

YOU SHALL NEVER DIE

John 11:26 “And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.
Believest thou this?”

Be Translated From Time Into Eternity

THE RAPTURE IS NOW

THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST IS TO DESTROY THE GRAVE NOW

In the following 11 Scriptures, HELL means GRAVE which is THE LAND OF THE DEAD: (Haides)

Matthew 11:23 And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

Matthew 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

It is THE LAND OF THE DEAD

Luke 10:15 And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell.

Luke 16:23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Acts 2:27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Acts 2:31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

1 Corinthians 15:55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

Revelation 1:18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Revelation 6:8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

Revelation 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

Revelation 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Job 14:14 If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

Our earthly body descending from Adam is going to the grave. So this cursed earthly body must be **transformed** into a heavenly body to escape:

2 Corinthians 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

WE CAN SEE that the land of the dead is a real place. Obviously, God does not want to put his followers in the Land of the dead. He does not want us to STAY IN THE LAND OF THE DEAD. He wants to SAVE us.

John 8:51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.

Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Salvation means to be saved **from the dead**.

WE MUST BE SAVED FROM DEATH

Behold, the coming of Jesus is now. We don't have to wait. Christ appears the second time according to **Hebrews 9:28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.** --- who shall he appear the second time to? Unto them that look for him. UNTO US. All we have to do is LOOK FOR HIM AND HE SHALL APPEAR THE SECOND TIME unto salvation. NOW, what salvation is this? It is salvation from **A PHYSICAL DEATH** in the end of the world, Jesus appears to destroy all the works of the devil, including death.

WE DON'T HAVE TO DIE! Thank the Lord. In the previous verse we had to die a natural death **Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:** --- but now NO MORE – 28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

It says he shall "**APPEAR UNTO SALVATION**". Although by the Scripture "it is appointed unto men once to die", verse 28 shows that CHRIST REVERSED THIS APPOINTMENT **UNTO SALVATION**

Does it say "shall he RAISE FROM THE DEAD"? NO, this is saying that he actually prevents a person from dying.

The second coming of Jesus is not in the future, and it is not in the past. The second coming of Jesus is a **PRESENT experience** in the Christian. This is the **regeneration**, he says, which is the time we get **saved** from death.

Matthew 19:28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, **in the regeneration** when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

1 Peter 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto **salvation ready to be revealed in the last time**.

1 Peter 1:9 Receiving **the end of your faith**, even the **salvation of your souls**.

Salvation of your souls means being **SAVED FROM THE DEAD**. As David said, **thou wilt not leave my soul in hell**

Acts 2:27 Because **thou wilt not leave my soul in hell**, neither wilt thou suffer **thine Holy One to see corruption**.

"**SOUL IN HELL**" means **body in grave**. Thou wilt not leave my **BODY IN GRAVE**, or, you will not allow me to **SEE CORRUPTION**

Acts 2:31 **He** seeing this before **spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell**, neither his flesh did see corruption.

Acts 13:34 And as concerning that **he raised him up from the dead**, now **no more to return to corruption**, he said on this wise, I WILL GIVE YOU the sure mercies of David. – **NOW** he give us **freedom from the grave**.

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and **over all the power** of the enemy: and **nothing shall by any means hurt you**. – NOT EVEN DEATH

1 Corinthians 15:26 **The last enemy** that shall be destroyed is death.

Death is **AN ENEMY** because in **DEATH** we cannot be in the presence of **THE LIVING GOD!**

Death **IS EXTREME SADNESS!**

Mark 14:34 And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch.

Death **DOES NOT GLORIFY GOD!**

John 11:4 When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.

WE DO NOT HAVE TO DIE!

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

1 Corinthians 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; **the last Adam** was **made a quickening spirit**.

1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall **all be made alive**.

1 Corinthians 15:21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

Hebrews 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

*The last trump is not some time in the future. We know this because the last time began **SINCE THE APOSTLES**. It happened in **Jude 1:17** But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; 18 How that they told you there should be mockers **IN THE LAST TIME**, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. -- Quite clearly, this last time is **ALREADY TAKING PLACE IN JUDE**. It comes as a **present experience**.*

Jesus Christ comes to destroy death, as a present experience, because **THE PROPHECY OF JOEL IS FULFILLED**

Acts 2:16 But **this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel**; 17 And it shall come to pass **in the last days**, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: ... 19 And **I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath**; blood, and fire, and **vapour of smoke**: 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, **before that great and notable day of the Lord come**: 21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord **SHALL BE SAVED**.

So, if that day of the Lord came when Peter said "THIS IS THAT (day) which was spoken" - *HAD THE SUN ALREADY TURNED TO DARKNESS AND THE MOON TURNED TO BLOOD ALREADY?*

YES, IT HAPPENED! Here:

Matthew 27:45 Now from the sixth hour **there was darkness over all the land** unto the ninth hour. 46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? 47 Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias. 48 And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. 49 The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him. 50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. 51 And, behold, **the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom**; and **the earth did quake, and the rocks rent**; 52 And **the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose**, 53 **And came out of the graves after his resurrection**, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

What JOEL means by **I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath** - is that the graves opened up. So, the day has come, **NOW**

2 Thessalonians 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, **except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed**, the son of perdition;

- *He comes whenever Jesus is preached.*

Matthew 13:39 **The enemy** that sowed them is **the devil; the harvest is the end of the world**; and the reapers are the angels.

The harvest is the end of the world. Some people are waiting for some event in the future for the end of the world harvest but THIS IS THEIR OWN IDEA. *IT IS NOT FAITH, they are just waiting for some amazing event to happen, but WILL NOT BELIEVE IT.* The end of the world **HAS COME**:

Hebrews 9:26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. --- Now is the end of the world!

1 Corinthians 10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, **upon whom the ends of the world are come**.

Surely you can now see that the ends of the world are come, because Christ has come **to put away THE EFFECTS** of sin which is **DEATH**.

THE LAST DAY IS NOW

John 6:39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me **I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day**.

John 6:40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, **may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day**.

John 6:44 No man can come to me, except **the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day**.

John 6:54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, **hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day**.

John 11:24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in **the resurrection at the last day**.

WHAT IS THIS LAST DAY? This last day IS NOW. Many people, like Martha believe the Last Day is sometime in the future but **JESUS is the last day, and JESUS HAS COME**

John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, **I am the resurrection**, and **the life**: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, **yet shall he live**: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me **shall never die**. Believest thou this?

Is this talking about a SPIRITUAL DEATH, and a "SPIRITUAL" LIFE? **NO**. Was Lazarus "**SPIRITUALLY**" dead when Jesus said this? He was not, he was **PHYSICALLY DEAD IN A GRAVE**. Do you doubt?

Matthew 28:16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. 17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: **but some doubted**.

John 12:48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: **the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day**. – THESE WERE THE DOUBTERS:

Acts 2: 12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? 13 Others mocking said, **These men are full of new wine**. ..

