the LORD JESUS CHRIST to be saved.

Painfully, you may begin to realize that you will be set apart from the world system, distinct from the masses of “religious people”. And that is so true. You will be hated, reviled, and punished, up to and most likely including separation from loved ones, imprisonment, and possibly death for being “one of **those** people”. You will be called “bigot”, “racist”, “intolerant”, “narrowminded extremist”, “fundamentalist”, and much worse will be said of you. Expect it. **Brace for it. STAND STRONG WHEN THIS HAPPENS TO YOU.** People will be misled into believing that WE ARE THE PROBLEM...when in fact, it is the DEVICES OF SATAN, the enemy that opposes God, that is to blame. In many countries today, to declare your faith in Jesus is a death sentence—and a time is coming where this will be more and more normalized the further into the Tribulation you get. We, the Christ Followers, those that DO NOT BEND A KNEE to take the Mark of the Beast nor to Worship the Antichrist—we...we are the enemy that must be purged.

There will be **extreme pressure** put on you to **DENY CHRIST**. But, Friend, you can’t. Look at what Jesus says in Matthew 10:34: “But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.” You must rehearse how YOU WILL AFFIRM—AND NOT DENY—YOUR FAITH and belief in Jesus Christ. Because it will help you at the right time IF—or more likely WHEN, you will be asked to conform to the world religious system by denying your faith in Jesus Christ. From one point of view, this rehearsal is just like how you will prepare yourself to oppose taking the Mark of the Beast. Repeat what you will firmly declare in your head until it is resolved into total clarity and you can prevail through it: **DENY THE MARK BUT DO NOT DENY JESUS CHRIST**. Cement this deeply into your heart and mind. YOU WILL PREVAIL – do not fear – the Holy Spirit is now within you to help you and to comfort you.

So, it is clear what we must do, right? Under such **WITHERING FURY** of the enemy, with the world joining together for a false “peace and safety”, with everyone pointing their finger at YOU, the strong and unyielding believer in Jesus Christ...we must CLING TO JESUS AND DO NOT GIVE UP, DO NOT FALL AWAY, DO NOT VEER TO THE LEFT OR TO THE RIGHT, KEEP LOOKING INTO THE EYES OF JESUS AS YOU WALK TOWARDS HIM INTO ETERNITY. We await you in Heaven!

[We are Not Alone](#)

This next subject is hard to discuss, but I need to put something very important on the table. Many Bible Prophecy experts are quite confident that there is one very, very powerful deception that is coming. You must brace for it, because remember what Jesus said in Matthew 24:24 the false prophet “...will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, **if possible**, even the elect.” If you are in Christ, you **ARE THE ELECT!** Note that it says “*if possible*” meaning that

such deception is **NOT** possible for a believer. Using a metaphor of Jesus being the Sheppard and us believers being sheep that follow only His voice, John 10:1-5 explains why. It says: "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, he is a thief and a robber." ² "But he who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep." ³ "To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." ⁴ "When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and **the sheep follow him because they know his voice.**" ⁵ "**A STRANGER THEY SIMPLY WILL NOT FOLLOW, BUT WILL FLEE FROM HIM, ...**" And here is an important truth: "...**BECAUSE THEY DO NOT KNOW THE VOICE OF STRANGERS.**" Therefore, there will be discernment that Believers—those that follow and know the LORD, they will immediately sense that this is not right, that it is a trick, and will not succumb to the deception.

Well, what is that deception? What will unite the world under the authority of one person that will control every aspect of government, the military, the worldwide financial system, and religious systems? What I'm sharing is speculation. But imagine this: "what would happen if in the middle of an acceptance speech by the Antichrist as he takes the reigns of this world and says from the podium: "I'd like to introduce the World to my new friends!" And coming in from the side of the stage strolls in a group of aliens that declare that **THEY ARE THE ONES THAT SEEDED LIFE ON THIS PLANET. THEY REMOVED "THE CHRISTIANS" BECAUSE THEY WERE HARMING THE WORLD AND HOLDING BACK UNITY AND PROGRESS**". The Rapture is not what explains the disappearances of hundreds of millions of people...wait for it...**THEY ARE!**

Could anyone resist a disclosure like that without being fully grounded in the Word of God and thoroughly informed as a Believer in Christ? Can you imagine some UFOs hovering overhead during the disclosure that "we are not alone" as a backdrop to this announcement? As in so many sci-fi movies of yesteryear, would this elevate and unite the world above the noise of our own flaws and problems and petty distractions to know that **WE ARE NOT ALONE?** Yes—I believe—yes, it would. It would dissolve borders, remove resistance to a one-world government, currency and religious system in a heartbeat. People will flock to join the "MOVEMENT" to transcend ("at last") into a new higher state of awareness and being. What a lie! Perhaps the ultimate lie! They will conclude: "there is no God" besides the Antichrist. This might lead to our need for transcendence as human beings...and these aliens **ARE THE ONES THAT WILL HELP US GET TO THE NEXT LEVEL!**

Beloved, do NOT be deceived by such wonders. These are not Aliens. Nor are they—now listen carefully—extra-terrestrials. These are demons and they have much power and can do seemingly incredible feats. They are inter-dimensional, not extra-terrestrial. What's the difference? These aliens do not come from a star system far away, but that's what they will tell the people of the Earth. They are actually from a spiritual DIMENSION able to move in and out of our physical dimension. They can and do appear suddenly and vanish just as quickly. What looks like them entering a "UFO" and flying away at great speed is a trick designed to **FORCE YOU TO REALIZE HOW INSIGNIFICANT YOU ARE ...** to create this need to cling to our common identity and humanity. The messaging will become "WE MUST EVOLVE" to a higher thinking process, a higher level of being. **WE, they say, CAN BECOME GODS OURSELVES IF WE COOPERATE.** These demons posing as aliens have been a long-standing deception, decades in the making, for the revealing to all mankind at **JUST THE RIGHT TIME** to unite the entire world under the authority of the Antichrist. It would not at all surprise me if the world witnesses these aliens kneel before the Antichrist and pledge their loyalty to him. I'm sure the entire thing will be streamed so the world can see it happen in real time.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, this has been a very difficult segment. I commend you for listening, learning, being a good Berean and searching the Scriptures for yourself. You are not alone, and there are many Brothers and Sisters—now in Heaven—that wanted to give you some of their best thinking on these matters. So far, we've had some really difficult things to share with you...but it gets better...**WAY BETTER** in the next segment—where we will be talking about our common destiny in Christ! Prepare for some really good news!

