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Dedication

This book is dedicated to our heavenly Father, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit who gave the revelation of understanding so that these Scriptures can be understood now that we are in the time of the end. Also, it is dedicated to the prophets of old and the disciples of Christ who paid the price to receive the Word so that we are able to have it for today to understand.

Special Thanks

A special thanks to Pastor Wade Glover for his assistance in helping me put the materials together that brought this book to life. His assistance made my work easier.

Note

Please, before reading this book, have your *Authorized King James Version* of the Holy Bible handy to follow along with the Scripture references. All references in this book are from this version of the Bible. Many versions of the Bible exist. I highly recommend the Authorized King James Version, *not* the New King James or the Amplified King James!

You will see that certain statements are repeated and exaggerated frequently. This is purposely done to help the reader receive and absorb the information presented and understand its importance.

Please help me get this message out on all social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.). People of faith need to know this! All this information is also available on shepherdministries.org.

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A Letter to The Pastor

Pastor,

PLEASE, for the sake of those souls who God, our Father, has placed in *your hands* for proper teaching of His Word, teach them the truth! Their blood will be on *your hands*, and you will *one day answer to God* for what you have taught them. The revelation of truth that is in this little book on the rapture has been closed up and sealed until the time of the end.

But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. . . . And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, Oh my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. (Dan. 12:4, 8–9)

The subject of these verses is the rapture. According to Daniel, the true revelation about the rapture could not be understood until *now*! Why now? It is because we *are* in the time of the end!

When I was growing up, I was taught (like most Christians) that the rapture would happen at the beginning of Daniel's Seventieth Week of years (the seven-year tribulation period). I was also taught that Jesus comes before the Antichrist is revealed, and we would be gone before the mark of the beast comes out. This sounded very good to me. At that time, I did not question that teaching. As I grew in the Lord and studied God's Word, I came to the understanding that my calling would

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be in the realm of prophecy. In the past fifty years of studying God's Holy Word, the Holy Spirit has opened my eyes to a much deeper understanding in the realm of prophecy.

Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. (Matt. 24:45–46)

Will you be that servant? Or will you be a servant of man teaching the doctrines of man?

That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ. (Eph. 4:14–15, emphasis added)

Everything we teach God's children must line up with the Word of God! One day, if we teach lies and say it is God's Word, we might find ourselves spending an eternity with the father of lies, the Devil. Think about it! Read this little book and look at the facts. If the facts don't line up with what you are teaching, don't call the truth a lie. Just change your teachings to the facts!

Tell your people that the proper understanding about the rapture has been closed up and sealed until the time of the end. That is why you did not understand, just like Daniel did not understand. He was told that it would not be understood until the time of the end! Tell them that I was taught the same things that you were taught, and I did not question my teachers in the same way that you did not question yours! They did not know, I did not know, and you did not know! Thanks be to God that we can see the truth now before it's too late. If your people love you, as I am sure they do, they will understand and respect you for telling them the truth. They will stand behind

you. If you love them, tell them the truth! God will be pleased! When you stand before Him one day, He will say, “Well done, my faithful servant!”

If you don’t tell them the truth, you are setting them up to be deceived! When the Antichrist comes on the scene, claiming to be God and deceiving the world into believing he is God (2 Thess. 2:9–12), your congregation will believe he is God because *you* taught them that Jesus comes first! So, they will think this can’t be the Antichrist because our pastor taught us that Jesus comes first. When the Antichrist comes on the scene and demands total allegiance to himself as God, and the apostate church calls upon the whole world to take the Antichrist’s seal in their right hand or forehead (Rev. 13:11–18), this will be the mark of the Beast. Your people will take it, thinking it is not the mark of the Beast because *you* taught them that they will be gone before the mark comes out! This will be a nightmare for you and your congregation. Think about it! We are that generation that will see all things fulfilled (Matt. 24:32–34).

So please, for the love of your church body, tell them the truth at any cost! You will be so glad that you did when the time comes! When you stand before God, their blood will not be on your hands. Think of the peace of mind that brings. Then when you see them in heaven, they will say to you: “*Thank you so much for loving us enough to tell us the truth!*” Please pray and read this little book and swallow your pride for your congregation’s sake if this is an issue for you. Remember, pride comes before a fall! Then, tell them the truth!

God bless you,
Pastor John

A Letter to the Church

In general, the churches teach three different doctrines on the rapture of the church. The way they teach them and what they call them are summarized as follows:

Pretribulation rapture means that the rapture occurs at the beginning of Daniel's Seventieth Week of years.

Midtribulation rapture means that the rapture occurs in the middle of Daniel's Seventieth Week of years.

Post-wrath rapture means that the rapture occurs at the end of Daniel's Seventieth Week of years.

I hope for a pre, I'm prepared for a post, but I believe according to Scripture, it's a mid! The word *rapture* is not used anywhere in the Bible! Rapture means what the Bible refers to in 1 Thessalonians 4:17 as "shall be caught up!" So, the church uses the word rapture for this particular event. We will explore all three teachings and compare them to Scripture.

If man's teachings contradict God's word, who do you believe?

Romans 3:4 states, "*Let God be true, but every man a liar.*"

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If man's word contradicts God's Word, what are you going to do? Will you accept man's word or God's Word? If you accept man's word over the truth of God's Word, 2 Thessalonians 2:10–12 states that you will be damned for doing so. If we look back to verse 1 of chapter 2 of 2 Thessalonians, we will find that Paul is talking about the event that we call the rapture of the church. Read this little book and learn what the Holy Bible says about the rapture.

Introduction to the Revised Edition of The Last Days Chart

A one-page presentation has been put together in the form of a chart. This chart covers the last generation beginning May 14, 1948 (The rebirth of Israel).

If one was to do a deep study of this chart, they would see the whole picture all backed by Scripture, unfolding before their very eyes.

Don't measure this chart with your denominational teaching; measure it by the Word of God. Your denomination is but one of more than 30,000 in the Christian faith. This should not be; we should have one denomination and one truth. That truth is the Word of God. Denominations came about by man, not God. We should have one church and one truth all harmonizing together, would you not agree?

All denominational churches think they have the whole truth and all the others are wrong, which would mean that you are part of one of the many denominational churches that doesn't have the whole truth. If they would just read God's Word and see if His Word lines up with the teachings, then they would know whether or not they are being taught the truth on that subject. Many churches will take a Scripture out of context. It then becomes part of the doctrine of their denomination or church. The way you know if you have the truth or not is to study all the Scriptures on that subject matter. If they all agree with what you are being taught, then you know you are being taught the truth. If they don't agree, then you are not being taught the truth. It is essential to know the truth and be set free

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from denominational bondage. God's word is not complicated: all of us who love the Lord have a gift given to us by God. He is our teacher.

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. (John 14:26)

His name is the Holy Spirit! He is my teacher and your teacher. I depend on Him to teach me the truth of God's word. There has never been a greater teacher. He will teach you all you have a desire to know. He will give you the wisdom and understanding that you desire by sincerely making the request.

The Ascension of Isaiah 4:12–14 gives us additional information that we didn't have!

My original chart (copyright 1992) covered events according to Scripture up to and including the rapture of the church. I did not go into detail concerning the second half of the Seventieth Week of Daniel, which deals with the true bride of Christ because I felt there was something missing. That something is found in The Ascension of Isaiah 4:14. That something is that there are 1,332 days after the rapture of the church, and then the Lord will return for His bride. That missing piece was what I needed to fully address the bride of Christ on the last days chart. What you see in the book is the revised edition (rev. 7/2017).

The first half of Daniel's Seventieth Week is the first 1,260 days into the seven-year peace treaty. Then Daniel's Seventieth Week stops at that point and picks back up 147 days later (75 and 72), just as there was a division between the sixty-ninth and Seventieth Week in Daniel 9:26–27. This is the explanation of why the Bible states clearly that there are two 1,260-day periods. The first 1,260-day period is Revelation 11:3, the two witnesses. After the first 1,260 days, the church enters the great tribulation period that Jesus spoke of in Matthew 24:14–31.

This is jump-started by Michael casting Satan and his angels out of the second heaven at 1,260 days (Rev. 12:12–13, Dan. 12:1). It needs to be understood that this “second heaven” is not the second heaven of the heavenly realm but is the second heaven of the supernatural realm. Satan then incarnates the Antichrist. This brings us up to seventy-five days from the rapture event (Dan. 12:12–13, Ascension of Isaiah 4:12–13). The rapture is 1,335 days from the signing of the peace treaty.

After the rapture, the true bride of Christ (Rev. 7:3-8; 12:5–9; 14:1–5; 21:9–12) is taken to a place of safety prepared by God. This transition takes seventy-two days to accomplish. Then we enter into the second half of Daniel’s Seventieth Week, (Rev. 12:5–7) the second 1,260 days, which brings a total of 1,332 days ($72 + 1,260 = 1,332$) after the rapture as mentioned in the ascension of Isaiah 4:14. This brings us to the end of the Seventieth Week (Daniel 9:24–27), and Jesus returns for His bride and sets up His kingdom.

Note: It says in Jeremiah 3:14 “Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:”. Mount Zion is at Jerusalem, when standing on the Mount of Olives looking at Jerusalem, Mount Zion is to the left of the outside wall surrounding Jerusalem. In Revelation 14:1-4 you can see the Lord there, on Mount Zion, with His virgin bride, standing in their hearts because they just received Him as their Lord and Savior, after they saw the rapture of the Church take place (Revelation 11:12-13). You can see in Revelation 7:3-8 the 144,000 Jews (12,000 Jews from each of the twelve tribes of Israel) being sealed in their foreheads as His bride and wife. Revelation 21:9-12 clarifies that the twelve tribes of Israel are the bride of Christ. It’s clear to see who the bride of Christ is, and it’s not the Church, the Church is the body of Christ with Him being the head, the bible tells us that. This theology is based on **several** passages in the **Bible**, including 1Corinthians 12:12-27, Romans 12:5, Colossians 1:18, 24 and Ephesians 3:6 and 5:23. **Jesus Christ** is seen as the “head” of **the body**, which

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is the church, while the “**members**” of **the body** are seen as **members** of the Church. The bible shows that the rapture of the Church has happened (Rev. 7:9) and the Church standing before the throne in Heaven after the 144,000 Jews are sealed and taken to Mount Zion! Jeremiah 3:14!