Acts 2:15 For **these are not drunken, as ye suppose**, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. 16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

1 Timothy 4:1 Now **the Spirit speaketh expressly**, that **in the latter times** some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to **seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils**;

2 Timothy 3:1 This know also, that **in the last days perilous times shall come**.

2 Peter 3:3 Knowing this first, that **there shall come in the last days scoffers**, walking after **their own lusts**,

THERE HAVE ALREADY BEEN DOUBTERS, **SCOFFERS** at Jesus and **PERILOUS TIMES** THEREFORE, **THESE ARE THE LAST DAYS!**

Hebrews 1:2 **Hath in these last days** spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

1 Peter 1:20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was **manifest in these last times for you**,

1 Peter 4:7 But **the end of all things is at hand**: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

James 5:3 Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. **Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days**.

1 John 2:18 Little children, **it is the last time**: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, **even now** are there many antichrists; **whereby we know that it is the last time**.

MARTYRS WILL BE IN GOD'S PRESENCE EVEN WITHOUT A BODY (Revelation 20:4)

2 Corinthians 5:8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

OTHERS ARE RAISED FROM THE DEAD FIRST

They are NOT in the presence of God yet, but have **FALLEN ASLEEP**

1 Corinthians 15:17 And if Christ be not raised, your **faith is vain**; ye are yet in your sins. 18 Then they also which **are fallen asleep** in Christ **are perished**. Believers sleep when they do not receive Jesus worthily

1 Corinthians 11:30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and **many sleep**.

1 Thessalonians 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them **which are asleep**, that ye sorrow not, even as **others which have no hope**. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also **which sleep** in Jesus **will God bring with him**. 15 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**.

Those which SLEEP, are those with a dead body. If they are asleep, how can they be in the presence of God? God has not yet **brought them with Jesus**. How can they worship God while asleep? God will only **bring** those asleep *according to the next verse*:

1 Thessalonians 4:16 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:**

They **FIRST** have to be **raised from the dead**, **THEN** they are rewarded:

Luke 14:14 And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for **thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.**

John 5:25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, **The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.**

The hour now is, meaning, he was about to fulfil it at his resurrection:

John 5:28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which **all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 29 And shall come forth; they that have done good,** unto the RESURRECTION OF LIFE; **and they that have done evil,** unto the resurrection of damnation.

What about Abraham, Isaac and Jacob? **Matthew 22:32 I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.**

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are **ONE OF THESE:** Matthew 27:52 And **the graves were opened;** and **many bodies of the saints which slept arose,** 53 And **came out of the graves** after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

Jude 1:9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil **he disputed about the body of Moses,** durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee. Michael the archangel did not dispute about the SOUL of Moses, it was about the BODY of Moses Why? *MOSES NEEDED HIS BODY to be in God's presence! Which is why:*

1. JESUS TOLD US TO RAISE THE DEAD

Matthew 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, **raise the dead,** cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

2. IT SO THAT THEY MAY NEVER DIE AGAIN

John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, **I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me,**

though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me **shall never die.** Believest thou this?

Luke 20:36 **Neither can they die any more:** for they are **equal unto the angels;** and are **the children of God,** being **the children of the resurrection.**

Romans 6:8 Now **if we be dead with Christ,** we believe that **we shall also live with him:** 9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead **dieth no more;** death hath no more dominion over him.

Acts 13:34 And as concerning that **he raised him up from the dead,** now **no more to return to corruption,** he said on this wise, I will give YOU the sure mercies of David. – yes, YOU.

There are two witnesses in Revelation. They couldn't get into the presence of God while dead:

Revelation 11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, **and kill them.** ...

Revelation 11:9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and **shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.**

BUT THEY COULD NOT STOP THEM:

11 And after three days and an 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. 12 And 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.

Matthew 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, **raise the dead,** cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Now WHY would he tell his disciples to **raise the dead IF THE PEOPLE THEY RAISED WERE GOING TO DIE AGAIN?** When they **casted out devils,** was it so that the devils could come back in again? The same Jesus who says **cast out devils,** in the same place says **raise the dead.**

Even the unsaved go to hell IN THEIR BODIES. Hell in the Scripture below means THE PLACE OF CONTINUAL DESTRUCTION (Ge-hena) where the body goes to be destroyed

Matthew 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Not destroy SOUL in hell, but destroy both SOUL AND BODY in hell! It is not just the soul that goes to hell, it is the SOUL AND BODY *IN HELL!*

THE RAPTURE

The Word teaches that people will be raised from the dead on the day of the Lord. So, the day of the Lord is a present experience since some have been raised from the dead like this. Jesus himself has been raised from the dead like this. But as I have said, **it is not just about being raised from the dead at the coming of the Lord**. Paul now says some of them in the Thessalonian church **would remain alive AND NOT DIE** when experiencing the coming of the Lord:

1 Thessalonians 4:15 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.

They got **CAUGHT UP**:

1 Thessalonians 4:17 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.

2 Thessalonians 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by **the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ**, and by **OUR GATHERING together unto him**,

When he says 'our gathering' his language is not for some group of people who hope to be raptured in the future. **It is THEM WHO ARE ALIVE**

It is God's will that this happens. Remember, it was because Enoch PLEASED GOD that it happened to him.

Hebrews 11:5 By faith Enoch **was translated that he should not see death**; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation **he had this testimony, that he pleased God**.

Being raptured means having **the firstfruits**.

THE FIRSTFRUITS

Romans 8:23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which **have the firstfruits of the Spirit**, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, **the redemption of our body**.

Romans 16:5 Likewise greet the church that is in their house. Salute my wellbeloved Epaenetus, who is **the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ**.

1 Corinthians 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become **the firstfruits of them that slept**.

1 Corinthians 15:23 But every man in his own order: **Christ the firstfruits**; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

1 Corinthians 16:15 I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is **the firstfruits of Achaia**, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,)

James 1:18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that **we should be a kind of firstfruits** of his creatures.

Revelation 14:4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were **redeemed from among men**, being **the firstfruits** unto God and to the Lamb.

REVELATION 14 reveals **the firstfruits**. They are **redeemed bodily**

Revelation 14:3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were **redeemed from the earth**.

We know it includes some of those saints who were raised from the dead at the time Jesus rose from the dead:

Matthew 27:52 And **the graves were opened**; and **many bodies of the saints which slept arose**, 53 And **came out of the graves** after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

TO DIE IN THE LORD

To "die in the Lord" is to be a martyr. It is not to suffer a 'natural' death, or accident or disease:

Revelation 6:8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth. - *this is natural death*

The following Scripture describes those who **die in the Lord**, They **SLEEP**. They are **REAPED**:

Revelation 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. 13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, **Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth:** Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them. 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. 15 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 of the earth is ripe. 16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and **the earth was reaped.**

There is also a reaping by ANOTHER ANGEL of those who do not have the firstfruits, who are the unsaved. They get thrust in with the **sharp sickle**, that is, they die and go **into the great winepress of the wrath of God.**

Revelation 14:17 And **another angel** came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. 18 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. 19 And the angel **thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth,** and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. 20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

WE HAVE TO OVERCOME THE BEAST, AND GET VICTORY OVER THE BEAST TO RECEIVE OUR REWARD. Remember, it is the same beast that kills two witnesses of the Lord:

Revelation 11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, **the beast** that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and **shall overcome them, and kill them.**

Revelation 12:11 And **they overcame him** by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives **unto the death.**

THEREFORE, OVERCOMING THE BEAST MEANS TO BE **RAISED FROM THE DEAD** SEE THEM NOW **STAND UP!**

Revelation 15:2 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 EXAMPLE OF JESUS

Jesus is an example for us to follow in the way his body was raised from the dead and then ascended to heaven. It was the same body he died in. There were in his hands the print of the nails. This body was changed so that it could inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God;** neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

Although flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, **WE STILL GO IN OUR BODY LIKE JESUS** and if dead, we **LEAVE AN EMPTY GRAVE BEHIND!** The same body is CHANGED.