TOPIC: Your Destiny

From the very first few chapters of the Bible, it is evident that we were created by God, we were to rule and reign over this Earth, and remain in perfect fellowship with our Creator! But in Genesis chapter 3 we learn that our free will to choose—which is supposed to be a loving gift from our Father—meant that we could also choose to listen to and succumb to deceitful words from Satan and we fell from this perfect state. We **FELL** very hard and all future people on

the Earth inherited a sin nature—each and every one of us. God had to eject us from Eden because He could not permit us to remain in sin and be eternally sinful forever. So, we were cast out of the Garden of Eden and to be honest with you...the entire Bible after that is “His Story” of redemption. Over and over again, we read that we messed up, chose our own way, fell into sin and depravity, and ignored His laws, His standards, and His guidance for us. An endless cycle that leads to eternal separation from God...the ultimate death.

But He pursued us and made a way for us. He offers us Salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ. This requires a step of faith. We have to humble ourselves—come to the end of ourselves—and realize that we need a Savior. I did. It’s not enough to know ABOUT HIM OR EVEN BELIEVE THAT JESUS EXISTED OR THAT THERE IS “A” GOD somewhere out there. It says in James 2:19 “You believe that God is one. You do well; **the demons also believe**, and shudder.” We have to go a step further and fully repent, accept, acknowledge, and submit to His Lordship over our lives. Then we can receive the benefit of His forgiveness and a wonderful future! We’ll talk about that future in a moment, but first, we must understand that the Lord did not desire us to live perpetually in sin. In Deuteronomy 30:19 it says: “This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that **I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life**, so that you and your children may live.” And in John 3:16 we hear the familiar verse in the New Testament: “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that **whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**” Don’t let the familiarity of this verse blind you to the simple truth: That God sacrificed His Son to pay the price that you deserved to pay, in order to make a way for you to enter back into a correct and perfect standing before God. Our punishment was put on Jesus so that we could inherit eternal life!

Did you know that WE ARE HIS JOY? Let’s read Hebrews 12:1-3 “Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who **FOR THE JOY SET BEFORE HIM** endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” Bear with me for a few moments before I give you the good news of your **Eternal Inheritance!** We’ve seen that God prompts us to “Choose Life” and that we are the “Joy set before Him”. If the Rapture has occurred and you find yourself left behind, that doesn’t mean that He doesn’t still say to you: “Choose Life” and that we are the: “Joy set before Him”. His sacrifice and provision for Salvation are still available to you now!

I’ve imagined that there are thousands of circumstances, excuses, sheer stubbornness, and maybe hardness of heart that would explain why you did not experience the blessed hope promised in Titus 2:13. **This is YOUR moment NOW.** You are at a VERY critical point, because the Bible predicts that wave after wave of death will sweep the entire planet—these are from an entire series of judgements meant to do one thing: **to bring people to the end of themselves so they will call out to God Almighty for Salvation in Christ alone.** Not our will, not our strength, not through politics, government, “religion”, not through ascendance or science and technology. Not through the machinations of the Antichrist and the promises of the False Prophet. **It is through Jesus Christ** that we receive the covering of our sins through His blood that was shed on the cross 2,000 years ago. **It is His provision, freely offered to us,** that we know we can inherit our future and Eternity with God...secure for all time, in perfect fellowship with our Creator **YET AGAIN.**

But for now, there is no way to soften the blow of what must be said to you now. Many people, many billions of people will die; about half of the world’s population. But there are also millions, tens or hundreds of millions of people that are going to yield their life to Jesus Christ during the Tribulation. **Listen now: YOU NEED TO BE ONE OF THEM!** In fact, so many people come to a real, authentic, and genuine relationship with Jesus that their number cannot be counted!

Are you going to be among the “great multitude” mentioned here? Let’s read Revelation 7:9-17 “After these things I looked, and behold, **A GREAT MULTITUDE which no one could count, from every nation and [all] tribes and peoples and tongues,** standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches [were] in their hands; ¹⁰ and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and [around] the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, “Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, [be] to our God forever and ever. Amen.” ¹³ Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I

{this is the Apostle John} said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "**These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**"¹⁵ "For this reason, they are before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them."¹⁶ "**They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat; 17 for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.**"

STOP. Let's STOP for just a moment. IF YOU ARE IN CHRIST, IT MEANS THAT YOU HAVE ACCEPTED HIS GIFT OF SALVATION, REPENTED FROM YOUR SINFUL WAYS, AND SEEK TO LIVE THE REMAINING DAYS OF YOUR LIFE ON EARTH SERVING HIM, then do you understand what these verses are saying to you? If, or more likely **WHEN** you die—either through the effects of the coming judgements or by the hands of the World System and the Antichrist—you will be **IMMEDIATELY TRANSLATED INTO HEAVEN!** You don't just disappear, you aren't in purgatory, you aren't in suspended animation, you don't just become a part of the Cosmos transmuting as it were into a blob of atoms, nor are you reincarnated—those are lies! You **WILL BE** given a new, perfect white robe that signifies your purity **IN CHRIST!** You will be able to show your eternal gratitude by serving the Lord, just as all previous generations of Believers are also doing) for all time! **You will be protected, loved, cared for, given rest, and note that all the travails, depression, fear, sadness—all those things that make us shed tears—the Lord Himself will wipe those tears away!**

The Millennial Reign of Christ

There are only two ways to see the Millennial Kingdom. The first is **IF** you manage to survive the terrible effects of the seal, trumpet, and bowl judgements and make it through ALL SEVEN YEARS to the end of Armageddon. The second way is to already be in Heaven during the Tribulation and to **return with Jesus at His second coming.** Those that were caught up in the Rapture—consisting of those that are dead in Christ from centuries ago, those born-again believers who were alive at the time of the Rapture, and Tribulation Saints killed during the Tribulation—are all going to make up this group. So, if you are martyred you will be in Heaven with us and you will participate as we follow the LORD from Heaven back to Earth at His second coming! Those that are NOT in Christ, those that have taken the Mark of the Beast, that continue to resist and hate God will be separated out as we'll see in a minute and will eventually face the Great White Throne Judgement. These will not enter the Millennial Kingdom...in fact, they will bypass it completely.