A full-sized color version of the revised Last Days Chart can be found at <http://www.shepherdministries.org> for easy study. The copy you see on the next page is a much-condensed version and is provided to give you an idea of the appearance of the chart that can be found online along with many other books and material for free download.

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What does the Bible say about the Rapture? When does it happen?

Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, (*not vanish*) In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed (*not vanish*). (1 Cor. 15:51–52, emphasis added)

First Thessalonians 4:14–17 further states,

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

What does Paul call this event? In 1 Corinthians 15:51, he calls the rapture a “mystery!” When will this mystery occur? It will occur at the last or seventh trumpet. Revelation 10:7 says, “*But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, (not after he sounds but shall begin to sound)*”

the mystery (the rapture) of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.” So, what has the Bible said so far? It clearly states that the rapture happens at or just before the seventh trumpet begins to sound. (In Revelation 8:2, there are seven trumpets.)

I Have Two Questions

1. When do we get our rewards as Christians?

Jesus says in Revelation 22:12, “And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.” In Matthew 16:27 Jesus says, “For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.” In these two Scriptures, it clearly states that we are given our rewards *when* the rapture happens! Remember this!

2. When does God’s wrath come?

First Thessalonians 5:9 says, “For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.” This verse shows that the rapture must happen before God pours out His wrath. Remember this!

These Scriptures show that we get our rewards when the rapture happens; and that God’s wrath cannot come until after the church is gone or raptured. Is any of this covered in the seventh trumpet?

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. . . . And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged (*this is the judgment seat of Christ for the believer*), and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and

shouldest destroy them (*God's wrath*) which destroy the earth. (Rev.11:15, 18, emphasis added)

What do we see here? We see that we, the Christians, are receiving our rewards and that the wrath of God has come just as the Scriptures say will happen when the seventh (last) trumpet sounds. This means that these events will happen after the rapture of the church! (Read 1 Cor. 15:51–52; Rev. 10:7.)

If the rapture of the church occurs at the seventh trumpet, which it does, where does that place us in Daniel's Seventieth Week of years? Daniel 9:27 says that the Antichrist (The U.N. *is* anti-Christ, but not *the* Antichrist. The Antichrist is in on it behind the scenes!) will confirm a covenant with Israel and the surrounding Arab nations. This covenant will be for a week of years, or seven years. This is the seven-year period of time the church talks about referencing the rapture event. It begins with the Antichrist confirming the covenant and ends with Armageddon and Christ's return to set up his earthly kingdom for 1,000 years.

Now, let's go back to Revelation 11:15 when the seventh trumpet sounds. According to Revelation 10:7 and 1 Corinthians 15:51–52, the rapture happens and is **finished just as** the seventh trumpet begins to sound. So, if we back up a few verses, we should see the rapture happening! Revelation 11:11 states, "*And after three days and a half the spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.*" These are the two witnesses who Revelation 11:3–12 talks about. They have just finished prophesying for three-and-a-half years, starting at the signing of the seven-year peace treaty spoken of in Daniel 9:27. In other words, the time is in the **middle** of the seven-year peace treaty, **not at the beginning**. The witnesses were dead in Christ. They stand upon their feet because the rapture is happening and is finished just as the seventh trumpet is about to sound. This is just like the Word of God said it would happen in Revelation 10:7! The rapture is in Revelation 11:12: "*And*

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they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.” (This event is in 1 Thess. 4:16–17, emphasis added)

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To say that this event described in the last section is not the rapture would be calling God’s Word a lie! You just read it for yourself. What does God’s Word say? It might not fit into the doctrine of your church, but God’s Word is the truth. What are you going to believe: the truth or a lie? If you are not convinced, read what Jesus said in Matthew 24:3–34 (READ IT!) and what Paul wrote.

And with all deceivableness (*don’t be deceived*) of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion (*false belief*), that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. (2 Thess. 2:10–12, emphasis added)

They refuse to believe the truth and persecute those who do. Paul is not talking to those who are already damned; but he is talking to the Christians who have salvation but could lose it. What is this lie or error that could damn their soul? What is this “**pleasure in unrighteousness**”? What is the truth that they do not believe? After an in-depth study of the Scriptures, taking into consideration the subject (the rapture) and where we are in time; it is the time of the **rapture** event.

The Lie—When the mark of the beast comes out, our brothers and sisters in Christ will be told one of two things:

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One is that it is **NOT** the mark of the Beast because if it were, we would already have been raptured. So, they take the mark, believing the lie that it is not the mark; therefore, their souls will be damned for doing so. Revelation 14:9–12 and 20:4 clearly state that **WHOSOEVER** takes the mark is damned forever. READ IT!

Also, many pastors will tell their congregations that it is okay to take the mark because they are sealed by the Holy Spirit; therefore, it will not damn them. Of course, this is another lie! Who do you think God is talking to in Revelation 14:9–12?

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (Rev. 20:4, emphasis added)

He is not talking to those who rejected Him and are already damned. He is talking to the Christians to tell them the consequences of taking the mark of the Beast! We must get the victory over the mark. Revelation 15:2 says:

And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

The Truth—Those who do not have a love for the truth will refuse to acknowledge the truth. They will reject it and take the mark of the Beast, giving their souls to the Antichrist and damning themselves forever and ever!

The Pleasure in Unrighteousness—These same people will take great pleasure in persecuting the true Christians who have rejected the Antichrist and his mark. This is the pleasure in unrighteousness in 2 Thessalonians 2:12.

Hosea 4:6 states, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee.” Your eternal soul is in jeopardy. Please read the Scriptures. Learn the truth and don’t compromise the Word of God for anyone. Eternity awaits your decision. **DO NOT** make the wrong one!

What about the Pretribulation Rapture?

Is It Scriptural or Unscriptural?

Remember that only one rapture of the saints occurs, as is stated in Revelation 20:6. Although several Bible verses talk about the day of the Lord (the rapture), this does not mean that there is more than one rapture event. All of the Scriptures describe the one rapture.

Let's take a look at the two Scriptures mostly used in the teaching of the pretribulation rapture of the church.

Revelation 4:1–2
2 Thessalonians 2:7–8

Now, let's look at Revelation 4:1–2!

Pastors who teach the pretribulation rapture say that “come up hither” in verse 1 is the rapture of the church. Let's take this verse apart, and see if this is true or false.

After this I (*John*) looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I (*John*) heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me (*John*); which said, Come up hither (*here*), and I will shew thee (*John*) things which must be hereafter. And

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immediately I (*John*) was in the spirit; and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. (Rev. 4:1–2, clarification and emphasis added)

What did we just read in these two verses? Did it sound like the rapture of the church? Or did it sound like John was taken up to heaven while in the spirit to be shown the things of the future, so we would have it for today? It takes a wild stretch of the imagination to say this is the rapture of the church in these two verses. Read it again and take a close look at what is being said. The teaching that Revelation 4:1 is the rapture of the church is FALSE, DECEIVING, and MISLEADING! John is being spoken to here, not the church! **THOSE ARE THE FACTS!**

Now, let's look into the other Scripture verses that are used to teach a pretribulation rapture.

For the mystery of iniquity (*lawlessness*) doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming. (2 Thess. 2:7-8, emphasis added)

Pastors who teach a pretribulation rapture say the “**he**” in verse seven is the Holy Spirit. And **he**, the Holy Spirit, is called off the face of the earth back to heaven. So, this would mean that everyone “**he**” (the Holy Spirit) is in, meaning those who are saved at that point in time, “**he**” (the Holy Spirit) would take with Him. In other words, this would be the rapture of the church. They also teach that “**he**” is removed at the **beginning of the seven-year peace treaty**. What is wrong with this teaching? **EVERYTHING!** It is false, contradicting, and misleading! **WHY?** This teaching says that Jesus comes first before the man of sin (Antichrist) is revealed! They use 2 Thessalonians 2:7–8 to teach this. **He**, the Holy Spirit, would be removed in

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verse seven, meaning that the rapture has occurred. And the wicked being revealed in verse eight is the Antichrist being revealed after the rapture. It is true that the Antichrist is being revealed in verse eight. But it is not true that this occurs after the rapture. What is wrong with this teaching? You cannot have it both ways. The Bible does not contradict itself. In order for this teaching to be true, it would cause the Bible to contradict itself in the same chapter.

Let's look at the first four verses in 2 Thessalonians 2.

Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him. (*The topic here is the Rapture.*) That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ (*Rapture*) is at hand. (2 Thess. 2:1–2, emphasis added)

The Thessalonian Christians were concerned that the rapture was about to happen, so they quit their jobs and stayed on their faces before God because they were afraid that they might miss it! They misinterpreted Paul's first letter. So, he was trying to correct them on this matter.