1 Corinthians 15:51 Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but **we shall all be changed,**

THE PROPHECIES ARE ALREADY FULFILLED AND THE END OF THE WORLD HAS ALREADY COME All the marvellous events of the end of the world are fulfilled IN EVERY GENERATION in Christ **Matthew 24:34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.**

THE LAST TRUMP

Some people believe the Last Trump has not blown because the "Rapture" has not taken place. Well, WHAT IS THE LAST TRUMP?

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

The last trump is the seventh trumpet of Revelation, which is the fire of the Holy Ghost. It blows at the end.

But the End and the time when the Son of man comes is when evil spirits are cast out and the dead are raised:

Luke 11:20 But if **I with the finger of God cast out devils**, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.

Matthew 10:22 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth **to the end** shall be saved. 23 But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, **till the Son of man be come**.

1 Corinthians 15:24 **Then cometh the end**, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

Acts 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; 20 **And he shall send Jesus Christ**, which before was preached unto you: 21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

As I said, this is when THE DEAD ARE RAISED:

1 Corinthians 15:26 The **last enemy that shall be destroyed is death**.

At the END, a clear distinction happens between the saved and the lost, to the point of death:

Matthew 10:21 And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, **and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death**. Then the Last Enemy is destroyed in believers, as the Scripture teaches, WHENEVER THERE IS

AN ANTICHRIST REVEALED, whom the Lord **consumes with the spirit of his mouth**,

2 Thessalonians 2:8 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**:

Enoch HAS ALREADY BEEN TRANSLATED and he testifies to the coming of the day of the Lord in **Jude 1:14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, --- speaking in the present tense the Lord COMETH** – it is now.

Clearly this Scripture is talking about the return of Jesus. JESUS CHRIST RETURNS for every Christian in all time according to the Scripture

Matthew 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other..... 34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

--- and the following -

1 Corinthians 15:51 Behold, I show you a mystery; **WE shall not all sleep**, but we shall all be changed,

1 Thessalonians 4:15 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. 16 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: 17 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.

Jesus and the Apostle Paul are talking about **NOW** the Lord **COMES to US**

Like many people today, the disciples also thought that Jesus WOULD NOT RETURN TO THEM. They were rebuked by angels

Acts 1:10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; 11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, **why stand ye gazing up into heaven?** this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, **shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go** into heaven.

THE ENDS OF THE WORLD IS JUDGMENT

EVERYBODY sees the End of the World at death

Revelation 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

– apart from those who are raptured

Revelation 3:10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon ALL THE WORLD, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

Matthew 13:40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

Matthew 13:49 So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,

Matthew 24:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

Matthew 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Romans 10:18 But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

Matthew 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.....34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

Matthew 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. 24

Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

1 Corinthians 15:25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is DEATH.

Ephesians 3:21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Judgment is **NOW**: 1 Peter 4:17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

MERCY AT HIS APPEARING

Mark 16:9 Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.

Mark 16:12 After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country.

Mark 16:14 Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

People **see his glory**, though slow to believe:

Luke 9:27 But I tell you of a truth, there be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God. 28 And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray. 29 And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening. 30 And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias: 31 Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.

Luke 17:30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

The Kingdom of God is the ULTIMATE Christian Experience today

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

THE LORD HAD TO RISE FIRST

Luke 19:11 And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because **they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear.**

2 Thessalonians 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, **except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed,** the son of perdition;

The Lord had to be rejected by the antichrist first, and the man of sin had to appear (Judas Iscariot):

Luke 17:24 For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day. 25 But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation.

NOW THAT THE ANTICHRIST HAS APPEARED and JESUS HAS RISEN The lightning has come and ***the Day has come***

Luke 24:34 Saying, **The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.**

John 14:20 **At that day ye shall know** that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

John 16:22 And ye now therefore have sorrow: but **I will see you again,** and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy **no man taketh from you.** 23 And **in that day ye shall ask me nothing.** Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name,** he will give it you.

John 16:26 **At that day ye shall ask in my name:** and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you: 27 For **the Father himself loveth you,** because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.

Acts 22:6 And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly **there shone from heaven a great light round about me.**

Acts 26:13 At midday, O king, **I saw in the way a light from heaven,** above the brightness of the **sun,** shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.

Romans 13:11 And that, knowing the time, that now **it is high time to awake out of sleep:** for now is our **salvation nearer** than when we believed.

1 Corinthians 6:3 Know ye not that **we shall judge angels?** how much more things that pertain to this life?

It was seen as the exception that believers should **fall asleep** (die):

1 Corinthians 15:3 For I delivered unto you first of all **that which I also received,** how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: 5 And that **he was seen of Cephas,** then of the twelve: 6 After that, **he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once;** of whom **the greater part remain unto this present,** but **SOME are fallen asleep.** 7 After that, **he was seen of James;** then **of all the apostles.** 8 And last of all **he was seen of me also,** as of one born out of due time.

1 Peter 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you **at the revelation of Jesus Christ;**

2 Corinthians 10:6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, **when your obedience is fulfilled.**

IT IS JUDGMENT DAY

Matthew 7:22 **Many will say to me in that day,** Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

Matthew 10:15 Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrhah **in the day of judgment,** than for that city.

Matthew 12:36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, **they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.**

Mark 13:32 But **of that day and that hour knoweth no man,** no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

Luke 21:34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and **so that day come upon you unawares.**

Romans 2:5 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against **the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;**

Romans 2:16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

Romans 13:12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

1 Corinthians 1:8 Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

1 Corinthians 5:5 To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

IT IS THE DAY OF REDEMPTION

2 Corinthians 1:14 As also ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are your rejoicing, even as ye also are ours in the day of the Lord Jesus.

Ephesians 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

Philippians 1:10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;

Philippians 2:16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

1 Thessalonians 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

1 Thessalonians 5:3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

1 Thessalonians 5:4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

2 Thessalonians 1:10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

2 Thessalonians 2:2 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 is at hand. 3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

2 Timothy 1:12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

2 Timothy 1:18 The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day: and in how many things he ministered unto me at Ephesus, thou knowest very well.

2 Timothy 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

2 Peter 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

2 Peter 3:7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

2 Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

2 Peter 3:12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

1 John 4:17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Matthew 20:21 And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, **in thy kingdom**.

Jesus had not died yet. This kingdom came after Jesus was resurrected, on the day of Pentecost.

Acts 1:7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, **which the Father hath put in his own power**.