Did you know that the Bible predicts that Jesus will physically rule over the entire Earth for 1,000 years? That's where we get the term: **Millennium.** We read in Matthew 25:31-34: "But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then **He will sit on His glorious throne.**" But as I've said, not all that survive the terrible seal, trumpet and bowl judgements will enter the Millennial Reign of Christ. Look at how the text continues, "³² All the nations will be gathered before Him; and **HE WILL SEPARATE THEM FROM ONE ANOTHER, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats;**³³ **and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left.**"³⁴ "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'" Bible Scholars consistently refer to those that Believe in Christ as "sheep" and those that do not as "goats", so the identity of those that enter Christ's Kingdom is well established.

What makes this 1,000-year reign of Christ so special is the promise that the Lord will restore all things to their original pre-fall-of-mankind state. Act 3:19-21 says "Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that **times of refreshing** may come from the presence of the Lord;²⁰ and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you,²¹ whom heaven must receive until [the] period of **RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS** about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time." This will co-inside with total **victory** by King Jesus, note Psalm 110:1-2 where King David writes: "The LORD says to my Lord: "**Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.**"² The LORD will stretch forth Your strong scepter from Zion, [saying,] "**Rule in the midst of Your enemies.**"

Satan, also called the dragon, and all his evil influence is bound during this 1,000-year reign! In Revelation 20:1-3 we read: "Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand."² And he **laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;**³ and he threw him into the abyss, and shut [it] and sealed [it] over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, **until the thousand years** were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time." So, those that enter the Millennium will truly be living in the most ideal period of all human history since the Fall of Mankind. The ability for

Satan and his demons to corrupt our world and to interfere in our lives will be blocked during this time! Those that are in the Millennium will visibly see Jesus, they will think more clearly because the enemy is not able to lie, confuse, deflect, distract, or interfere with our ability to experience the fullness of Jesus and the beauty He restores throughout the Earth!

We will co-reign with Christ

During the Millennium, we will co-reign with Christ. **So, we are given RESPONSIBILITY!** In Daniel 7:27 it says: "Then the sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of [all] the kingdoms under the whole heaven **will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One**; His kingdom [will be] an **everlasting kingdom**, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him."

Furthermore, in Revelation 2:26-27 it says: 'He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, **TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS**; ²⁷ AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES, as I also have received [authority] from My Father;'

Later in Revelation 20:4-6 it says: "**Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them.** And I [saw] the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and **reigned with Christ for a thousand years.** ⁵ The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but **they will be priests of God and of Christ and will REIGN WITH HIM for a thousand years.**"

Satan will be released for a short time

Many millions of people will be born during the Millennium under the perfect conditions ushered in by Jesus Christ. Unlike those of us that received our resurrected and perfected eternal bodies when we went to Heaven, they still have a physical body, a sin-nature, and the ability to pro-create. It is they that will repopulate the Earth after all the death and destruction of the Tribulation period is finished. Lifespans will dramatically increase again! It says in Isaiah 65:20 "No longer will there be in it an infant [who lives but a few] days, Or an old man who does not live out his days". It goes on to state that a youth that dies at anything less than 100 years old will be thought to be cursed.

Over this 1,000-year time frame, it is clear that some do not truly believe in Jesus—even though He reigns from Jerusalem. Even under perfect conditions and perfect ruling authority, they will succumb to yet another period of deception and rebellion against our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. How sad this will be! We see this in Revelation 20:7-10 where it says "When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, ⁸ and he **will come out to deceive the nations** which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. ⁹ And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them. ¹⁰ **And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.**"

FROM THIS POINT FORWARD, THERE IS NO MORE SATAN, DEMONS, THE ANTICHRIST, OR THE FALSE PROPHET! ALL EVIL WILL BE GONE! HALLELUJAH!

The Great White Throne Judgment

The judgements are nearly done, but there is a final judgement called the "Great White Throne Judgment". All people that physically died "In Christ" before the Rapture, plus those that were caught-up in the Rapture, plus all the Tribulation Saints (like you!)—those who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ **will NOT be subject to the Great White Throne Judgment!** Only unbelievers from past centuries, those that rejected Christ during the Tribulation, including those that took the Mark of the Beast, will face this horrible and final judgment. Remember that taking the Mark of the Beast is an AUTOMATIC AND ETERNAL DEATH SENTENCE. Jew or Gentile, rich or poor, educated, or non-educated—those that rejected the LORD JESUS CHRIST will now stand before Him and will be judged. **What makes this so sad is that they**

don't have the covering, the protection, the substitutionary atonement of Jesus Christ. THEY DID NOT SEE THEIR NEED FOR CHRIST AND DID NOT ASK TO BE SAVED. *They relied perhaps on their own good deeds...but these are entirely inadequate to compensate for the stain of unforgiven sin. Therefore, those that stand before this Great White Throne are not forgiven of their sins...in fact it is too late to be forgiven. Their eternal separation from God is assured...this is the ultimate death—the Bible calls this the second death.*

This final judgment is found in Revelation 20:11-15 "Then I saw a **great white throne** and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. ¹² And **I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne**, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is [the book] of life; and **the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.** ¹³ And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; **AND THEY WERE JUDGED, EVERY ONE [OF THEM] ACCORDING TO THEIR DEEDS.** ¹⁴ Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the **second death**, the lake of fire. ¹⁵ And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire."

In the sobering passage found in Luke 13:22-28 "And He was passing through from one city and village to another, teaching, and proceeding on His way to Jerusalem. ²³ And someone said to Him, "Lord, are there [just] a few who are being saved?" And He said to them, ²⁴ "Strive to enter through the **NARROW DOOR**; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵ "Once the head of the house gets up and shuts the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, 'Lord, open up to us!' then He will answer and say to you, '**I do not know where you are from.**' ²⁶ "Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets'; ²⁷ and He will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you are from; **DEPART FROM ME, ALL YOU EVILDOERS.**' ²⁸ "**In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth** when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but **yourselves being thrown out.** Now, we know why the Lord said in Matthew 7:14 "For the **GATE IS SMALL and the WAY IS NARROW that leads to life**, and there are few who find it."

However, you know that YOUR NAME is written in the Lamb's Book of Life IF YOU ARE A BORN-AGAIN BELIEVER IN JESUS CHRIST...AND IF SO, YOU WILL NOT APPEAR BEFORE THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGEMENT. HALLELUJAH!