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day (*the rapture*) shall not come, except there come a falling away FIRST, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition (*the antichrist must also be revealed first*). Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. (2 Thess. 2:3–4, emphasis added)

In other words, 2 Thessalonians 2:3 says that many Christians will fall away from scriptural truth before the rapture happens. Verse three says the Antichrist must **also** be revealed

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before the rapture. In fact, the Antichrist will reveal himself in the temple of God. Remember what verses three and four said: the church will experience deception and “falling away” first; and the Antichrist will be revealed first, before the rapture will happen. These verses are clear and easy to understand. These first four verses of 2 Thessalonians 2:1–4 contradict the teachings of pretribulation rapture pastors’ perspectives on verses seven and eight. The Bible does not contradict itself, so their interpretation of 2 Thessalonians 2:7 is **WRONG!**

What is verse seven saying? First, we need to look at the time period of when the “**he**” is being removed. Verse seven says that just as soon as the “**he**” is taken out of the way, (verse eight) “**then shall that Wicked be revealed.**” This means that the man of sin (the Antichrist) stands in the temple of God, showing “**himself that he is God**” (as stated in verse four). This is the “**abomination of desolation**” spoken of by our Lord and Savior Jesus in Matthew 24:15, referring to Daniel 9:27. **READ IT!** This is how the Antichrist reveals himself! So, we know **when** the “**he**” in 2 Thessalonians 2:7 is being removed. Just as soon as the “**he**” is removed, the abomination of desolation happens. Daniel 9:27 states that the abomination of desolation happens in the **middle** of the seven-year peace treaty, **not the beginning**. So, the **he** is removed in the middle. We just showed scripturally that He is removed in the middle of the seven years. We can’t base church doctrine on wishful thinking. It must be based on cold, hard scriptural evidence. **ASK YOUR PASTOR** what scriptural evidence he has that the “**he**” in verse seven is removed at the beginning of the seven years! If he refers to 1 Thessalonians 5:9, “for God hath not appointed us to wrath” as his scriptural evidence, show him Daniel 9:27:

And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the **midst of the week** he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it

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desolate, even until the consummation (*Rapture*), and that determined (*God's wrath, second half*) shall be poured upon the desolate. (emphasis added)

This is God's wrath, which clearly shows that God's wrath is not poured out until the middle of the seven-year peace treaty. So, who or what is this "he" in verse seven (2 Thess. 2:7)? It cannot be the rapture because this happens **after, not before**, the man of sin is revealed. Read 2 Thessalonians 2: 1–4 again. God's Word speaks for itself. The "he" is **not** the Holy Spirit because the Holy Spirit has always been present throughout all of God's creation. He always has been and always will be. God says the universe itself cannot contain Him and the Holy Spirit is here to draw, convict and save souls throughout the tribulation and the great tribulation. The "he" in verse seven (2 Thess. 2:7) is **a restrainer of lawlessness**, representing the governments of the world that are restraining lawlessness in the world (without them we would have total chaos). And they will continue to do so until the Antichrist removes them and puts his puppets in their place. (This will bring about total chaos). Then, the wicked one in verse eight of 2 Thessalonians 2 (the Antichrist) will reveal himself. No contradiction in this chapter of God's Word is found with this understanding!

The words, "We are not appointed to God's wrath," are usually added somewhere in the teaching! This is taught by pastors who believe in the pretribulation rapture. They say that the church is not spoken of anymore after the third chapter of Revelation because the church has been raptured. However, they need to read Revelation 22:16: "*I Jesus sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.*" This is well after the third chapter! Christ is coming after a church that has been tried by fire, made pure, white as snow, without spot or wrinkle.

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And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, it is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God. (Zech. 13:9)

The next verse in the next chapter, Zechariah 14:1, states, ***“Behold, the day of the LORD cometh.”*** The day of the LORD *is* the rapture. This means, **after the purification of the church, the rapture happens.** What kind of church will He have when that has been done? He will have a church of **saints**. **Saints** are spoken of throughout the book of Revelation. This means that the church is still here. Who are the saints if they are not the church? The pastors who teach a pretribulation rapture say that those saints who **are** talked about after the third chapter are the tribulation saints who get saved after the rapture. How could this be if the Holy Spirit is not here to draw them? Remember, **pretribulation teachings say** that “the Holy Spirit will be called back to heaven” when the rapture occurs. But Scripture teaches that you cannot get saved without the Holy Spirit to draw you. So how could there be tribulation saints after the rapture? **They are simply wrong!** These teachers are filled with fear, refusing to acknowledge the truth. The end result will be that they will take the mark of the beast and go to hell. They do not have a love for the truth; therefore, they are blind to it. **Read 2 Thessalonians 2:1–12!**

They also say we are not appointed to God’s wrath, so this is why the rapture is a pretribulation event. It is true that we are not appointed to His wrath. I Thessalonians 5:9 states, ***“For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.”*** We will be raptured before God pours out His wrath, but God’s wrath is not poured out until the second half of the seven-year peace treaty (Daniel’s Seventieth Week of years). Read Daniel 9:27:

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And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the **midst of the week** he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation (*Rapture*), and that determined (*God's wrath, second half*) shall be poured upon the desolate. (emphasis added)

Some teach about a seven-year tribulation period in which the whole seven years is God's wrath. THIS IS NOT SO! Some teach that the first half is tribulation (3 ½ years); and the second half is great tribulation which is the wrath of God. This is close to the truth but still not so! Daniel's Seventieth Week of years is broken into three parts, and they are as follows:

The first 1,260 days is the tribulation of the church.

The next 75 days are shortened days. Read Matthew 24:22 and Revelation 8:12! This is the great tribulation of the church. At the end of these 75 shortened days, the church is raptured. Also read Revelation 7:9–17 and Daniel 12:12–13! I WILL EXPLAIN: Jesus said in Matthew 24:22, He would have to shorten the days for the elect's sake. (We are His elect as in Colossians 3:12, Romans 8:32–33, Luke 18:7–8, and Titus 1:1.) The reason Jesus said He would have to shorten the days for the elect's sake is because He knew that 1,335 days were prophesied from the signing of the peace treaty (Dan. 9:27) to the time of the rapture (Dan. 12:12), and He would not change Bible prophecy. Jesus knew that He would have to take time away so that the Antichrist would not have enough time to kill every Christian on the face of this earth before the rapture. So, Jesus said He will shorten the days, not take away from the 1,335 days. In other words, He will literally shorten the length of those seventy-five days.

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And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise. (Rev. 8:12)

The only way a third part of the sun, moon, stars, night and day can be cut is by speeding up the earth's rotation to a sixteen-hour day instead of a twenty-four-hour day. This is how Jesus will shorten those days for the elect's sake. By doing this, Jesus will take twenty-five days of time away from the Antichrist in the great tribulation period of the church. But He will still fulfill the 1,335 days prophesied in Daniel 12:12.

Then, the 1,332 days that are left, according to the Ascension of Isaiah 4:14, in the second half of Daniel's Seventieth Week of years, is God's wrath! When this happens, the church is already gone (see Appendix A).

These are the facts. Read God's Word for yourself and study His Word, so you will not be deceived by anyone! If we read on to 2 Thessalonians 2:9, it states very clearly that the Lord's coming (the rapture) happens after—not before—the Antichrist is revealed: **“Even him (Jesus Christ), whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders.”** The conclusion can only be that the pretribulation rapture IS A LIE! It will not happen! It sounds good but is not scriptural. For myself, I refuse to believe it. **What about you?**

What about the Post-Wrath Rapture?

Scripture also does not support a post-wrath rapture. Revelation 14:14–20 clearly explains that the rapture happens before the wrath of God is poured out. Beginning at verse 14, “*And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.*” Jesus always referred to Himself as the “Son of man” (see Mark 10:45). And when the rapture does happen, we will ascend up into a **cloud**, as stated in 1 Thessalonians 4:17.

And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest (*the saints, those who are saved*) of the earth is ripe (*is ready*). And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped (*the Rapture just happened*). And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth (*the unbelievers, those who are damned*), and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trodden without the city, and

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blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs. (Rev. 14:15–20, emphasis added)

This is clearly the wrath of God. Reread Revelation 14:16, which is clearly the rapture happening, and verses 17 through 20 are clearly the wrath of God happening. Revelation 14:14–20 shows the order of the rapture and the wrath of God. The rapture happens first and the wrath of God happens second. This is not complicated. You just read it! Which event comes first: the rapture or the wrath? I believe what confuses biblical scholars about this is that they see that the fifth and sixth trumpets are the wrath of God. The seventh trumpet is the rapture. So naturally, they think that the rapture occurs after God’s wrath is poured out. Anyone who studies these Scriptures, **without** seeing the transaction that takes place in the sixth seal, would think that this is a post-wrath rapture. John had to see clearly what transpired in each of the seven seals, trumpets, and vials, so we would have it in writing for today. I will explain a revelation:

The fifth and sixth trumpets sound **before** the seventh trumpet. The angels of God come to earth to pour out the wrath of God, which are the seven vials (read Revelation 7:1–4). The angel in the sixth seal ascends from the east (where Israel is) and cries with a loud voice to the four angels that came to pour out the wrath of God on the earth and said, “Wait, don’t pour out God’s wrath until the 144,000 Jews of the twelve tribes of Israel have been sealed in their foreheads!” In the meantime, the seventh trumpet sounds, and the rapture happens (read Revelation 7:1–17). Then, the fifth and sixth trumpets that had already sounded, but were held back by the angel in the sixth seal, are now released to do what they came to do which was to pour out the wrath of God. **The rapture happens first; and then the wrath happens next!** Just like the Scriptures show in Revelation 14:14–20 and Revelation 11:18!

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Daniel 9:27 explains the layout of the events the way they will unfold in Daniel's Seventieth Week of years. This begins when the seven-year peace treaty is signed with Israel.

And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the **midst of the week** he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation (*Rapture*), and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. (Dan. 9:27, emphasis added)

Now, I will explain the meaning of Daniel 9:27: "And he (the UN under the influence of the Antichrist) shall confirm (ratify) the covenant (a binding agreement or, in this case, the peace treaty) with many (Israel and the surrounding Arab nations) for one week (of years or seven years): and in the midst of the week (three and a half years into the peace treaty) he (the Antichrist) shall cause the sacrifice (the daily sacrifice) and the oblation (offering) to cease (to stop), and for the overspreading of abominations (evil deeds) he (the Antichrist) shall make it desolate (a ruin), even until the consummation (the rapture), and that determined (decided upon) shall be poured (God's wrath) upon the desolate" (seat of the Antichrist).

Note: Consummation in this verse means perfection. This is talking about the rapture. When this event happens, our corruptible or imperfect nature will put on incorruption, which means perfection. At the time of the rapture and at this time only, we will be changed or perfected as stated in 1 Corinthians 15:51–54. READ IT!

REMEMBER, we are not appointed to God's wrath as stated in 1 Thessalonians 5:9. We will answer to God one day about what we did with His Word. I trust that you will make the right decision, accept the facts of God's Holy Word, and reject false teachings. The decision is up to you and you alone.

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I hope this has been of some help to you in your understanding of God's Holy Word.

The Unveiling: The Rapture, the Main Event!

God's Word describes the rapture in vivid terms.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words. (1 Thess. 4:14–18, emphasis added)

In verse 16, we see that our Lord comes with the trump of God, not blowing the trump. The trumpet blows after the rapture. Read also Revelation 10:7 and Revelation 11:11–18. Scripture states that we, the brethren, will know when the rapture is going to happen!