Acts 1:8 **But ye shall receive power**, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

We are to be witnesses of the kingdom of God, that is, to DEMONSTRATE the Kingdom of God as they did before:

Matthew 12:28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, **then the kingdom of God is come unto you**.

THE KINGDOM - Raising the dead is included:

Matthew 10:7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, **raise the dead**, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

The rapture is included, according to Enoch:

Jude 1:14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, **the Lord cometh** with ten thousands of his saints,

The reason why some people do not experience these things NOW is because they do not believe, and are therefore not led by the Holy Spirit, so the devil snatches it out of their heart:

Matthew 13:19 When any one **heareth the word of the kingdom**, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

We attain these things by the power of the Holy Ghost. Then we transfer the power to overcome the devil the same way Jesus did in the wilderness:

Luke 4:1 And Jesus **being full of the Holy Ghost** returned from Jordan, and was **led by the Spirit** into the wilderness,

Jesus had to overcome the devil by the Holy Spirit and by fasting. Then he returned like this:

Luke 4:14 And Jesus returned **in the power of the Spirit into Galilee**: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

TODAY JESUS CHRIST IS COMING

TODAY Jesus is surely coming. **NOW**--not some mysterious event in future. This describes the person who does not believe Christ comes today: Luke 12:45 But and if that servant say in his heart, **My lord delayeth his coming**; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;

1 Corinthians 1:7 So that ye come behind in no gift; **waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ**:

1 Thessalonians 2:19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye **in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming**?

1 Thessalonians 3:13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, **at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ** with all his saints.

1 Thessalonians 4:15 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.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body **be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ**.

2 Thessalonians 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, **by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ**, and by our gathering together unto him, 2 Thessalonians 2:8 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**: - this is PRAYER James 5:7 Be **patient** therefore, brethren, **unto the coming of the Lord**. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

James 5:8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for **the coming of the Lord draweth nigh**. - right here, TODAY

2 Peter 1:16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when **we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ**, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

THE GOSPEL

Jesus Christ being God, was formed into a man, and thus became obedient to death. But God raised him from the dead so that by believing this, we too can receive rapture IMMEDIATELY (Philippians 2:6-11). **Rapture is a part of the first resurrection of Revelation 20**

BAPTISM BRINGS RESURERCTION THE GLORY OF GOD

If you get close to God, you begin to experience his glory (Exodus 33-34). You get close to God by interacting with the Holy Spirit and following him. Then the Glory of God becomes tangible and transferable. It brings healing all around (Heb 4; 2 Cor 3)

WATER BAPTISM IS NOW ACCOMPANIED BY THE BAPTISM OF FIRE

Matthew 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:**

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

IT BEGAN WITH A BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE

Mark 1:4 John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the **baptism of repentance** for the remission of sins.

Luke 3:3 And he came into all the country about Jordan, **preaching the baptism of repentance** for the remission of sins;

NOW THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL COME ON YOU WHEN YOU ARE BAPTIZED

Acts 19:2 He said unto them, **Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?** And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. 3 And he said unto them, **Unto what then were ye baptized?** And they said, Unto John's baptism.

Acts 19:4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with **the baptism of repentance**, saying unto the people, **that they should believe on him** which should come after him, that is, **on Christ Jesus.**

Acts 19:5 When they heard this, **they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.** 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and **they spake with tongues, and prophesied.**

THE BAPTISM OF FIRE CAUSES RIGHTEOUSNESS (SALVATION FROM DEATH)

Matthew 3:13 **Then cometh Jesus** from Galilee to Jordan unto John, **to be baptized of him.** 14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? 15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: **for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness.** Then he suffered him.

Mark 16:16 He that **believeth and is baptized shall be saved;** but he that believeth not shall be damned.

We are "baptised for the dead" **so that we don't have to die anymore**

Romans 6:4 Therefore we are **buried with him by baptism** into death: that like **as Christ was raised up from the dead** by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in **newness of life.**

1 Corinthians 15:29 Else what shall they do which are **baptized for the dead**, if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized for the dead?

Colossians 2:12 **Buried with him in baptism**, wherein also **ye are risen** with him **through the faith of the operation of God**, who hath raised him from the dead.

1 Peter 3:21 The like figure whereunto **even baptism doth also now save us** (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) **by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:**

JOHN'S BAPTISM OPENED THEIR HEARTS TO GOD

Mark 1:5 And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, **and were all baptized of him** in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.

Luke 7:29 And all the people that heard him, and the publicans, **justified God, being baptized** with the baptism of John.

Luke 7:30 But the Pharisees and lawyers **rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him.**

WATER BAPTISM WILL ALLOW YOU TO DRINK OF THE SPIRIT

1 Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; **and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.**

Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ **have put on Christ.**

Ephesians 4:5 One Lord, one faith, **one baptism,**
GET WATER BAPTIZED IMMEDIATELY

Acts 2:41 Then **they that gladly received his word were baptized:** and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

Acts 8:12 But **when they believed** Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, **they were baptized**, both men and women.

Acts 8:13 Then **Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized**, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

Acts 8:36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; **what doth hinder me to be baptized?**

Acts 8:37 And Philip said, **If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest.** And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Acts 8:38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and **they went down both into the water**, both Philip and the eunuch; **and he baptized him.**

Acts 9:18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, **and was baptized.**

Acts 10:47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, **which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?**

Acts 10:48 And **he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.** Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

Acts 11:16 Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, **John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.**

Acts 16:15 And **when she was baptized,** and her household, she besought us, saying, **If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord,** come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

Acts 16:30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? 31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. 32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

Acts 16:33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; **and was baptized, he and all his,** straightway.

Acts 18:8 And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and **many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.**

Acts 19:5 When they heard this, **they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.**

Acts 22:16 And now **why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized,** and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

WATER BAPTISM IS ALWAYS ACCOMPANIED BY HOLY GHOST FIRE

Matthew 3:16 And Jesus, **when he was baptized,** went up straightway **out of the water:** and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw **the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:**

Mark 1:8 I indeed have baptized you with water: but **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.**

Luke 3:16 John answered, saying unto them all, **I indeed baptize you with water;** but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:**

Luke 3:21 Now **when all the people were baptized,** it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, **the heaven was opened,**

John 1:26 John answered them, saying, **I baptize with water:** but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;

John 1:33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, **Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending,** and remaining on him, **the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.**

John 3:22 After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judaea; and **there he tarried with them, and baptized.**

Acts 1:5 For John truly baptized with water; but **ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.**

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, **and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ** for the remission of sins, **and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**

MINISTRY

Ministry is all about speaking the word of the Kingdom of God and seeing it come into manifestation by the Spirit of God:

Matthew 13:19 When any one **heareth the word of the kingdom,** and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

We have to overcome the devil in the lives of the people, by declaring the Kingdom of God powerfully and boldly in the Holy Spirit.

We reach this place by PRAYER and WORSHIP, and then we impart the Holy Spirit by speaking the WORD and laying HANDS:

Mark 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; **they shall speak with new tongues;** 18 **They shall take up serpents;** and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; **they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.** 19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, **he was received up** into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. 20 And they went forth, **and preached every where,** the Lord working with them, and **confirming the word with signs following.** Amen.