The New Heaven and Earth and the New Jerusalem

After the Great White Throne Judgment, there is the final transition to our "ETERNAL STATE". It's described in Revelation 21:1-7 "Then I saw **A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away**, and there is no longer [any] sea. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "**Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them,** ⁴ and **He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be [any] death; there will no longer be [any] mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.**" ⁵ And He who sits on the throne said, "**Behold, I am making all things new.**" And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true." ⁶ Then He said to me, "**IT IS DONE. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.** ⁷ "**HE WHO OVERCOMES WILL INHERIT THESE THINGS, AND I WILL BE HIS GOD AND HE WILL BE MY SON.**"

This is to fulfill the prophecy found in Isaiah 65:18-19 "**But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem [for] rejoicing And her people [for] gladness.** ¹⁹ "**I will also rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in My people; And there will no longer be heard in her The voice of weeping and the sound of crying.**"

The Apostle John admonishes us to look to our **eternal future** which stands in direct opposition to temporal pleasures of this life. Here's what he says in 1 John 2:15-17: "Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. ¹⁷ **The world is passing away**, and [also] its lusts; **but the one who does the will of God lives forever.**" So, when you find yourself struggling to obey the Word of God, suffering in this world, longing for righteousness, remind yourself that YOU will prevail and inherit eternal life.

Your Decision for Christ

Does it make more sense now **WHY** those you know have been warning you about yielding to Jesus Christ? They're gone now to Heaven...you understand that, right? I am also in Heaven now because this recording was made before the Rapture while I was still able to record it as a gift to you. Those that loved you sought to bring the lifesaving opportunity to receive Jesus, to show you your need for Christ, to encourage you to repent of your sin, helped you to acknowledge that you **CANNOT EARN** your own salvation through anything you've done. Truth is **NOT** relative. **YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN NOR ARE YOU GOD.** In Isaiah 64:6 it says: "For all of us have become **like one who is unclean, And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment**; And all of us wither like a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away." Or a similar thought is found in Romans 3:23 "...for **all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...**" **WE HAVE ALL SINNED**, so it is *foolish not to desire to be partakers of our Eternal State with God forever—eternal bliss, fellowship with God and others, without a sin nature and without any conflict, misunderstanding, hurt, pain, sickness, and death.* **BUT YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN, BELOVED!**

Yet sadly, many will not yield. May this not be said of you! It says that those that take the Mark of the Beast will face eternal damnation. Those that shake their fist at God and do not repent will be given their true expressed desire: to be eternally separated from a loving God that made a way for them through the atonement and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. But, if they don't receive this gift of forgiveness offered and paid for at such a great cost, that's their decision entirely. God **will** respect their wishes to be separated from Him. And unfortunately, they will realize only too late their true standing with God.

As if to underscore the horror of finding oneself on the wrong side of Salvation in Jesus Christ, let's read a passage about a rich man—most likely a successful, smart, if not self-absorbed man who was unyielding to Christ. It's found in Luke 16:19-31: "Now there was a rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, joyously living in splendor every day.²⁰ "And a poor man named Lazarus was laid at his gate, covered with sores,²¹ and longing to be fed with the [crumbs] which were falling from the rich man's table; besides, even the dogs were coming and licking his sores.²² "Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried.²³ "In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom.²⁴ "And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.'²⁵ "But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony.'²⁶ "And besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, so that those who wish to come over from here to you will not be able, and [that] none may cross over from there to us.'²⁷ "And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, that you send him to my father's house--²⁸ for I have five brothers--in order that he may warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'²⁹ "But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.'³⁰ "But he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!'³¹ "But he said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.'" Now, these words were written by Luke, one of the Disciples of Jesus Christ, so how much more severe is it to not only ignore and reject the writings of Moses and the Prophets in the Old Testament, but add to that the sum total of all the New Testament teachings! Surely, it will be **VERY FOOLISH** if someone can't humble themselves to receive eternal salvation found in no one else: Jesus—the **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS**. So many people make the mistake of thinking of Jesus as "baby Jesus" in the manger on countless Hallmark cards and movies. It's almost as though they don't really understand **WHO HE IS**. In actuality, He is the **LORD**, and He continues offering all that will accept Him the hope of forgiveness leading to everlasting salvation, but one must take responsibility to receive it.

I pray—and millions of other born-again believers, past and present, also pray that that **you grasp all that is at stake**. Yielding to Christ is more than just saying a "sinner's prayer" because it's not just a string of sentences you utter, nor the way it is expressed from your heart and mind that matters. It's both. ***You must get to the point where you really believe with your heart and mind.***

And just a word about **urgency**—and this will be my conclusion to this segment—you don't know when one of those seal, trumpet, or bowl judgments will kill you. Just as you don't know when you will succumb to a hostile and violent planet where people prey on others, where lawlessness is unleashed in its full measure because the influence of the restraining force of the Church is removed. **You MUST ACT NOW**. Your life is hanging by a thread and the reality is that

every second counts right now. You might die from starvation, from pestilence, from a 100-pound piece of hail—you just don't know. It is very likely you will not see death coming for you. It's better...SO MUCH BETTER for you to get on your knees and cry out to God. DO IT NOW! YOU ARE WARNED!

In our next segment, I'm going to make a very important assumption that YOU have made the decision to yield to CHRIST and that you are now born-again! With your eternal future secure now, we will see you very soon! But does that mean that you can just kick back and wait for the 7-year Tribulation clock to run out? As the Apostle Paul famously argues: "NO! May it never be!" (Romans 6:2). Instead, we're going to talk about finishing well in these last days.

TOPIC: Finishing Well

Brothers and Sisters, there is a common goal we all have: "to finish well". This applies to both those that have gone before you in the Rapture, and YOU, the Tribulation Saint that has come to faith in Jesus Christ now. The timeline for our finish line may look different, but the principles of how we are to live are very similar. First, a qualifier, to finish well, you must be born-again, and willing to do all you can to help others too. You must be a part of the solution by helping others.

Jesus Is the Only Way

Finishing well means that you recognize that belief in the saving work of Jesus Christ is the ONLY way to God. This is a great mission opportunity for you now! It means that you will teach others, help them understand the things that you know now. As you do so, be prepared if you hear a different Gospel influencing someone you are sharing with. You must actively resist and reject it, bringing TRUTH to the people you are influencing. People cannot be saved by a fake Jesus, nor a false religious system, nor the promise of ascendance or works of technology, nor in works of any kind. In Acts 4:12 we find Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit and speaking before the rulers and elders of his day, testifying THIS about Jesus: "**AND THERE IS SALVATION IN NO ONE ELSE; FOR THERE IS NO OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN AMONG MEN BY WHICH WE MUST BE SAVED.**" When anyone tells you to bow to the Antichrist, or to conform to the "common good of mankind", or to believe that there are multiple paths to God, know that this is deceitful and contradicts the clear teachings found in the Word of God. Don't let others be persuaded by a false religious system. **There is only ONE WAY to God and that is through the atonement and sacrifice of Jesus Christ, who paid the price for your sins and offers forgiveness and correct standing before the GOD of the universe for all eternity.** So, one way you can finish well is to help others understand the TRUTH of the Word of God and their NEED for Christ so that you can hopefully teach them that Jesus is the only way and lead them to Christ. You must be faithful to this mission.