But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord (*the Rapture*) so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they (*Israel and the world or those who don't know Christ!*) shall say, Peace

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and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child (*see Revelation 12:1–5 and Revelation 7:4–9*); and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that DAY should overtake you as a thief. (1 Thess. 5:1–4, emphasis added)

Will Christians Know When the Rapture Is Going to Happen?

Most churches teach that the rapture (the day of the Lord) will come as a thief in the night to the church. In other words, no one will know when the Lord is coming for His church. They say that this is what the Bible teaches, and I have heard this my whole life. **This teaching is WRONG!** The Bible **does** teach that the day of the Lord (the rapture) will come as a thief in the night to the world—to those who don't know Jesus as their savior.

For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they (*the world*) shall say, peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. (1 Thess. 5:2–3, emphasis added)

But the next verse in I Thessalonians 5:4 clarifies, “***But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day (the rapture) should overtake you as a thief.***” So, the Word of God makes it very clear that we, the true Christians or the “brethren” **will know** when our Lord and Savior Jesus is coming for us!

Do any Scriptures or sacred writings in God's Holy Word tell us exactly to the day when the rapture will happen? **Yes!** Do not be in doubt. Read the Scriptures in the next section, and you will see for yourself. It is not what I am saying. It is what God's Word is saying!

The Twelfth Chapter of Daniel

This chapter will lay all loose ends to rest. It will lay out all the facts right down to the day of the rapture! Before we go into the meat of this chapter, you have to realize that according to Daniel chapter 12 verses 4 and 9, the revelations that will be revealed were closed up and sealed till the time of the end. We are now in that time of the end. This is the time for these revelations to be revealed. This whole chapter is about the rapture of the church. It starts off with the rapture happening. Then, it covers the rapture event two more times, starting at the beginning of Daniel's Seventieth Week of years. The Scripture goes into greater detail each time. The third and final time, it goes right to the day of the rapture. This has to be understood! We cannot know the day of the rapture **until we know the start date of Daniel's Seventieth Week**, which will be the date that the seven-year peace treaty is signed with Israel. **This has not happened yet!**

We will take this chapter verse by verse, bringing out the meaning so that you will have a full understanding of what is being said!

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. (Dan. 12:1)

This verse is talking about the rapture event itself, and the time of trouble we get raptured out of will be so great that

there has never been such a time of trouble as this since there was a nation. Jesus talks about this same time of trouble in Matthew 24:21. (See Appendix B.) In Daniel 12:1, this time of trouble is the start of the great tribulation period of the church because the devil has just been cast out of the second heaven down to the earth (Rev. 12:9). He, then, literally will possess the Antichrist. His angels that are cast out with him will take control over the heads of governments throughout the world. That is when the one world government comes into full power under the Antichrist. He, then, forces the mark of the Beast on the world through the apostate church (Rev. 13:11–18).

Now, as it says in the middle of Daniel 12:1, “***and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.***” This book is the Lamb’s book of life. The rapture is happening! Part of this time of trouble is the great tribulation period of the church, a period of seventy-five shortened days (read Matt. 24:22; Rev. 8:12). Daniel 12:2 says, “***And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth*** (this means those who are dead in Christ) ***shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.***” (Remember, those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life includes those who are alive at the time of the rapture. Some of those people who are **alive** at the time of the rapture and go in the rapture will face shame and everlasting contempt because this deals with marriage. So, this event is the rapture happening, which is also known as the resurrection of the saints, read Rev. 20:6.) Some will have everlasting life, and some will suffer shame and everlasting contempt or damnation. Now, everyone who is raptured will not stay in heaven. This verse makes it clear! I explain this in more detail in Appendix C.

Next, verse three specifically talks about the rapture event. We see that the rapture has happened in the verses we have already read. So, Daniel 12:3 adds, “***And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.***” Look at how bright the stars and the firmament are. Paul says

in 1 Corinthians 15:38–46 that God gives each of us a resurrected, glorified body according to how we have pleased Him. Salvation is a free gift, but we get our rewards according to our works in His service. He gives us a body according to how we pleased Him in our works and service to Him.

Next in Daniel 12:4 we read, ***“But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.”*** This clearly states that we are in the time of the end. Today, we “run to and fro;” and knowledge and the access to it has greatly increased. Again, listen to what he told Daniel in verse four: ***“But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end.”*** What is the topic here? What has been discussed so far? The topic is the rapture event itself. Gabriel is telling Daniel, right after Michael makes his stand in Daniel 12:1 (or 75 days later as we will see), the rapture happens. The understanding of what was said would be closed up and sealed until the time of the end! We are in that time of the end NOW! In chapter twelve of Daniel, Scripture talks about the rapture event three different times. It covers this event in more detail each time as we will see as we proceed through this chapter. It is obvious that this chapter covers the rapture event, starting with the beginning of Daniel’s Seventieth Week which begins with the signing of the seven-year peace treaty. The first three-and-one-half (3½) years goes to the time of the rapture. This will come out as we move along in this chapter. (See Appendix D.)

Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river. And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders? And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by

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him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished. (Dan. 12:5–7, emphasis added)

Revelation 10:6 states that when there is “time” no longer, the rapture will happen (see Revelation 10:7)! In other words; the “time, times and an half” in Daniel 12:7 is up. Now remember that this “time, times and an half” represents the first three-and-one-half (3½) years of Daniel’s Seventieth Week. The “time” is the first year and the “times” is two years which equals three years and the “half” is the half year which brings the total to three and one-half (3½) years into Daniel’s Seventieth Week.

The meaning of Daniel 12:7 can best be explained this way:

“And when he (the Antichrist) shall have accomplished to scatter the power (or to stop the gospel from being preached) of the holy people (those covered with the blood of Jesus, the Christians) all these things shall be finished.” This means that we are three-and-one-half years into Daniel’s Seventieth Week, and the rapture has happened. Verse eight continues, ***“And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?”*** In verse seven, Daniel has heard this for the second time. The first time was from verses one to four, and he did not understand. He was told to shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end. And in verse seven, the angel tells him a second time; but he still does not understand. Then Daniel says, ***“O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?”*** But the response in verse nine is: ***“And he said, Go thy way Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.”*** Gabriel made that same statement to Daniel in verse four. Every time that statement was made to Daniel, Scripture goes into greater detail about the same event. That event is the rapture itself!

In verse ten, Daniel is told, ***“Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.”***

What is happening here in verse ten? We are being told that the first three-and-one half (3 ½) year period of “time, times, and an half” (in verse seven) is the time of purification of the church. (See Appendix E.) Next, verse eleven states, *“And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.”* It is very important that you understand what is being said in this verse.

In the Authorized King James version of the Bible, the word ***“that”*** is italicized. When the Bible was translated into English from the original Hebrew about 400 years ago, all words that were added by the translators were *italicized* in order to provide clarity. In other words, the translators stayed true to God’s Word by italicizing all words that they added. (Remember that these words were closed up and sealed until the **time** of the end!) By adding the word *that*, the meaning of this verse was very complicated to see. So, if you have the Authorized King James version of the Bible that has the italicized words in it, you can see it for yourself! In most cases, these italicized words are very helpful. They were added to give you a better understanding of the verse. In Daniel 12:11, the word *sacrifice* was added after the word *daily* to clarify for the reader that it was a daily sacrifice. Adding the word *sacrifice*, which was not in the original text, took nothing from this verse but helped it! By adding “sacrifice,” it added an understanding to it.

But when they added “that” after the word *time* at the beginning of Daniel 12:11, it made the reader think that it was saying that the 1,290 days were after, not before, the abomination of desolation event. This gives this verse a completely different meaning of understanding and places the rapture at the end of Daniel’s Seventieth Week of years! This contradicts other Scripture. Therefore, we will leave “that” out of the sentence

and watch the true meaning of this verse come forth. Before we do this, however, you must understand the meaning of **“and from the time”** in Daniel 12:11. **“From the time”** is the same **“time”** in verse seven.

This is the starting point to go forward to the “abomination that maketh desolate.” Daniel 9:27 states that the abomination of desolation happens in the midst of the week or the middle of the seven-year peace treaty. This proves that **“time”** in verse eleven is the same **“time”** as in verse seven. Remember, Daniel is being told the same thing over again, but in more detail! Gabriel is referring to the time in verse seven here in verse eleven! When you start at the beginning of the seven-year peace treaty and go forward a **“time”** (one year), times (two years), and a half (one-half year), it places us in the middle of the week of years. That is when the “abomination that maketh desolate” happens, according to Daniel 9:27. In other words, verse eleven is saying that from the **“time”** (in verse seven) or the beginning of the seven-year peace treaty going forward to the “abomination that maketh desolate” in verse eleven, we will be 1,290 days into the peace treaty! This puts us in the middle of the week of years! The abomination of desolation is when the Antichrist stands in the temple of God and claims to be God (see 2 Thessalonians 2:4). This happens in the midst of the week of years according to Daniel 9:27.

Daniel 12:11 says that 1,290 days into the seven-year peace treaty, the Antichrist will stand in the temple of God and claim to be God. This is the abomination of desolation Jesus spoke of in Matthew 24:15, referring to Daniel 9:27 and Daniel 12:11. With this understanding, we will read Daniel 12:11 with the word *that* left out of the sentence. Remember, this word was added 400 years ago and confuses the meaning of this verse. So, verse eleven should read, **“And from the time (remember that the “time” is the starting point in verse seven going forward 1,290 days) *the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a***

thousand two hundred and ninety days.” Do you see it now? If you don't, ask God to help you!

Verse twelve in Daniel 12 continues, **“Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days”** (1,335 days). This means that we should not be deceived. Do **not** worship the Antichrist and take his mark, the mark of the Beast. WHY? The reason is that those people who wait and continue forward another forty-five shortened days to the 1,335th day (from the date of the signing of the peace treaty) will be blessed because the rapture will happen at that time (read Revelation 20:6). Then, Daniel 12:13 clarifies: **“But go thou thy way till the end be: For thou shalt rest,** (meaning Daniel will die and rest in the Lord) **and stand in thy lot** (the lot of his inheritance, his rewards) **at the end of the days!”** In other words, the only way Daniel or any Christian can receive their rewards is at the rapture (read Rev. 22:12; Matt. 16:27)! Daniel is told that he will receive his rewards when the 1,335 end-time days are completed. This is why they who wait and come to the 1,335th day are blessed! They are raptured at that time, along with Daniel and all other Christians who have died and have been resting in the Lord! All Christians will receive their rewards at that time and will be blessed (as in Revelation 11:18 and Revelation 20:6). This is the end of this matter.