Ministry does not happen by accident. We have to take the Kingdom by force:

Matthew 11:12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and **the violent take it by force.**

True Prophecy vs. False Prophecy

Prophecy is what brings the kingdom of God, or resurrection of the dead, into existence.

When Jesus was raised from the dead, he was afterwards "caught up" which we call the "Ascension". He did not die again. These things all happen before the resurrection at judgment day.

Jesus told his disciples to "raise the dead". Now it would make sense that the people raised would not die again, but would also ascend, or be caught up, just like he was. Otherwise why give this power to raise the dead at all, if they would all die again?

Is raising the dead just a sign? The Old Testament was a sign. But Jesus already heals the sick and raises the dead because sickness and death were a part of the fall, caused by sin. And Jesus totally overcame these.

Is it really possible that Jesus gives total victory *before* judgment day, so that a person will never die or get sick again? If you believe in the rapture, then this is precisely what you believe. It has something to do with the first resurrection of Revelation chapter 20. The rapture is in the bible. It happens after the first resurrection. The question we are asking is, *Is the rapture reserved for the future?*

Rapture is another word used to describe the "catching up" of saints so that they go up to heaven in bodily form like Jesus. If we look closely at the relevant Scripture, we find that this happens **after** people are raised from the dead (1 Thessalonians 4:15,16,17).

Now the Scriptures do not limit raising from the dead to a certain time in the future, because there is a first resurrection. Jesus told his disciples to "raise the dead" in Matthew 10:8. He himself was raised from the dead and "caught up". Then isn't the rapture available now? **WHY NOT NOW?**

The mainstream Tribulation and Rapture teachings promoted by many denominations and prominent preachers in recent revivals all tell us the antichrist and rapture is in the future. What we will see, however, is that deep agents of the antichrist system are responsible for bringing these ideas of a *future* resurrection and rapture into the mainstream.

A book by Robert Caringola called *Seventy Weeks* certainly reveals some history which we can learn from. Reading from pages. 19,31-38:

RIBERA AND ALCAZAR

The Jesuits are a religious order of the Roman Catholic church. Their proper title is the "Society of Jesus." Originally they were called *Compania de Jesus*, which is Spanish for "(military) company of Jesus." They were founded (1534-39) by Ignatius of Loyola. He drafted the rules that still govern the society. The training of a Jesuit is long and rigorous. They were founded to combat the Reformation. Jesuit leaders played a major role in Rome's Counter-Reformation. You will now see this antichrist system in action.

Secular historians record the tactics of Counter-Reformation Rome. The *Encyclopedia Britannica* states, "Under the stress of the Protestant attack there arose new methods on the papal side." In those pages, Ribera (a Jesuit scholar) is identified as the founder of the FUTURIST school of interpretation [Encyclopedia Britannica, vol. 23, p. 213. 11th edition]. Rev. E. B. Elliot gives a synopsis of the prophetic positions published by Jesuit scholars as follows:

So at length, as the [16th] century was advancing to a close, two Jesuits published their respective, but quite counter opinions on the Apocalyptic subject: the first, **Francisco**

Ribera (1537-1591), a Jesuit Priest of Salamanca published an Apocalyptic Commentary [*Apocalypsin*], about 1585 A.D. on the grand points of Babylon and Antichrist, what we now call the FUTURIST scheme. The second man, **Louis de Alcazar**, also a Spanish Jesuit, but of Seville, published *Vestigatio Arcani Sensus in Apocalypsi*, published in Antwerp in 1614 on main points what we now designate as the PRAETERIST scheme.

These two eschatologies were invented solely for the purpose of protecting the papacy. Ribera and Alcazar both spun their primary apparatus from the 70th week of Daniel by putting the antichrist either in the remote past or the remote future, taking him out of the present where the reformationists could attack the papal system.

Ribera said that God had first given us 69 weeks and that at the baptism of Jesus in 27 A.D. the 69 weeks concluded. He said that God extended the 70th week into the future to take place at the end of the age. The antichrist is to be a single individual (not the papal system) who would not rule until the very end of time. Today there are three versions of this futurist eschatology, (1) the pre, (2) the mid, and (3) the post tribulation rapture doctrines. Then there are numerous versions of each of those three schools of thought.

Alcazar said that the prophecies of the *Apocalypse* (Revelation) were fulfilled in 70 A.D. when the temple was destroyed and the Jews were slaughtered or deported. By this teaching, Matthew 24 and all (but the first chapter) of Revelation, and the 70th week of Daniel were fulfilled in 70 A.D. Alcazar insists that the enemies of the church (the Sanhedrin) were destroyed; that Jesus returned to reside in the person of the reigning pope (the Vicar of Christ); and that the millennium (the amillennium) started at that time and continues today. **This is still the basic stance of Catholicism.** Once again, no reformer, no Protestant accepted a word of either Ribera's or Alcazar's teachings. [Robert Caringola, *Seventy Weeks*, pp. 19,31-38]

FUTURISM DEVELOPED IN 1826, OUT OF RIBERA'S TEACHING

Dr. S. R. Maintland (1752-1866), the librarian to the Archbishop of Canterbury, discovered Ribera's book in his library and translated and **published it in 1826** just for the sake of interest. Until this time there was not a single Protestant in the world who believed the futuristic teachings. Dr. Maintland also wrote a prophetic pamphlet showing his contempt for the Reformation, and he did not believe that the papacy was the predicted antichristian Apostasy or Beast of Daniel and the Apocalypse (Revelation).

John Nelson Darby (1800-1882) a brilliant and well-educated man from Glasgow, Scotland, magnified Maintland's errors. Darby read the pamphlets that Maitland produced and was persuaded. Darby was the founder of the Plymouth Brethren. He thought this was a great revelation—with such a simplified view of Bible prophecy, there was no need to understand the historic application. It was all in the future! Darby wrote several volumes on this new understanding of prophecy. He influenced many people, including Cyrus Ingerson Scofield (1843-1921) who incorporated Darby's views in the Scofield Reference Bible in 1909. Scofield was awarded an honorary Ph.D., he didn't earn it.

The Coming of Messiah in Glory and Majesty, a book by Emmanuel Lacunza (1731-1801), a Jesuit priest from Chili, contains the first known reference to a future rapture. His book was published in Spain and then translated into English and **published in London in 1827**. The book was attributed to a fictitious author named Rabbi Juan Josafat Ben-Ezra. In an extensive introduction the translator, Rev. Edward Irving (1792-1834) contended that the book was the work of a converted Jew!

Irving presented Lacunza's work as a new revelation from God. Irving became one of the most eloquent preachers of his time. In 1828 his open-air meetings in Scotland drew crowds of ten thousand people. In **March 1830**, he held a series of prophecy meetings in which he introduced Lacunza's ideas. [Michael J. Berry, *Foundation for Restoration*, p. 63-64]

In 1830 in Port Glasgow, Scotland, a 15-year-old named Margaret MacDonald claimed she had received a new revelation in a vision, then set about to share this vision of a pre-tribulation rapture. Robert Norton (1807-1883), recorded Margaret's prophecies and published them in a book, *The Restoration of Apostles and Prophets in the Catholic Apostolic Church* (London, 1861). I don't know whether or not there is any record verifying whether Margaret ever heard or read Irving's translation of Lacunza. Anyhow, Norton wrote that Miss MacDonald was the first to advance the idea of pre-tribulation rapture. [Note: Margaret MacDonald's vision is recorded in *The Incredible Cover Up*.]