Read the Word of God – The Bible

Finishing well means that you will read the Word of God and handle its instruction and teachings with great care! You must be a student of the Word of God and **study the Bible as a TOP PRIORITY**. Whether it is one of the included Bibles located on this Rapture Kit USB drive, or one downloaded on your mobile phone, tablet, or used online: it is generally equal. But as a word of caution, try to get your resources offline as soon as possible. That's why we put so many of the resources on a USB drive, so it is portable and does not require an Internet connection where you can be tracked. By the way, some translations are better than others, but you may not have a choice. Your loved ones may have left a Bible in plain view for you to discover at the appointed time. Don't neglect looking in the bookshelf or bedroom nightstands. Perhaps, the Bible includes a letter of care and concern for your eternal destiny—longing for you to be in Heaven with them. **THE DECISION TO CHOOSE OR REJECT CHRIST IS IRREVERSIBLE WHEN WE DIE.** And just note how urgent and sobering it is that **YOU HELP OTHERS CHOOSE NOW AND CHOOSE WELL**, because they (like you) don't have any guarantee that they'll be alive tomorrow. With the cataclysmic judgments coming on the Earth and with so many inhabitants of the Earth perishing, **it is URGENT that they choose Jesus and DO SO THIS VERY MINUTE!**

Study the Word of God. It says in 2 Timothy 2:15 to: "**Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.**" Remember: the TRUTH is found in the Word of God, and the LIE is found in **all other religious writings**. Period. There are no exceptions! You have been deceived long enough...now you must take responsibility to embrace the REAL TRUTH...I urge you to come into the light of the Gospel and receive forgiveness.

Test All Things

Finishing well means that you will **test all things by comparing anything you see, read, or experience to the Bible**. The Bible is our **SOLE AUTHORITY** for what is true and good and acceptable! As we've discussed, the deceit, the lies, the false beliefs, and solutions offered by the Antichrist and the world system are going to be VERY POWERFUL, VERY PERSUASIVE, and most certainly OPPOSED TO JESUS CHRIST AND THE BIBLE AND THE MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL.

We see in Acts 17:10-11 the pattern for how to resist LIES and how to test **ALL** things. It says: "The brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews.¹¹ Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, **examining the Scriptures daily [to see] whether these things were so.**" There is a parallel to this found in 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22: "**But examine everything [carefully;]** hold fast to that which is good;²² abstain from every form of evil."

Essentially, Brothers and Sisters, in all the things that you witness going on during the Tribulation, where false signs and miracles are occurring to great fanfare and acclaim, just remember ONE THING! If what you personally see or what you are told, or what you are asked to do is contrary to the Word of God...you **MUST AVOID** all such influences...even unto potential imprisonment, punishment, or maybe even death. We've already covered the subject that taking the Mark of the Beast leads to eternal damnation and once someone takes the Mark it is irreversible... **The Word of God is very, very clear that it is a point of no return.** So, if someone has the Mark and tells you: "it's okay", or "don't worry about it", or "this doesn't affect your eternal standing", or more directly: "that this **IS** how you will be saved!" It is quite possible that they may present a **twisted interpretation** of Ephesians 1:13 "...you were **sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit** of promise..." and imply that this Seal is the same thing as the Mark of the Beast – a **COUNTERFEIT SEAL**. You will be confronted with many arguments to take the Mark...and they summarize all these false reassurances to: "**JUST JOIN US...**" *Well, that is a deceit and lie because it contradicts the Bible. It's better to die as a martyr as a Follower of Christ **at that very moment** than to go along with misinformation or peer pressure or threats that push you into taking the Mark of the Beast. You must stand strong in all things. Knowing the Bible is critical.*

Some of the arguments you will hear might also involve members of another Church. They may say to you: "Taking the Mark is safe. To prove it they may say to you: "We have just successfully enrolled the members of XYZ Church just down the street." **BEWARE** of such statements. Remember, you are comparing what someone says to you with the Bible. You know that taking the Mark leads to great torment and eternal separate from God. So, which source of truth, then, will you believe? Will you believe the enforcers of the Mark or the Word of God? This should be an obvious and easy decision. But, sadly, some might be persuaded to go along if other so-called "Christians" have also taken the Mark. But **YOU MUST RESIST** this! I'm sure these could be people you have spent a lifetime getting to know. I can imagine your personal heartbreak seeing people you know taking the Mark. But these people are compromised, they are weak, they are likely not even truly saved, they do not have evidence of the Holy Spirit living in them: **for they did not hear His voice of warning!** They do not understand the consequences of ignoring Scripture. So, Brothers and Sisters—**you must be prepared to STAND AGAINST anything that contradicts the Word of God.** Even if you are told that other "Christians" are complying. **YOU KNOW BETTER THAN THAT.**

Compare what you **SEE** and **HEAR** with the Word of God. If it's consistent with the Bible, it's authentic and trustworthy. If there is partial truth, that is the same as no truth and is a deception. The enemy mixes in "enough truth" that it initially seems okay. Just know that most of the things you'll be seeing, hearing, and reading about are cleverly designed to pull you further into error. **BE A GOOD BEREAN. EXAMINE THE SCRIPTURES TO CONFIRM WHAT YOU ARE TOLD.** Carefully help others by sharing what you have learned. Quote the Bible if you can—to oppose the false teachings you and others will run into. The Holy Spirit will help you!

YOU MUST PREVAIL. Test all things...it is not a suggestion. To finish well, this is an essential skill you must develop!