God bless you, in His love,
Pastor John

Appendix A: The Introduction to the Ascension of Isaiah

While I was researching the lost books of the Bible, my attention was drawn to *The Ascension of Isaiah*. Research has shown that it became known around 100–200 BC. It was originally dictated in the presence of King Hezekiah by Isaiah in about 680 BC. Isaiah directed that it **NEVER** be made public but was to be passed down through the prophets until the **TIME** of the end.

In the process of my research of how *The Ascension of Isaiah* came to light, I have come to this conclusion. The prophets who Isaiah told to keep this ascension experience secret and pass it down through the prophets until the end time did a very good job of doing so for about 500 years. In my research, it looked like during the first and second centuries BC, the prophets who had control of the scroll were allowing certain people to read it as they passed through certain cities in Old Testament times. In the process of these individuals reading the scroll, they copied parts of the scroll without permission. As their travels continued and the scroll was passed down through the prophets, they continued to allow certain individuals to read the scroll with none of them having time to copy the entire scroll because the prophets would not allow the scroll to be copied. Over the first and second centuries BC, people ended up with parts of copies of the scroll. Word got out as to which parts of the scroll were copied and which parts were missing. So therefore, when the prophets came to their city and allowed individuals to read it, that person would know

where to start copying again without the prophet knowing it! Over the period of the first and second centuries BC, the bits and pieces of the scroll that had been copied, about the time of Christ's birth, were brought together to make a complete copy. Once the scroll was complete, it was then translated into different languages.

In my opinion, the original scroll was probably still being passed down through the prophets to be unveiled in the time we now live in, but there is a strong possibility that the original scroll got destroyed. If it wasn't for these bits and pieces being brought together, this revelation could have been lost!

It is still possible that the original scroll might be in the hands of someone waiting to reveal it at the time of the end.

Chapters 3 and 4 of The Ascension of Isaiah with commentary notes follows this introduction.

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Commentary notes are added in parentheses and italic font.

Chapter 3

And Belchira recognized and saw the place of Isaiah and the prophets who were with him; for he dwelt in the region of Bethlehem, and was an adherent of Manasseh. And he prophesied falsely in Jerusalem, and many belonging to Jerusalem were confederate (*joined*) with him, and he was a Samaritan.

2. And it came to pass when Alagar Zagar, king of Assyria, had come and captured Samaria and taken the nine [and half] tribes captive, and led them away to the mountains of the Medes and the rivers of Tazon;

3. This [Belchira], whilst still a youth, had escaped and come to Jerusalem in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, but he walked not in the ways of his father of Samaria; for he feared Hezekiah.
4. And he was found in the days of Hezekiah speaking words of lawlessness in Jerusalem.
5. And the servants of Hezekiah accused him, and he made his escape to the region of Bethlehem. And they persuaded . . .
6. And Belchira accused Isaiah and the prophets who were with him, saying: 'Isaiah and those who are with him prophesy against Jerusalem and against the cities of Judah that they shall be laid waste and against the children of Judah and Benjamin also that they shall go into captivity, and also against thee, O lord the king, that thou shalt go [bound] with hooks and iron chains':
7. But they prophesy falsely against Israel and Judah.
8. And Isaiah himself hath said: 'I see more than Moses the prophet.'
9. But Moses said: 'No man can see God and live'; and Isaiah hath said: 'I have seen God and behold I live.'
10. Know, therefore, O king, that he is lying. And Jerusalem also he hath called Sodom, and the princes of Judah and Jerusalem he hath declared to be the people of Gomorrah. And he brought many accusations against Isaiah and the prophets before Manasseh.
11. But Beliar (*Satan*) dwelt in the heart of Manasseh and in the heart of the princes of Judah and Benjamin and of the eunuchs and of the councilors of the king.

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12. And the words of Belchira pleased him (*Manasseh the King*) [exceedingly], and he sent and seized Isaiah.
13. For Beliar (*Satan*) was in great wrath against Isaiah by reason of the vision, and because of the exposure wherewith he had exposed Sammael, and because through him the going forth of the Beloved (*Jesus Christ*) from the seventh heaven had been made known, and His transformation and His descent and the likeness into which He should be transformed [that is] the likeness of man, and the persecution wherewith he should be persecuted, and the torturers wherewith the children of Israel should torture Him, and the coming of His twelve disciples, and the teaching, and that He should before the sabbath be crucified upon the tree, and should be crucified together with wicked men, and that He should be buried in the sepulchre,
14. And the twelve who were with Him should be offended because of Him: and the watch of those who watched the sepulchre:
15. And the descent of the angel of the Christian Church, which is in the heavens, whom He will summon in the last days.
16. And that [Gabriel] the angel of the Holy Spirit, and Michael, the chief of the holy angels, on the third day will open the sepulchre:
17. And the Beloved (*Jesus Christ*) sitting on their shoulders will come forth and send out His twelve disciples:
18. And they will teach all the nations and every tongue of the resurrection of the Beloved (*Jesus Christ*), and those who believe in His cross will be saved, and in His ascension into the seventh heaven whence He came:

19. And that many who believe in Him will speak through the Holy Spirit: (*The day of Pentecost. Acts 2:1–4*)
20. And many signs and wonders will be wrought in those days (*by His twelve apostles and many believers*).
21. And afterwards, (*2,000 years later*) on the eve of His approach (*The generation before the Lord's return*), His disciples (*the pastors of many churches in these last days*) will forsake the teachings of the twelve apostles, and their faith, and their love and their purity.
22. And there will be much contention on the eve of [His advent and] His approach.
23. And in those days many will love office, though devoid of wisdom (*many of today's pastors*).
24. And there will be many lawless elders, and shepherds (*pastors*) dealing wrongly by their own sheep, and they will ravage [them] owing to their not having holy shepherds (*pastors*).
25. And many will change the honour of the garments of the saints (*nature of holiness*) for the garments of the covetous (*nature of worldliness*), and there will be much respect of persons in those days and lovers of the honour of this world (*today's church*).
26. And there will be much slander and vainglory at the approach of the Lord, and the Holy Spirit will withdraw from many. (*Many Christians will turn their backs on God just before the Lord's return. This is the great tribulation that many Christians will not be able to endure.*)

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27. And there will not be in those days many prophets, nor those who speak trustworthy words, save one here and there in diverse places, (*Paul said to not be blown to and fro by every wind of doctrine (Ephesians 4:14). This is today's church. They believe the doctrine of their denomination over the word of God. If the doctrine does not line up with God's word, they believe the doctrine of their denomination and not God's word.*)
28. On account of the spirit of error and fornication and of vain-glory, and of covetousness, which shall be in those, who will be called servants of that One (*Satan*) and in those who will receive that One (*the Antichrist*).
29. And there will be great hatred in the shepherds (*pastors*) and elders towards each other.
30. For there will be great jealousy in the last days; for everyone will say what is pleasing in his own eyes (*2 Timothy 4:3-4*).
31. And they will make of none effect the prophecy of the prophets which were before me, and these my visions also will they make of none effect, in order to speak after the impulse of their own hearts. (*2 Cor. 4:4—The god of this world has blinded their minds.*)

Ascension of Isaiah 3:21-31 clearly show the state of today's (last day) apostate church maturing into its final state of apostasy. God says come out of her my people that ye be not partakers of her sins and that ye receive not of her plagues, Rev. 18:4.

Chapter 4

And now Hezekiah and Josab my son, these are the days of the completion of the world. (*This verse is in reference to the world as we know it in the last days.*)

2. After it is consummated (*perfection- the perfection of evil in the apostate church, apostate Israel and the world. Also the perfection of the true church, ready for the rapture and the 144,000 true Israel, the Bride of Christ, Rev. 7:3-8; 14:1-4*), Beliar the great ruler, the king of this world (*this ruler is in reference to Satan 2 Cor. 4:4*), will descend (*Satan is cast out of the supernatural realm heaven by Michael, Rev. 12:7-21*), who hath ruled it since it came into being (*The fall of Adam in Genesis turned the world over to Satan*); yea, he will descend from his firmament (*supernatural realm heaven, not the heavenly realm heaven*) in the likeness of a man (*the Antichrist*), a lawless king, the slayer of his mother: who himself [even] this king.
3. (*The Antichrist*) Will persecute the plant (*church*) that the twelve apostles of the Beloved (*Jesus Christ*) have planted. Of the Twelve one will be delivered into his hands (*according to Scripture it looks like the apostle John will be brought back to take part in the end time harvest preparing the church for the rapture. John 21:22–24, Rev. 10:9–11*).
4. This ruler in the form of that king (*Satan*) will come and there will come with him all the powers of this world (*the fallen angels, Rev. 12:7–12, and rulers of this world*), and they will hearken unto him in all that he desires. (*We are 1,260 days into Daniel's Seventieth Week at this point, Dan. 12:7, Rev. 11:3-7.*)
5. And at his (*Antichrist*) word the sun will rise at night and he (*Antichrist*) will make the moon to appear at the sixth

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hour (*The fourth trumpet sounds and the day is shortened to a sixteen-hour day. The Antichrist takes credit for it when God did it, Rev. 8:12, Matt. 24:22.*)

6. And all that he hath desired he will do in the world: he (*Antichrist*) will do and speak like the Beloved (*Jesus Christ*) and he will say: “I am God and before me there has been none.” (*This is the abomination of desolation spoken of by Jesus in Matt. 24:15. We are 1,290 days into the seven-year peace treaty as spoken of in Dan. 12:7–11. Paul also spoke of this in 2 Thes. 2:4.*)
7. And all the people in the world will believe in him. (*He deceives the whole world, 2 Thes. 2:8–12, Rev. 20:1–3.*)
8. And they (*the world and the apostate church*) will sacrifice (*the true believers will be sacrificed because they will not take his mark and worship the image of the Antichrist—Rev. 15:2, Rev. 20:4*) to him and they (*the world and the Apostate church*) will serve him saying: “This is God and beside him there is no other” (*Rev. 13:12–18*).
9. And they greater number of those who shall have been associated together in order to receive the Beloved (*The apostate church is in greater number than the true church. They shall turn aside and worship the Antichrist because they believe he is God. But the true church will stand strong for the Lord and not be deceived*), he (*The apostate church*) will turn aside after him (*Antichrist*).
10. And there will be the power of his miracles (*the Antichrist*) in every city and region. (*Rev. 13:13–15*).
11. And he (*the Antichrist will direct the apostate church*) will set up his image (*the image of the Antichrist*) before him in every city.