The rapturist doctrine of today is quite different from the fragments of rapture that Lacunza, MacDonald and Norton promoted. These nineteenth century believers proclaimed a partial rapture in which only a select portion of the body of believers would be chosen. The identity of this elite, select portion quickly became a focal point of confusion and disagreement. Lacunza claimed that only those believers who partake of the sacrament of the Eucharist would be raptured; Miss MacDonald said the rapture would take away only those who were filled with the Spirit; and Norton claimed that only Christians who were sealed by the Holy Ghost with the laying on of hands would be raptured.

In the years that followed, the same John Nelson Darby mentioned earlier developed the teaching into its current form. It was Darby who introduced this new teaching into the main current of prophetic interpretation. Darby, who was ordained a deacon by the Church of England in 1825, was acquainted with Edward Irving who translated Lacunza's work, and had visited Miss MacDonald in the days when she was having her visions. The potential of their radical new prophecy of a rapture intrigued Darby, who was already unhappy with the lethargic conditions prevailing in many churches of his time. The pre-tribulation rapture theory became the rallying point of Darby's break from the Church of England and the focus of his ascent to a position of leadership in the Plymouth Brethren movement.

Strangely enough, what at first was understood to be a new and special revelation was soon to be dogmatically promoted as though it had always been the eternal truth of the scriptures. Those who opposed Darby, such as Charles H. Spurgeon and George Mueller, were excommunicated.

Darby's biographers refer to him as "the father of modern dispensationalism." Cyrus Ingerson Scofield became one of Darby's most enthusiastic promoters. The Scofield Reference Bible (1909) has influenced countless thousands of believers. It is interesting to note that the majority of Scofield's contemporaries—men such as Charles R. Eerdman, W.G. Moorhead, A.J. Gordon and Nathaniel West—rejected the views of this new British system of prophecy.

The greatest proof of the truth of prophecy is the fact that it has a counterfeit. The Rapture is a FACT in the Bible. So if the rapture is not in the future, as these people say, and not in the past, then It Can Only Be In The PRESENT.

THE APPEARANCE OF FALSE PROPHECY

We learned that before the return of Jesus, an antichrist (A False Christ) must first be revealed. This is the SIGN OF THE END

EASTER SABBATH

Have you ever wondered how come Jesus died on a Friday and was raised on a Sunday when there are not three days between Friday and Sunday? Is the Bible wrong? Is there a mistake somewhere? Yes there is a mistake.

The event we call Easter is not actually about Jesus Christ! Did you know that? NO! Jesus Christ did not die on a Friday and he was not raised from the dead on a Sunday! Jesus Christ was crucified THE DAY BEFORE THE YEARLY PASSOVER, which happened to be a Wednesday on that year, not the day before the weekly Sabbath, a Friday. Of course not. He is the PASSOVER lamb! And Jesus Christ did not rise from the dead on Easter Sunday, which is only 1 ½ days after "Good Friday"! He rose from the dead on a Saturday evening.

In case you are wondering why the Bible says in Mark 16:9 Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. you need to understand that according the Jewish calendar, the day begins at nightfall, so this would be Saturday evening at approximately 6pm. Further confusion arises when a person does not know that "Sabbath" could mean ANY HOLY DAY which is a day of rest, including the Passover.

John 19:31 The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. The main question is, if Easter is not about Jesus Christ, then who is it about?

Is it important? Yes, because when someone replaces Jesus Christ it is the SIGN OF THE END. Why do we have church on Sunday, if Jesus was not raised on Sunday?

THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ was dead for exactly three days and three nights, as he predicted, and then He rose again.

Matthew 12:40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

The following passage describes the day Jesus dies, and it happens to be "the preparation". This is the day before the Hebrew passover, when they "prepare" the lamb, Nisan 14 on the Hebrew calendar. The preparation ends at 6pm, nightfall, when the passover begins.

Mark 15:42 And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, (verse 43) Joseph of Arimathaea, an honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus.

Clearly the sabbath here spoken of is the great sabbath of passover 15 Nisan, which happens only once a year, and not the regular weekly sabbath. So it was the day before the Great Sabbath. Shabbath Ha-Gadal = Great Sabbath of Passover which happens only once a year.

On that particular year 31 A.D, the preparation was on a Wednesday. So Jesus was crucified the third hour, 9am on Wednesday. Jesus dies the ninth hour 3pm on Wednesday. Jesus was then buried before sunset at approximately 6pm. This is the time when the passover or Great Sabbath begins.

So Jesus is buried 6pm Wednesday "in the heart of the earth".

Then the passover or the Great Sabbath begins at 6pm. According to the Hebrew calendar, the day begins at 6pm, so Nisan 15 begins at 6pm. So The children of Israel are keeping the Great Sabbath as God commanded Moses (Passover), while Jesus is "in the heart of the earth". After the Great Sabbath or passover ends 6pm the following day Thursday, now Nisan 16, Jesus has been "in the heart of the earth" for one day and one night. The following passage describes what the women then do.

Mark 16:1 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

Probably at daylight after the Great Sabbath, now Friday, the women gather and prepare spices to anoint the body of Jesus. They probably do this for the whole day until sunset. At sunset on that Friday, the regular weekly sabbath begins.

Luke 23:56 And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment.

So, there are two sabbaths on the week Jesus is crucified. One on Thursday and one on Saturday.

To fulfil his prophecy of 3 days and 3 nights "in the heart of the earth", Jesus Christ is resurrected at the end of this second sabbath. This is at 6pm on Saturday. So from 6pm Wednesday (When Jesus is buried) to 6pm Saturday, Jesus is "in the heart of the earth" 3 days and 3 nights.

Nisan 18 - Sunday morning

Twelve hours after Jesus is resurrected, at approximately 6am Sunday morning, the women come to the tomb and find it empty. They are not there at the resurrection, he is resurrected twelve hours earlier. So Jesus is not resurrected on Sunday morning, but on the Hebrew Sabbath (Saturday). See how Mary Magdalene finds an empty tomb, well before daybreak on that Sunday:

John 20:1 The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

Mark 16:2 And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.

Luke 24:1 Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them.

THE ANTICHRIST ENTERS THE WORLD AFTER JESUS COMES IN THE FLESH

The beast and the Man of Sin entered the **powers of the authorities** when Jesus came to the earth and departed from the earth. And the false prophet entered the dominant **religious system** when Jesus came and departed (the synagogue of Satan).

Roman paganism was the dominant religion at the time. A new calendar was introduced by the spirit of false prophecy operating through Julius Caesar, which later passed onto the

Roman Catholic Church. This 'Julian' calendar is now used in the Western world to keep track of time. However it is the time system of the false prophet which keeps men and women in bondage today, with Christmas and Easter (MODERN SPIRITUALISM).