Put on the Whole Armor of God

Finishing well means that we protect ourselves from the attacks of the enemy; to stand firm and to resolutely prevail, using the tools that the Lord gave to every believer. We find the discussion about the FULL ARMOR OF GOD mentioned in Ephesians 6:10-17 “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. ¹¹ **Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.** ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual [forces] of wickedness in the heavenly [places.] ¹³ **THEREFORE, TAKE UP THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD, SO THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO RESIST IN THE EVIL DAY, AND HAVING DONE EVERYTHING, TO STAND FIRM.** ¹⁴ Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, ¹⁵ and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE; ¹⁶ in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil [one.] ¹⁷ And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” Look at what Paul instructs us to do with the Armor of God in verse 18: ¹⁸ “**With all prayer and petition PRAY AT ALL TIMES in the Spirit, and with this in view, BE ON THE ALERT with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,**”

It’s almost as though these instructions were not just written to the Church before the Rapture, but for **your direct benefit, RIGHT NOW!** **The full armor of God is going to help YOU to prevail, to stand firm, to resist the schemes of Satan, the rulers, powers, and world forces that are opposed to the Lord and to HIS REDEEMED.** Of special note is the shield of faith that helps us deflect and extinguish the “flaming arrows” of the enemy. *These arrows take many forms, but their target is to weaken the FOUNDATION OF YOUR FAITH, your understanding of TRUTH, your ability to RESIST the pull, seduction, and numbing pleasures of the World System.* **It is essential to view the whole armor of God as a daily and perhaps even an hourly discipline! This is not a once-in-a-lifetime event, but a DISCIPLINE that continuously supports your ACTIVE resistance to evil influences in the days of the Tribulation.**

Contend Earnestly for the Faith

Finishing well means we earnestly contend for the faith. Each believer in Jesus Christ is unique and distinct. There is only one You. We each have various gifts and abilities, including various levels of responsibility and resources. But we have this in common: we—the Believers in Jesus Christ—are all accountable to align with His purposes for this Earth and to play our specific role and function in the Body of Christ. Having a missional focus, a heart that is tender and inclined towards love and service is one of the best ways that we can contend for the faith. Look at what Jude 1:3 says: “Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing **that you CONTEND EARNESTLY FOR THE FAITH which was once for all handed down to the saints.**”

This eagerness, this intentionality, is a part of who we are as Christ followers. The world doesn’t think this way. It’s clear that evil begets evil desires, which begets a multitude of sinful behavior that is the very opposite of how we need to live our lives. Especially during the Tribulation. **What sets us apart is a higher calling and perspective that allows us to see beyond our circumstances towards a common inheritance with the Lord’s impending Millennial Kingdom and our eventual Eternal State with Him.** WE AIM FOR THAT! We aim for eternal fellowship with the KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS and with each other as Brothers and Sisters. Together, we are the forever family of God! It will be so amazing to meet you one day!

Remember, contending for the faith is a reflection of who we are in Christ and should honor those that have faithfully gone before you. You should desire to please Jesus Christ first, but also imagine being reunited one day with your family that are now in Heaven. You should want your kids, your siblings, your parents, and extended relatives (past and present), your friends and work colleagues to be proud that you finished well.

In our final segment, I’d like to speak more personally to you now. This will be **ME** speaking to **YOU**.

TOPIC: FROM ME TO YOU – A PERSONAL MESSAGE

To finish well, I also encourage you to emulate a prophecy made about our Lord Jesus found in Isaiah 50:7 “**For the Lord GOD helps Me, Therefore, I am not disgraced; Therefore, I HAVE SET MY FACE LIKE FLINT,** And I know that I will not be ashamed.” The principle of Jesus Christ setting His face like flint meant that He would be undeterred in His mission to

submit Himself to the Father and to accomplish the great work of redemption at the cross. As this is applied to us today, it means a keen resolve...that nothing the Antichrist and world system does will dissuade you from pursuing Jesus Christ. To be distracted in these days, or using alcohol or other substances to mask the pain you are in is not going to help you finish well...and in fact, it might make you much more susceptible to falling away at just the wrong time...when your personal finish line is so close. Many Bible Prophecy experts believe that references to “sorcery” found in Revelation 18:23 have the same root word as “pharmakia” from which we get the English word for drugs. There are many testimonies of believers that share that, prior to getting saved, taking drugs allowed a satanic influence to enter into their lives. It is possible that a newer, more powerful drug might be introduced during the Tribulation. **RESIST ALL DRUGS WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT!** You don’t want to go there, Friend. That is not the solution: **JESUS IS THE SOLUTION!**

I like the idea of a personal finish line and think of it often. To finish well means that we run with purpose the course set before us...whatever that is. Your course isn’t found in a sports contest somewhere, but it’s the 7-year Tribulation period itself. 1 Corinthians 9:24 uses a principle from sports to make an important point: “Run in such a way that you may win.” **RUN FOR AS LONG AS YOU CAN AND EXERT ALL YOUR ENERGY TO FINISHING WELL.** This is the time to wake up, and fully accept that you now find yourself in the most difficult period in human history. *Know that it is your personal responsibility to be strong while on your knees in prayer and to help others to the best of your ability.*

You are Surrounded by Witnesses

To finish well, realize that you are not alone! As stunning as this may sound to you right now, did you know that you are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses? In Hebrews 12:1-2 it says: “Therefore, since **we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us**, let us also lay aside **EVERY ENCUMBRANCE** and the sin which so easily entangles us, and **let us run with ENDURANCE the race that is set before us**, ² **FIXING OUR EYES ON JESUS, THE AUTHOR AND PERFECTER OF FAITH, WHO FOR THE JOY SET BEFORE HIM ENDURED THE CROSS**, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” We—those that have gone before you in faith, including those caught up during the Rapture—are a part of the COMPLETED work of Christ. We are His, **AND YOU ARE HIS**, and so we rejoice in your running the race as you are led by the Holy Spirit to cross your personal finish line.

Survive Through the Tribulation

To finish well, you should **NOT** be thinking “I need to survive through the Tribulation so that I can reach the Millennium”. Although that might be possible—and this is going to be very blunt—it is statistically unlikely. **INSTEAD, YOU SHOULD BE THINKING “I NEED TO RELY ON THE SAVING WORK OF JESUS AND THE PROMISE OF SALVATION SO THAT IF I DIE, I WILL BE INSTANTANEOUSLY IN HEAVEN THAT VERY MOMENT.”** My great fear for you, Friend, is that you will **DELAY OR PUT OFF YOUR REPENTANCE** and then be killed before you can call out to Jesus for Salvation...waiting until the last minute. What happens if you are killed while you sleep? **You’ll never see death coming.**

Let me put it another way—and I am terribly sorry to jolt you—but without the ability to buy or sell, without the ability to sustain your home or apartment, or to buy food and medical supplies, it is unlikely that you will last all seven years of the Tribulation. To this statistical improbability, add that you might be caught up in one of the terrible judgments which will affect all mankind. You might be infected with a terminal pestilence or hit with a hail stone flaming with fire and soaked in blood (Revelation 8:7) or killed by raving mad lunatics that are perpetrating unspeakable and demonically energized violence to rape, plunder, and seize valuables. You might fall during one of the wars in a remote battlefield, or from chaos in your very own neighborhood by violent people.