12. **And he (the Antichrist) shall bear sway three years and seven months and twenty-seven days.** (*According to messianic Jewish rabbis, the rapture of the church has to happen on the feast of trumpets at the last trump. The trumpet sounds one hundred times in the feast of trumpets. The hundredth sounding is called the last trump, 1 Cor. 15:51–52. The feast of trumpets is a fall feast mainly celebrated in September every year (See “He Shall Bear Sway” following this chapter). Therefore, this three years, seven months, and twenty-seven days has to end on the feast of trumpets. So, when we go backwards from September three years, seven months, and twenty-seven days, the total will always be 1,335 days (See “He Shall Bear Sway”) as is also stated in Dan. 12:12. This clearly shows that he/ Daniel will receive his reward 1,335 days from the signing of the 7-year peace treaty with Israel. This is the rapture! Scripture shows that we get our rewards at the rapture, Matt. 16:27, Rev. 22:12. Scripture also shows in Dan. 12:12 that they who wait and cometh to the 1,335 days are blessed. In Rev. 20:6 it states that those who have part in the first resurrection, which is the rapture, are blessed! This is the same blessing!!*)
13. And many believers and saints having seen Him for whom they were hoping (*having seen Him for whom they were hoping—the Bible clearly states that this event can only happen in the rapture, 1 John 3:2-3. This event happened after he, Antichrist, beared sway—three years, seven months, and twenty-seven days, or 1,335 days as stated in Dan. 12:12*), who was crucified, Jesus the Lord Christ, [after that I, Isaiah, had seen Him who was crucified and ascended] (*Isaiah saw this event in a vision before it happened*) and those also who were believers in Him (*this is a different group of people that did not believe in Him before the rapture. They are the 144,000 Jews of the 12 tribes of Israel, the true bride of Christ, His servants. Rev.*

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7:3-8, 11:13, *the remnant*; 14:1; 21:9-12) – of these few in those days will be left as His servants, while they flee from desert to desert (*Rev. 12:13-17*), awaiting the coming of the Beloved (*their Bridegroom the Lord Jesus Christ*).

14. And after [one thousand] three hundred and thirty-two days the Lord will come (*this is the second coming, 1,332 days after the rapture He is coming back for His bride, His servants waiting for Him while fleeing from desert to desert and to set up His kingdom to rule and reign for 1,000 years— Rev. 20:4–6, Rev. 21*) with His angels and with the armies of the holy ones (*the saints, the raptured church, His body as distinct from His angels, Rev. 5:10 and 19:14. And we will rule and reign with Christ. The holy ones are the saints, the raptured church*) from the seventh heaven with the glory of the seventh heaven, and He will drag Beliar (*Satan*) into Gehenna (*hell*) and also his armies (*fallen angels and earthly armies against Israel. This is Armageddon and the end of Daniel's Seventieth Week of years, Daniel 9:27*).
15. And He will give rest to the godly whom He shall find in the body in this world (*those who never bowed the knee in worship or took the mark of the Antichrist*), and the sun will be ashamed:
16. And to all who because of [their] faith in Him (*Jesus Christ*) have execrated Beliar (*rejected Satan*) and his kings (*Rev. 17:12*). But the saints (*the army of the holy ones as stated in verse 14*) will come with the Lord with their garments which are [now] stored up on high in the seventh heaven: with the Lord they will come, whose spirits are clothed, they will descend and be present in the world, and He will strengthen those, who have been found in the (*natural*) body (*the 144,000 and those who did not bow to the Antichrist*), together with the saints, in the garments of the

saints, and the Lord will minister to those who have kept watch in this world.

17. And afterwards (*1,000 years later*) they will turn themselves upward in their garments (*in a supernatural body and their natural body will be left behind*), and their body will be left in the world.
18. Then the voice of the Beloved (*Jesus Christ*) will in wrath rebuke the things of heaven (*Satan's heaven—his firmament, The Ascension of Isaiah 4:2*) and the things of earth and the mountains and the hills and the cities and the desert and the forests and the angel of the sun and that of the moon, and all things wherein Beliar (*Satan*) manifested himself and acted openly in this world, and there will be [a resurrection and] a judgment (*the white throne judgment of the damned—Rev. 20:11–15*) in their midst in those days, and the Beloved (*Jesus Christ*) will cause fire to go forth from Him, and it will consume all the godless, and they will be as though they had not been created (*because they will be in the lake of fire—Rev. 14:9–11*).
19. And the rest of the words of the vision is written in the vision of Babylon.
20. And the rest of the vision regarding the Lord, behold, it is written in the parables according to my words which are written in the book which I publicly prophesied.
21. And the descent of the Beloved into Sheol, behold, it is written in the section, where the Lord says: “Behold my Son will understand.” And all these things, behold they are written [in the Psalms] in the parables of David, the son of Jesse, and in the Proverbs of Solomon his son, and in the words of Korah, and Ethan the Israelite, and in the words

of Asaph, and in the rest of the Psalms also which the angel of the Spirit inspired,

22. [Namely] in those which have not the name written, and in the words of my father Amos, and of Hosea the prophet, and of Micah and Joel and Nahum and Jonah and Obadiah and Habakkuk and Haggai and Zephaniah and Zechariah and Malachi, and in the words of Joseph the Just and in the words of Daniel.

(God showed Isaiah the future prophets by name and the prophetic future events that God would give them that would confirm Isaiah's vision.)

He Shall Bear Sway

“He Shall ‘Bear Sway’ Three Years, Seven Months, and Twenty-Seven Days” (Ascension of Isaiah 4:12)

The “he” here is the Antichrist, holding a position of power behind the scenes preparing the world for world government. He “bears sway” over governments of the world until He is brought into the light when Satan totally possesses him after Satan is cast out of the second heaven (Rev. 12:7–9). It needs to be understood that this “second heaven” is not the second heaven of the heavenly realm but is the second heaven of the supernatural realm. This “bearing sway” that Isaiah is talking about in the Ascension of Isaiah 4:12 must have a starting point and an ending point. The starting point is when the UN confirms the seven-year peace treaty with Israel and the surrounding Arab nations. When this resolution is signed into effect by the UN secretary general, this will be the starting point of the “bearing sway” for three years, seven months, and twenty-seven days.

The Antichrist is brought into the light 1,260 days into this “bearing sway” period (Rev. 11:3–7). Thirty days (30) after this,

the Antichrist stands in the temple claiming to be God (Dan. 12:11; 2 Thess. 2:4). The abomination of desolation happens in the middle of the seven-year peace treaty (Dan. 9:27). This is when he (Antichrist) breaks the peace treaty with Israel. This brings us to a total of 1,290 days. This is the abomination of desolation spoken of by Jesus in Matthew 24:15. As we continue to the completion of this “bearing sway” period, we see in the Ascension of Isaiah 4:13 that at the completion of this period of “bearing sway,” the rapture happens. This “bearing sway” period has a total of 1,335 days as is also stated in Dan. 12:12. I will explain how the three years, seven months, and twenty-seven days add up to 1,335 days.

According to Scripture (1 Cor. 15:51–52), the rapture will happen at the last trump. According to messianic Jewish rabbis, the rapture must occur at the last trump of the Feast of Trumpets. Throughout that whole day there is a series of eleven soundings that total ninety-nine soundings of the trumpet. To close out the Feast of Trumpets day, at the end of that day, there is one final sounding to complete the one hundredth sounding. That one hundredth sounding is called the “Last Trump.” This is what Paul is giving reference to in 1 Corinthians 15:51–52.

The Feast of Trumpets is a fall feast held by the high priest of Israel, celebrated yearly, usually during the month of September. Therefore, the rapture will happen in the fall in fulfillment of the Feast of Trumpets.

Now the question of the “bearing sway” period. The three years, seven months, and twenty-seven days must end with the last sounding of the Feast of Trumpets, which is called the “Last Trump.” The rapture will occur on the 1,335th day after the signing of the peace treaty between Israel and surrounding Arab nations. This peace treaty will be signed in the first quarter of the year; do the math!

The Feast of Trumpets almost always occurs in the month of September. We will go backwards from the month of September, starting with the twenty-seven days, to see what this time adds

up to in days. We will lay it out this way: September Feast of Trumpets day (example only).

September—27 days

1 - Month—31 Aug

2 - Month—31 July

3 - Month—30 June

4 - Month—31 May

5 - Month—30 April

6 - Month—31 March

7 - Month—28 February

Adds up to 239 Days

365 Days equals 1st year

365 Days equals 2nd year

366 Days equals 3rd year. A leap year every 4th year.

1,335 Days for a total of the “bearing sway” period,
also as is stated in Dan. 12:12.

The Feasts of the Lord

It needs to be understood that these feasts are rehearsals of coming events. They are not of the Jews or the world, but are of the Lord. The Lord first made mention of them in Genesis 3:15 “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise His heel.” The Lord fulfilled this at Calvary when He defeated Satan; He bruised Satan’s head. The bruising of the Lord’s heel was about the price He would pay to redeem us.

The seven feasts of the Lord were given to Moses on Mount Sinai 3,500 years ago. In these seven feasts, four are spring feasts and three are fall feasts. In the Hebrew/Jewish calendar, the holidays are on the same date every year according to the lunisolar cycle, but according to the Gregorian calendar (which we use today) the days fluctuate. The four spring feasts were

fulfilled by the Lord 2,000 years ago. The three fall feasts are yet to be fulfilled by the Lord.