However, Jesus Christ casts down these thrones by the TRUE Spirit of Prophecy:

Daniel 7:9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

And again, speaking of the spirit of Babylon, the spirit of the false Prophet represented by this star:

Isaiah 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

The false prophet is burned alive in **Revelation 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.**

The False Prophet first appears in **Revelation 13:11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. 12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. 13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, 14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. 15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.**

This False Prophet deceives everyone to receive the mark of the beast and to worship his image through spiritual trading. This is a spiritual mark, not a physical mark, as the servants of God are also given a mark in **Ezekiel 9:4 And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.** (also read Revelation 3:12 and 7:3 and 22:4).

In Revelation 13 however, we see the evil mark of the beast:

Revelation 13:16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six. - Six hundred threescore and six is 666.

WHO IS THE BEAST?

The name of the beast can be discovered by the number of his name. This number is the number of a man. From Revelation 13:18, if we have wisdom, we can find out who this man is. But who has more wisdom than Solomon? Revelation 13:18 is saying that SOLOMON will find out who the man is! Let him that hath understanding (SOLOMON) count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man;

Which man was associated with SOLOMON, who used the number 666? Hiram, the king of Tyrus. Tyre became a powerful trading city and in fact, the King of Trade:

1 Kings 9:11 (Now Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire,) that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.

1 Kings 10:11 And the navy also of Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of almug trees, and precious stones. 14 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was **six hundred threescore and six** talents of gold,

He brought 666 talents of Gold talents of gold to Solomon each year, according to his desire. But the king of Tyrus was not pleased with Solomon **1 Kings 9:12 And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him; and they pleased him not.** And because Hiram gave Solomon his desire in gold, he was given power to curse Solomon. Then Satan entered Hiram the King of Tyrus, and he became the beast, the anointed cherub which fell, as prophesied:

Ezekiel 28:12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. 13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. 14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. 15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. 16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. 17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. 18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffic; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. 19 All they

that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

Thus the Beast, the Man of Sin or Satan first entered the King of Tyrus. In Revelation 13:18 Solomon was told to discover the name of this beast. From the above prophecy, the name of the beast is Hiram, but in reality, the name of the spirit behind him, which never dies is O COVERING CHERUB. Shortly after King Solomon's encounter with the King of Tyrus, Solomon turned away from God through his EGYPTIAN wife, the daughter of Pharaoh.

1 Kings 11:1 But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with **the daughter of Pharaoh**, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites: 2 Of the nations concerning which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love. 3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart. 4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father. **5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.**

This was actually a manifestation of the spirit of fornication, because the woman taught Solomon, just as Eve taught Adam to eat in the garden of Eden.

EGYPT AND THE SPIRITUAL SODOM

So the king of Tyrus (TYRE) cursed Solomon to follow Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians (SIDON). But what about Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites also mentioned in 1Kings 11:5?

When Lot escaped from Sodom (see Genesis 19:38), he begat the Ammonite people and their god Milcom (or Moloch). This was the god Solomon followed afterwards. Milcom came out of the spiritual Sodom.

You can also read the connection between Tyre, Sidon and Sodom in Luke 10:12-15 just before Jesus declares **Luke 10:18 ...I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.** (*Also read Revelation 11:8 for the spiritual Sodom and Egypt*)

THE BIRTH OF THE SPIRIT OF FALSE PROPHECY

Solomon planted the seeds of a great falling away through a false spirit of prophecy. This was a star:

Amos 5:26 But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves.

Acts 7:43 Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.

It was a star which first came from Egypt (Remphan) when Solomon took the daughter of Pharaoh to wife.

MOLOCH (MILCOM) IS THE FALSE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

Notice this tabernacle of Moloch is likened to the tabernacle that Moses constructed in the wilderness, which supplanted Moses. Moloch is the same as Baal, **THE SON OF ASHTORETH (Easter)**. These are the names of Satan: Moloch, Baal, Ashtoreth, Tammuz, Dagon, Osiris, Isis, Horus, Belial, Titan, Saturn, Jupiter.

The Romans adopted the Egyptian calendar from the Egyptian magician Sosigenes, and began to celebrate astrological charts, birth stars and birthdays, which affect us today.

ISRAEL AND THE FALSE PROPHET

A six-pointed star now appears on the flag of Israel. It is the same star which first came from Ashtoreth. The six-pointed star is the star of Remphan which Acts 7:43 refers to, and thus of the king of Tyrus and the mark of the beast. Israel did not choose this flag, but ended up with this flag by FORCE. Just as Hitler FORCED the Jews to wear this same star during the second world war. THE SPIRIT OF THE FALSE PROPHET WAS WORKING WITH HITLER.

THE FALSE PROPHET TODAY

I have mentioned that the false prophet worked through the dominant religious system of the day. He still does today. Very subtly he has introduced other versions and translations of the Bible (besides the Old King James version). These new bibles change the Scriptures that expose this system of the false spirit of prophecy going on right now.

MODERN BIBLES

Let us first look at the Revised Standard Version (RSV), which is copyright owned by the National Council of Churches of America:

RSV Daniel 7:9 As I looked, thrones were placed and one that was ancient of days took his seat; his raiment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, its wheels were burning fire.

Here, instead of Jesus CASTING DOWN the thrones of the false prophet and the beast, the thrones were PLACED... and one that was ancient of days took his seat. This is the exact OPPOSITE of what we read earlier. Firstly, it does not say the thrones were cast down, but rather, placed. And secondly, it does not say THE Ancient of Days. His title is taken away leaving a description "thrones were placed and one that was ancient of days took his seat" So the thrones that were previously CAST DOWN are now Placed, and one that is ancient sits. And who could this be? The serpent is 'ancient'. It could be the beast himself.

RSV Isaiah 14:12 "How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low!

Let me ask you, WHO is this talking about? Did you say Day Star? And who is that? The Day Star is Jesus, the Spirit of true prophecy **2 Peter 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the DAY STAR arise in your hearts:** Who does the true KING JAMES BIBLE say is fallen from heaven in Isaiah 14:12 ? *LUCIFER* not Day Star.

Some other translations even say Morning Star instead of Day Star. Lucifer is NOT the Morning Star either. JESUS is the Morning Star **Revelation 22:16 I Jesus have 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.**

Lucifer is not the Day Star, and Lucifer is not the Morning Star. Jesus is the Day Star and the Morning Star.

Now let's look at Hiram and the ANOINTED CHERUB:

RSV Ezekiel 28:14 With an anointed guardian cherub I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God; in the midst of the stones of fire you walked.

This does not show that Hiram was **possessed** by Satan himself THE ANOINTED CHERUB THAT COVERETH. Here, Hiram is merely PLACED WITH an anointed guardian cherub

RSV Ezekiel 28:16 In the abundance of your trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned; so I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God, and the guardian cherub drove you out from the midst of the stones of fire.

This is hiding the fact that Satan is cast out of heaven.

Also, the king of Tyrus is not identified as THE COVERING CHERUB. Instead, he is driven out by a guardian cherub. It denies that the Man of Sin is the Covering Cherub. It looks like Satan is allowed to remain in heaven here, and drive someone else out, but it shall never be.