So, faced with such great odds, you must think about the real solution. Get the foundation right. Being born again, saved by grace through Jesus Christ is the one-hundred percent solution...period. **IF YOU ARE SAVED, THEN YOU KNOW THAT YOU WILL PREVAIL.** When you die, guess what? You are immediately in the presence of the Lord! **THAT IS THE REAL PLAN.** *Listen to me now: sure, make every effort to survive, because that extends your ability to influence others FOR GOOD.* If you can, you should play a strong role in helping them along the way and hopefully disciple them in their young and immature faith. Help them in their understanding and young faith in Jesus—but every hour of everyday counts. Make sense? The Earth is in the process of great judgment and destruction...it is not our home anymore. Heaven is our home and eventually the New Jerusalem and New Earth will become our forever home.

Extraordinary Promises for Those That Overcome

Let's read a few verses that will encourage you. There are many promises that you will receive if you **OVERCOME** the Tribulation period! Just listen to what the Word of God says:

Revelation 2:7 says: "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God.**"

Revelation 2:11 says: "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death.**"

The second death is described in Revelation 21:8 "But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part [will be] in **the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.**"

Revelation 2:17 says: "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **To him who overcomes, to him I will give [some] of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.**"

Revelation 2:26-27 says: "**He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS; 27 AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES, as I also have received [authority] from My Father;**"

Revelation 3:5 says: "**He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.**"

Revelation 3:12 says: "**He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name.**"

And finally, Revelation 3:21 says: "**He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.**"

FINAL WORDS

Brothers and Sisters, I believe what needed to be said to you has been said. It is heartbreaking to know that you are witnessing the terrible events unfolding during the 7-year Tribulation Period. But we are with you in a common bond of love for the LORD JESUS CHRIST. Remember that "Revelation" means the **UNVEILING** of Jesus Christ as He concludes the long-promised redemption from the events of the Fall of Mankind in Genesis 3. I pray that YOU will be humbled enough to turn to Jesus now and to receive His gift of Salvation. But be quick and don't delay even a minute. I urge you to make the decision that will determine your eternal destiny: either Heaven or Hell. Eternal bliss in Heaven or eternal damnation in the lake of fire. You choose. Choose Well, friend, Choose Life!

Before I go, if you want to be saved right now, follow my sample prayer but mean it with all your heart and mind. This prayer is identical to the one I offered at the very beginning of the presentation. But now, perhaps, having learned so much more, you see your need and NOW you are indeed ready to yield to Christ. These are my words, but I urge you to pray along with me:

"God, thank You for loving me. I'm so sorry for my sins. I want to turn away from them. I renounce them! I believe Jesus died on the cross for my sins. So, please forgive me. Wash away my sins. I trust in Jesus Christ to save me. Come into my life. Be my Lord and Savior. Make me into the person You want me to be and give me the strength to live for You. I surrender everything to You...my heart, my mind, my resources, and commit to follow You for the rest of my life and to the best of my ability. In Jesus Name, Amen!"

If you prayed this prayer and meant it, welcome to your future with Jesus Christ and your eternal family! We, your Brothers and Sisters that have gone before you, will rejoice when we see you soon!

May You find comfort in these words.

BENEDICTION

Let me now close...not with my own words, but selected benedictions spanning the entire Word of God. May you be greatly affirmed, encouraged, and strengthened. I highly encourage you to memorize them!

Numbers 6:24-27 "The LORD bless you, and keep you; ²⁵ The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; ²⁶ The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.' ²⁷ "So they shall invoke My name on the sons of Israel, and I [then] will bless them."

Psalms 19:14 "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my Redeemer."

Romans 15:5-6 "Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Romans 15:13 "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 16:25-27 "Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past, ²⁶ but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, [leading] to obedience of faith; ²⁷ to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen."

2 Corinthians 13:14 "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all."

Galatians 6:18 "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen."

Ephesians 3:20-21 "Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, ²¹ to Him [be] the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen."

Philippians 4:20 "Now to our God and Father [be] the glory forever and ever. Amen."

Philippians 4:23 "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit."

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass."

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 "Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace, ¹⁷ comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word."

2 Thessalonians 3:16 "Now may the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance. The Lord be with you all!"

1 Timothy 1:17 "Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, [be] honor and glory forever and ever. Amen."

Hebrews 13:20-21 “Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, [even] Jesus our Lord,²¹ equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom [be] the glory forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:11 “Whoever speaks, [is to do so] as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves [is to do so] as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 5:10-11 “After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen [and] establish you.¹¹ To Him [be] dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

2 Peter 3:18 “...but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him [be] the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”

Jude 1:24-25 “Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy,²⁵ to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, [be] glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Revelation 1:5b-6 “To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood--⁶ and He has made us [to be] a kingdom, priests to His God and Father--to Him [be] the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 7:12 "Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, [be] to our God forever and ever. Amen."

Revelation 22:21 “The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.”

FINAL GREETINGS

As I conclude, let me speak on behalf of all those that have gone before you. We know the Tribulation will be very severe, but hopefully you will come away from this presentation knowing that **you are not alone. INDEED, YOU ARE LOVED BY MANY MULTITUDES THAT HAVE GONE BEFORE YOU.** There is great hope in our common bond in Jesus, the Christ, the one and only Messiah, King of Kings and Lord of Lords! We will worship Him when we are reunited and enjoy such fellowship among our new forever family that words fail to describe all that is in store for us there.

After all, it says as much in 1 Corinthians 2:9: “But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him””

And because of that, read 1 Corinthians 15:57-58 with a new awareness and appreciation for our great victory in Christ. It says: “...but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not [in] vain in the Lord.”

Godspeed – May the LORD be with you in these days. You will prevail. You will finish well. We will see you soon!

AMEN!