The Seven Feasts are as stated:

- Feast of Passover
- Feast of Unleavened Bread
- Feast of First Fruits
- Feast of Pentecost/Feast of Weeks
- Feast of Trumpets
- Feast of Atonement/Day of Atonement
- Feast of Tabernacles

All seven feasts are annual high sabbaths (John 19:31). They are not weekly Sabbaths.

Feast of Passover

Nisan 14

The blood of sacrificed lambs saved Israel from the angel of death and slavery in Egypt. The blood of Jesus saves us from the righteous judgment of God for sin and from the slavery to sin. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. This is why He was born the way He was! Where else would a lamb be born? Jesus was the spiritual Lamb of God, and He was born in a stable on a bed of straw!

Understand that Jesus is the spiritual Lamb of God that the Feast of Passover was waiting for to fulfil it. You also have a natural lamb of God, which was a natural lamb that *symbolized* Jesus. This lamb had to be pure without blemish to be accepted by God. This was the type of lamb that the high priests used to sacrifice for the sins of Israel each year during Passover.

This was a practice done every year for 1,500 years. When Jesus came, He fulfilled the Feast of Passover. He came in on

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the donkey (Nisan 10) as the spiritual Passover Lamb. The sheep for the sacrifice came through the sheep gate at the exact same time Jesus came through the Eastern Gate. The same song (Psalm 118: 22–26; Matt. 21: 4–9; John 12: 12–13) that was being sung by the people, declaring Jesus as Messiah, was being sung to the lambs by the priests.

The high priest had a specific lamb that was chosen to be sacrificed for the sins of Israel. This lamb had to be pure without blemish. At the third hour (which is 9 a.m.) on the Feast of Passover, the high priest tied the lamb to the altar of sacrifice. At the exact same time Jesus was being nailed/tied to the cross! Jesus is the true spiritual Lamb of God, to be sacrificed for the sins of the world. At the ninth hour (which is 3 p.m.), the high priest sacrificed the lamb by shedding its blood for the sins of Israel. When he did this, he declared, “It is finished.”

At the same time the high priest said, “IT IS FINISHED,” Jesus (as our spiritual high priest) also said, at the same time, “IT IS FINISHED.” His life blood drained from Him and then He bowed His head and died.

Feast of Unleavened Bread

Nisan 15—Nisan 22

The Jews were to eat unleavened bread for seven days. Leaven represents sin. The firstborn of Egypt were all buried on Nisan 15 (of the Judean calendar) of the first Passover. Jesus was buried without sin on Nisan 15. He referred to Himself as the bread of life for He was without sin.

Feast of First Fruits

Three days after Passover, Jesus was raised on the Feast of First Fruits as the first fruit of the resurrection. It reminds us (1 Thess.

4:14–18) that we will be raised with Him. It is a promise of what is to come. They would bring the first fruits of the barley harvest to present to God. This was done every year by the Jews on a certain date. That was called the Feast of First Fruits.

Feast of Weeks/Pentecost

This feast occurs fifty days after the Feast of First Fruits (seven weeks of Sabbaths and one day). The first Feast of Weeks was when Moses received the law on Mt. Sinai 1,500 years ago before Christ. As believers, we were first given the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The law of God was written on our hearts the very day of the Feast of Pentecost, fifty days after Christ's resurrection.

Feast of Trumpets

Tishrei 1–10

The Feast of Trumpets points to the rapture according to 1 Corinthians 15:51–52. The rapture will happen at the last trump, according to messianic Jewish rabbis. The rapture must occur at the last trump of the Feast of Trumpets. Throughout that whole day, there are a series of eleven soundings; that totals to ninety-nine blowings of the trumpet. In closing the Feast of Trumpets day, there is a final blow to complete the one-hundredth sounding; it is called the “Last Trump.” This was what Paul is giving reference to in 1 Corinthians 15:51–52.

Feast of Atonement

Tishrei Tenth Day/Day of Repentance

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The day of atonement will be fulfilled 1,332 days after the rapture of the church, according to the Ascension of Isaiah 4:14. This is the second coming of the Lord. It is fulfilled by those who accept the shedding of His blood for the covering of their sins. This is to include the 144,000/the twelve tribes of Israel (Rev. 7:3–8; 14:1) and those throughout the world, who receive Christ after the rapture and did not bow the knee to the Antichrist, worship his image, or take his mark!

Feast of Tabernacles

Tishrei 15–22

The Feast of Tabernacles deals with the future millennial reign and everything it encompasses. Significant events that have occurred on the Feast of Tabernacles:

1. Dedication of the temple in the wilderness (God's first dwelling with man).
2. Dedication of Solomon's temple (God's second dwelling with man in the Holy of Holies).
3. Birth of Jesus (God's third dwelling with man, in Jesus as Jesus).
4. When Jesus comes back and starts His millennial reign, that will be the fulfillment of the Feast of Tabernacles when He as God tabernacles with man. (God's fourth physical dwelling with man).

Summary of the Feasts of the Lord and How They Are Fulfilled in Jesus

Let us sum up what this all means. There are seven Feasts of the Lord that the Lord himself must fulfill: four spring feasts and three fall feasts. The spring feasts were all fulfilled 2,000 years ago. The feasts themselves are a story of God's

redemption of man. These seven feasts were and are a natural symbolic rehearsal by the high priests of Israel, done on a yearly basis from the time Moses received them from God. Jesus, being God in the flesh, was and is the spiritual fulfillment of these feasts. In the Feast of Passover, Jesus was the spiritual Lamb of God. The high priest had the natural lamb of God. As already said, the spiritual Lamb and the natural lamb were sacrificed at the same time.

In the Feast of Unleavened Bread, Jesus was the spiritual unleavened bread without sin. He was the Bread of life. There was also the natural unleavened bread. Jesus being without sin was the spiritual fulfillment of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. The natural unleavened bread feast was being prepared at the same time the spiritual bread of life was put in the tomb.

At the Feast of First Fruits, a sheaf of the barley harvest was waved before the Lord by the high priest as an indication of the harvest that was to come. At the resurrection, Jesus became the spiritual first fruits of the harvest of souls that will come (Rom. 8:29). Both occurred on the same day. Jesus fulfilled the Feast of First Fruits.

The Feast of Pentecost was the next feast to be fulfilled. This occurred fifty days after the Feast of First Fruits. It was a celebration of the giving of the Torah (law) by God to Moses on Mt. Sinai fifty days after leaving Egypt. The spiritual fulfillment of the Feast of Pentecost was when the 120 disciples received the Holy Spirit with evidence of speaking in tongues.

And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. (Luke 24:49)

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:4)

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At this same time, the high priest was celebrating the Feast of Pentecost. Jesus sent His Spirit to write the law in our hearts as He filled His disciples with the Comforter as He promised. Therefore, those who are filled with the Holy Spirit, with evidence of speaking in tongues, are called Pentecostal because this event occurred on the Feast of Pentecost in fulfillment of God's Word.

This Is How the Three Fall Feasts Are Fulfilled

With the fulfillment of the Feast of Trumpets, there is a natural last trump and a spiritual last trump. The natural last trump is the hundredth sounding of the shofar at the Feast of Trumpets. The spiritual last trump is the seventh trump in Revelation 10:7, signifying the rapture event that Paul referred to in 1 Corinthians 15:51–52. Both last trumpets will sound at the exact same time.

The Feast of Atonement is the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for His Spiritual Bride (the 144,000), who will repent and receive Christ after the rapture to atone for their sins (Rev. 11:13). The 144,000 of the twelve tribes of Israel (Rev. 7:3–8) who have been waiting on Him for 1,332 days after the rapture (Ascension of Isaiah 4:14) will be full of joy and excitement when they see Him coming to rescue them and set up His kingdom on the earth. (Ascension of Isaiah 4:14; Rev. 7:3–8; 14:1–5; 21:9–12).

The natural fulfillment of the Feast of Tabernacles is when Jesus, God in the flesh, comes to dwell with men and rule and reign on this earth for 1,000 years (Rev.20:6). This happens within days after the Feast of Atonement!

In Short

Jesus was the Passover Lamb! Jesus was the unleavened bread! Jesus was the first fruits! Jesus was the spirit of

Pentecost! He fulfilled all four spring feasts. In the three fall feasts, Jesus will bring about the resurrection of the church at the last trump because He is the resurrection and the life! He will bring about the atonement of the twelve tribes of Israel because He paid for their sins. He is the atonement! At His second coming, He will set up His kingdom and tabernacle with men because He is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. Amen!

Christians should respect and revere these holy feasts of the Lord! They should not be taken lightly! They are the holiest of events on Earth! These feasts are done each year, for a total of seven feasts a year.

As Christians, we celebrate the birth of Christ and the resurrection of Christ. We should also, as Christians, celebrate the seven feasts of the Lord because we are grafted into the seed of Abraham through the Judeo-Christian faith.

All the above are gifts of God to mankind showing God's love for man! (John 3:14-18; Titus 3:4-8) (Return to page 28.)

Appendix B

The great tribulation begins exactly 1,260 days into the seven-year peace treaty with Israel. This leaves another seventy-five shortened days until the rapture of the church (Matt. 24:22; Rev. 8:12–13; Ascension of Isaiah 4:5). The seventy-five days are the great tribulation of the church. When these seventy-five days are complete, we are 1,335 days into the seven-year peace treaty. The true church is raptured according to Daniel 12:12 and Ascension of Isaiah 4:12–13. After the rapture of the church, there are 1,332 days left, according to the Ascension of Isaiah 4:14, before the Lord's return to set up His kingdom.

Seventy-two days into the 1,332-day period is the transition period of the 144,000 (the Jews, the Bride of Christ) from Mt. Zion (Rev. 14:1) to a place of safety prepared by God (Rev. 12:6–9). This leaves forty-two months or 1,260 days according to Revelation 13:5–7, Revelation 12:6 before the seven years is fulfilled. The reason the great tribulation of the church is in such a great time of trouble is because Satan and the one-third of the angels who rebelled with him against God have just been cast out of the second heaven (the second heaven of the supernatural realm, not the heavenly realm) to the earth (Rev. 12:4–12), and Satan is filled with great wrath against the church. The wrath of God is about to be poured out! This is the stand that Michael is making seventy-five days before the rapture (Dan. 12:1). You can find this same event in Rev. 12:7–12.

Concerning Revelation 13:1–5, it explains the events of the world government coming into full authority. The process takes a period of time to be established to the point that there are only forty-two months or 1,260 days left until the second coming of the Lord to establish His kingdom. Revelation 13:6–8

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explains what the apostate church was doing during the same time period, the world government was establishing itself. It needs to be understood that the first Beast is the world government under the Antichrist, and the second Beast is the apostate church under the false prophet. Both Beasts work together to bring about the world events that chapter 13 talks about.

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceived the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. (Rev. 12:7–13)

The “man child” is the church. As we read on, this becomes very clear.

And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time (3 1/2 years), from the face of the serpent.

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And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. And the dragon was wroth with the woman (*Israel*), and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. (Revelation 12:14–17, emphasis added)

We also see verse seventeen repeated in Revelations 13:5–7. Read it! We have the testimony of Jesus Christ, and we keep the commandments of God. We are that man child, the remnant of her seed. This remnant is not to be confused with the remnant found in Revelation 11:13. These are the 144,000 Jews of Revelation 7: the true bride of Christ that God protects for the last 1,260 days of the seven years (Rev. 12:6). This is true Israel—the twelve tribes.

The Jews do not have the testimony of Jesus Christ, and they reject Jesus. We are birthed out of Judaism. This is why we are the seed of the woman, who is the twelve tribes of Israel. Read Revelation 7:4–8. We are that man child to whom she gives birth in Revelation 12:5. And in Revelation 7:9, the man child appears before the throne! When we are caught up in the rapture to meet our Lord in the air, where do we go? We go before God who is on His throne. And after God's wrath, we will come back with Christ to rule and reign with Him 1,000 years as described in Revelation 20:4. (Return to page 36)

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In Mark 10:8–9 Jesus says, *“And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.”*

God sees a married man and woman as one flesh. He honors marriage in the natural realm, as He states in His Word! But in the heavenly realm, He does not. Mark 12:25 states, *“For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels which are in heaven.”* We will be as the angels are. This means that there is no marriage or anyone being given of marriage in heaven. Jesus said that.

So, when the rapture happens (Dan. 12:2), we are in the natural realm; and God honors marriage in the natural realm. Therefore, He does not see a man and a woman as two people when they are married. God sees them as one person. So, when the rapture happens, God will take them both to heaven if one of them is saved! This only pertains to those who are alive in Christ at the time of the rapture. It does not apply to those who are dead in Christ at the time of the rapture. God’s Word says, in 1 Corinthians 7:39, that their death frees them from the bonds of marriage.

This is why the Bible says that a married couple should not be unequally yoked. If one spouse is saved and the other is not, the blood of Christ covers them both in the natural realm because they are seen as one person in the eyes of God! Read 1 Corinthians 7:12–17 for a clearer understanding. But when the transaction takes place from the natural realm to the heavenly realm after the rapture, the spouse who was unsaved loses the blood covering of Christ they had possessed because

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of the spouse who was saved. In Matthew 22:11–14, the king came in to see the guests who were invited to the wedding. This means that the Christians are the body of Christ, not the bride. The twelve tribes of Israel have always been the chastened wife of Jehovah throughout the Old Testament and will be Jehovah's wife in the end! Read Revelation 21:9–12 and Revelation 7:2–8. The wedding has not taken place yet, but it is about to! The bride is not invited to the wedding. She is the reason for the wedding, and her groom is Jesus Christ, with the Christians as His body. The guests are His raptured body of believers in heaven, who He is looking over. The king sees a man who is not wearing a wedding garment, which is the blood covering of Christ! He asks the man how he came without a wedding garment. The rapture has happened, and they are in heaven. This man symbolically represents a multitude of people, not just one person. In the same way, the body of Christ represents a multitude of people, not one person. They were speechless because they did not know how they got there.

The king said to bind his hands and feet and take him away and cast him into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. They were there because God honors His Word. In other words, God honors the natural realm married couple as one — not two — separate individuals. So, an unsaved spouse is in heaven because they are married to a blood-covered Christian. If they are married, He sees them as one body. When He takes the saved person in the rapture, He also takes their spouse. If one of them is saved, and one is not saved; the blood covering remains on both until they enter into the heavenly realm. In the heavenly realm, all marriages are annulled. In the rapture, they travel at the speed of thought. As they leave this natural realm, they both go up into the glory cloud (read Revelation 11:12). Then in an instant, God transfers them to heaven. At that point, the blood covering from the spouse comes off. In heaven, no giving or honoring of marriage exists. So, this is how the

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person was at the wedding without a wedding garment, the blood covering of Jesus. I hope this explanation will give you a better understanding of Daniel 12:2: “And many . . . shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt” (damnation). (Return to page 36)

Appendix D

Chapter twelve of the book of Revelation covers the second half of the Seventieth Week of years described in Daniel 9:27. This week of years, or seven years, is divided into two three-and-one-half-year parts ($3\frac{1}{2}$ years plus $3\frac{1}{2}$ years equals the seven years). In Daniel, which is the revelation book of the Old Testament, chapter twelve covers the first half of Daniel's Seventieth Week. Daniel 9:27 explains the seven-year peace treaty or the "covenant." Now, what I want you to see and remember is this: when Michael makes his stand in the first verse in chapter twelve of Daniel and when Michael makes his stand in the seventh verse of chapter twelve of Revelation, it is the same event!

We are in the very center of the middle of the Seventieth Week of Daniel. The only difference is that when Michael makes his stand in chapter twelve of Daniel (because he lacks understanding of why he cannot know when all this will happen), Gabriel goes into more detail about the rapture event. He goes back to the beginning of Daniel's Seventieth Week, and then, he goes forward to the middle (Daniel 12:7). Then, he explains the rapture event right to the day in Daniel 12:12–13. Chapter twelve of Revelation starts in the middle and, then, goes toward the end of Daniel's Seventieth Week. This is something you can briefly study for yourself, and you will see it. Keep in mind that Daniel's Seventieth Week of years is the last seven years of this age before Christ sets His kingdom upon earth for 1,000 years! (Return to page 37)

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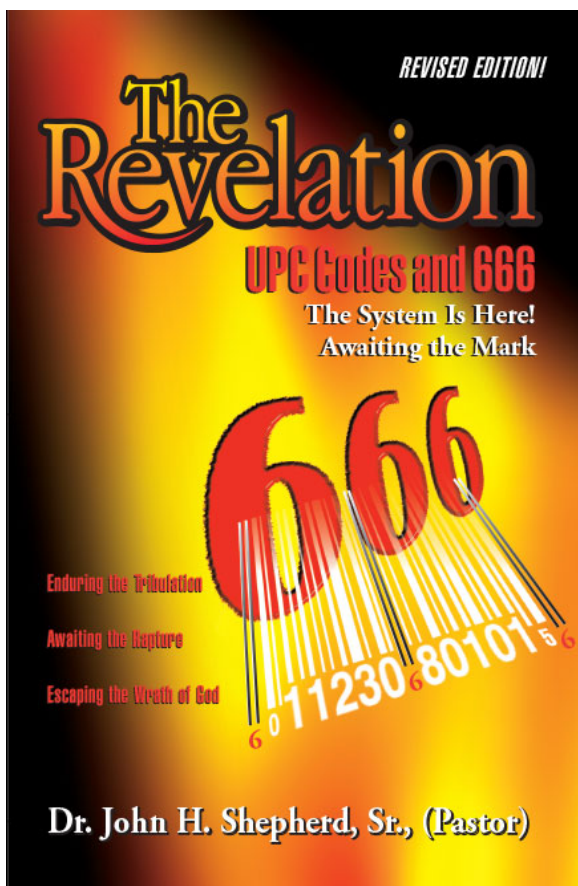
The Bible talks about the purification of the church in Zechariah 13:9.

And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God . . . Behold, the day of the LORD cometh. (Zech. 13:9, 14:1)

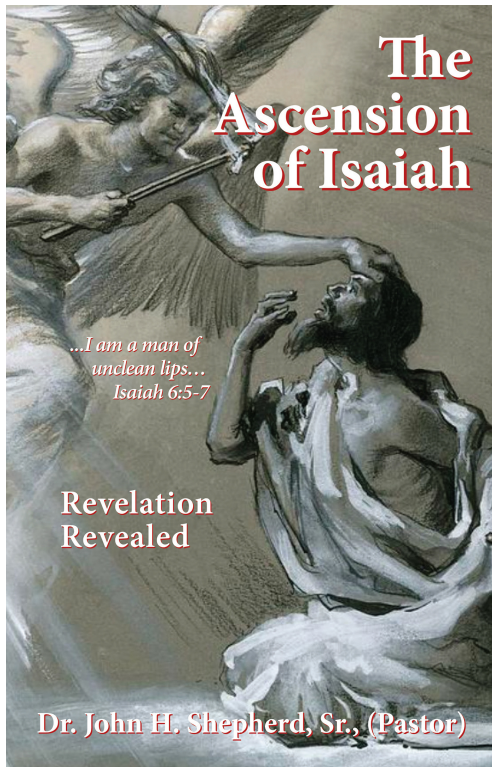
The “day of the LORD” is the rapture! Also notice in Daniel 12:10, “*Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried.*” Jesus is coming after a church that is pure, white as snow, without spot or wrinkle and tried as gold is tried by fire. This is the purification of the church. At the same time, the great falling away will take place as described in 2 Thessalonians 2:3, which will separate the goats from the sheep. The goats will become the apostate church of Satan because they fall away from the gospel of Christ, the truth. They fall away to a perverted gospel that is not the truth! Some of the perverted Bibles are coming into existence now! They will be known as the politically correct Bibles. The sheep are the true Christians who have a love for the truth, and the truth is in them! This is the pure church without spot or wrinkle that Christ is coming for in the rapture. The wicked will become more and more wicked, but none of the wicked will understand. The wicked will be totally blind to what is going on. But the wise will understand. The true Christians will have a short timer’s calendar, counting down

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to the day of the rapture. Why? Because of what the next three verses say, as you continue reading, in Daniel 12:11–13. Return back to page 39 and continue reading.



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