BONUS – A Councilor Wants to Speak to You

I want to share a story with you. As the I Am A Watchman team was strategizing on what to include in this expanded Rapture Kit resource, we came to an interesting observation. Knowing that there will be great distress, fear, and depression among those left behind after the Rapture, we knew we had to step up to walk alongside you—almost like a councilor does. As it turns out, we have a councilor on our team that serves in a local church and has quite a bit of experience working with a variety of needs. This is where it gets interesting. In our planning about WHAT TO SAY, AND AS SHANNON WAS PRAYING ABOUT WHAT TO SAY TO YOU, it became evident to her that the Lord was leading her to address you with a different emphasis. What follows is her words of council and love for you. As you hear what is on her heart, remember that this gifted councilor stood in the gap for you—thinking of what would be of MOST value to you. She could have counseled you on “how to recover from being left behind”...but she didn’t. That was the original plan...but the Lord moved her to speak to you on something even more important. Pay attention and listen well. So, without further delay, let me hand this presentation off to Shannon.

Dear ones,

I am going to begin with a prayer for you as the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has no beginning and no end, so even though, I am no longer here: He remains.

Precious God,

You know exactly who each person is seeing and viewing this recording right now. You made this individual in his or her mother’s womb, and this individual is made in the image of God. Please take off any blinders that are in the way of seeing and understanding truth. In Jesus Name, Amen

You may be feeling frightened, alone, insecure, confused, grief-stricken, or even angry about the disappearance of Christians and children from this world. Any and all of those feelings make sense. I am sure many have come up with a variety of reasons for this disappearance. The truth is this disappearance has been foretold in the most ancient book: The Bible. The following Bible verses surrounding the disappearance or rapture of Christians (those who believed in Jesus as the Son of God) are found in a book of the Bible written two thousand year ago, specifically, 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17:

“For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep [physically had died prior to the rapture]. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus, we shall always be with the Lord.”

You can also be with the Lord and your raptured loved ones in the future by simply believing in Jesus Christ as your Savior now. The only requirement is belief in Jesus Christ as the Bible asserts from John 3:16-17:

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son [which is Jesus], that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.”

If you do choose to believe in Christ as your Savior, you then are transformed eternally from death to life as your spirit is eternal. When you die, your spirit will continue, and you too will always be with the Lord and reunited with those that have disappeared.

When you believe in Christ for salvation, you have a new name, which is child of God as confirmed in the gospel of John 1:12-13:

“But as many as received Him [Jesus], to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”

I urge you to make the decision to believe onto Jesus for your eternal life and become a child of God. With God, you have an inexhaustible source of unconditional love, wisdom, grace, peace, forgiveness, and strength. You will need this going forward. He has provided the way forward for you to live this new life through an amazing gift.

Let me share with you for a moment about this gift. At the moment you believe in Jesus Christ for your salvation, the Holy Spirit comes to live inside you to assist, strengthen, and comfort you, as well as to convict you of sin. Your role is to keep in fellowship or connection with the Holy Spirit, meaning when your conscience is pricked (otherwise known as being convicted of wrongdoing), quickly confess your sins to God and ask Him for help to walk in the other direction, away from the sin. The Holy Spirit will help you.

Here is another truth from the Bible found in 1 John 1:9:

“If we confess our sins [to God], He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Also from 1 John 5:5, here is a beautiful truth to remind yourself as you move forward believing unto Jesus:

“And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith [or our belief in Jesus]. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”

If ever you doubt your faith on this journey, here is a passage from 1 John 5:11-13 to confirm your faith as your faith is secure, not because of your works, but because the object of your belief is eternally faithful, who is Jesus Christ, the Son of God:

“And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.”

I recognize what you have endured by being left behind and losing loved ones in the rapture is extremely difficult. The road ahead is going to be very challenging, but not impossible with the gift of his Holy Spirit living in you. The Holy Spirit will help you in this life and is also a deposit as your assurance of eternal life with God and with Christian loved ones and children that were raptured.

Remember that even though this life can feel crushing at times, it is temporary. Your spirit is not temporary; your spirit is eternal. You have a choice to make: eternal life or eternal death. By not believing in Jesus Christ, you are electing eternal death and hell. Choose life; choose Christ.

If it hasn't occurred already, Christians are going to be hated on this earth. Choosing Christ will require discernment. Listen to what 1 John 4:1-5 shares:

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them.

So, the world will hate you, but God loves you with an inexhaustible and unconditional love. Hold steadfast to this truth. You will need courage and strength for this journey on earth. Our God through the power of His Holy Spirit living in you

will provide what you need. You will need to ask God for your needs and trust Him to provide as you follow Him in obedience.

When the Holy Spirit comes to live inside of you after you have made the decision to believe in Jesus Christ, you have been given a new nature to love God and to demonstrate this love of God by loving others as conveyed in 1 John 3: 16-18:

“By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world’s goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.”

I want to help prepare you, my brothers and sisters, who are in Christ. Satan and his minions are the enemy of God, and Satan will be on this earth, specifically in the form of the Antichrist. So, your role as clarified in 1 Peter 5:8 & 9 is to “be sober, [to] be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.” One of Satan’s favorite tactics to use on humans is fear. Do not give way to his scheme. The Bible says in 2 Timothy 1:7 that “God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind.” Remember that God provides power, love, and a sound mind; Satan gives fear. Furthermore, as I have already shared from 1 John 4: “He who is in you is greater, than he [being Satan] who is in the world.”

One of the challenges you are going to face is for daily sustenance. So, the enemy’s scheme will be for you to compromise and take the mark of the beast. DO NOT take the mark of the beast that will easily provide you the ability to buy and sell and move through society. If you take the mark of the beast, you are eternal separation from God and from those that have disappeared. If you take the mark, you are choosing Satan and hell. It is that serious. There is no forgiveness for taking the mark as you have chosen your side in this spiritual battle. So be wise and take the road of temporary suffering without the mark.

Another challenge will be friends and family members on earth that do not understand your decision to believe Christ for salvation. They will mock and betray you, and quite possibly discard you. So, there will be grief, loss, and isolation. This was foretold as well in the book of Matthew 10:36-38: “A man’s enemies will be those of his own household.’ He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. “

God is worthy of your devotion, as He is a good Father. He will see you through this trial. Furthermore, the Bible says in Psalms 34:18 & 19: “The Lord is near to those that have a broken heart and saves such as are crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.”

When you accept the Lord’s free gift of salvation, you are eternally secure. You will be with the Lord forever after this life and reunited with your loved ones that were raptured. Furthermore, you have been given the gift of His Holy Spirit to help you in this journey, so you do not need to rely on your strength, but His strength. He will see you through this, and I will be so looking forward to meeting you on the other side. As my pastor says to us now, I also say to you: “Look up, lift up your head as your redemption draws near.” Your God will never leave you or forsake you, so fight on as the prize at the end will be worth it: eternal life with the lover of your soul.

I am praying for you. I will see you on the other side.