THE STAR

RSV Amos 5:26 You shall take up Sakkuth your king, and Kaiwan your star-god, your images, which you made for yourselves;

This does not identify the image itself, which is actually a STAR. The correct reading is THE STAR OF YOUR GOD. Secondly, it is TELLING SOMEONE to take it up, not condemning the practice.

RSV Revelation 2:9 I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

Should be the definite article THE synagogue of satan (who is THE False Prophet).

RSV Revelation 13:18 This calls for wisdom: let him who has understanding reckon the number of the beast, for it is a human number, its number is six hundred and sixty-six.

This does not say IT IS THE NUMBER OF A MAN. So, it does not identify a man (the king of Tyrus who is O COVERING CHERUB), but calls it a human number

THE ULTIMATE CHALLENGE - Revelation 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

Revised Standard Version says "HIS NAME AND his Father's name written on their foreheads." This could mean the mark of the beast AND the Father's mark TOGETHER!

The New Testament in the modern bibles (apart from the New King James Version) remove the name of Jesus in 65 places!

Some of the verses where the name of Jesus is removed: Matthew 16:20, Matthew 8:29, Acts 3:26, Acts 9:29, Acts 19:10, Romans 15:8, Romans 16:18, 1 Corinthians 5:5, 1 Corinthians 16:22, 2 Corinthians 4:6, 2 Corinthians 5:18, Ephesians 3:9, Ephesians 3:14, Colossians 1:2, Colossians 1:28, 2 Timothy 4:22, Philemon 1:6, 1 Peter 5:10, 1 Peter 5:14

THE MARK OF THE BEAST

This is not a physical mark. It is a spiritual mark, because the people of God also receive a mark in Ezekiel 9:4. It is a *spiritual* mark.

The mark of the beast represents EDUCATION without Jesus Christ because with this education available today, you have opportunities to get a career and make money (Rev 13:7 "...no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark..."). Relying SOLELY on this education and not Jesus, which many people do, will almost certainly put a person in hell:

Wrath on all who worship the beast	Rev 14:9,11
Overcoming the beast on the sea of glass	Rev 15:2,7
The wrath of God is on the beast (7 golden vials)	Rev 16:2,10,13
Babylon, sitting on the beast	Rev 17:3,7,8,11,12,13,16,17
The beast fights his last, and is finally destroyed	Rev 19:19,20
The resurrection victory over the beast	Rev 20:4,10

Babylon

Babylon is the device, the spiritual power that the Roman Emperor uses to make everyone fear and obey Roman Law.

Daniel 11:24 He shall enter peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: yea, and he shall FORECAST HIS DEVICES against the strong holds, even for a time.

25 And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall FORECAST DEVICES against him.

Roman Law has taken over the Law of Moses and to substitute this power, it needs a spiritual power to hold all the people subject to its laws. This is Babylon.

This power came into being through Julius Caesar when he went to a sorcerer in Egypt. While Julius Caesar was conquering he was putting this power on people "forecasting devices"

It is just like a massive devil which has power over every citizen to make them subject to Roman Law. Today it has power over practically every person in this world. Julius Caesar practiced this from the centre of divination in the world, which is the place where the Vatican sits today. **Vaticanus means Centre of Divination (in Latin).**

Thankfully Jesus Christ gives his followers power over all devils including this one called Babylon.

Revelation 18:2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

Revelation 18:21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

The Symptoms of Babylon

There are tell-tale symptoms to show that a person is under the influence of Babylon.

1. They don't believe the bible or they use the forged bible
2. They celebrate their birthdays and Christmas
3. They are fornicators
4. They have the wrong idea about the second coming of Jesus Christ
5. Easter: Jesus was not killed and raised over a weekend. The event called Easter is ISHTAR – a false goddess – not Jesus Christ. Ishtar is Ashtoreth of the false prophet. Jesus was the Passover lamb – which did not happen over a weekend!

Revelation exposes Babylon wonderfully

We learn that it is in the form of a woman

It rides the governmental power (a beast) so the government actually serves babylon
It has power to make every human being interested to work together to create wealth

However it has done this through sorcery and fornication so it has caused confusion causing blood to be spilled. This is the meaning of Babylon: CONFUSION.

When Jesus Christ came this power of confusion falls wherever believers believe the truth about the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Babylon In Daniel

The first time, Babylon kept the people of Israel in captivity for 70 years. It is a physical kingdom and it developed out into several physical kingdoms.

Babylon In Revelation

The spiritual Babylon is now for the whole world and lasts 70 times 7 years (Daniel 9:24) and keeps the world in captivity for this period until the coming of Christ's kingdom on earth.

Babylon is confusion, and confusion is about war. We first see Babylon first appearing in Revelation 6

Revelation 6:4 And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

It is red in colour which is the blood it has shed through its sorcery and fornication. Whenever you see a red colour in Revelation, you know this has something to do with Babylon. Refer to the chart of Revelation above to see where Babylon fits within the seven seals of the book which Jesus carries. Babylon is the second seal – the red horse, which shows itself several times in Revelation.

After the horse, we see Babylon appearing the next time in Revelation 12. Babylon this time is the red dragon which is the antichrist. We know Babylon is the mother of prostitutes, and here she stands over the chosen of God who is about to give birth. Babylon appears as a dragon:

Revelation 12:3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. 4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

We know this dragon is also Egypt. Therefore whenever you read about Egypt, it is another form of Babylon who is the antichrist. This is why Julius Caesar went down to Egypt for his powers – which still affect us today after 2000 years.

The Egyptian Bible

The modern bible we have today is not the real bible – only the Old King James is the real bible. The modern bible is Egyptian in origin, because the manuscripts they found came from Alexandria in Egypt. Alexander the Great built the city in 332 BC, but Julius Caesar defeated Pompey at Alexandria when they “forcasted devices” against him. So when there is a bible which comes out of Alexandria we are dealing with a devil of Babylon. So people are in SPIRITUAL bondage when they use the modern bible, and they can be set free from the antichrist through deliverance.

Spiritual Fornication leads to Practical Fornication

Whenever a nation worshipped another God besides the true God, it is called fornication.

The kings of the earth have committed fornication with a false god (Babylon).

However, people who worship a false god actually practise fornication in every day life.

This is why there is a lot of power behind the Women's liberation movement, because it is backed by Babylon, and it results in fornication spreading across the world.

But as I said, Jesus Christ gives us power over even this devil.

1 Peter 3:22 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

Isaiah 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

Luke 10:18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Revelation 14:8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

Revelation 18:2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

Revelation 18:21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

Revelation 19:3 And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.

Revelation 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Babylon Is Defeated Already

Babylon has deceived everybody in the world, especially about the second coming of Jesus Christ to defeat it.

When we know the truth we overcome it today and bind it 1000 years to prevent it deceiving the world.

In fact, none of Revelation is reserved for the future. Revelation is written as a parable.

We pronounce Babylon's judgment in the lake of fire as we declare today that the devil is thrown into the lake of fire and where he is tormented day and night forever and ever (Revelation 20:10). Babylon has already been completely defeated and will be defeated in the lives of all believers today.

More Scriptural Evidence

You do not have to wait for a tribulation before Jesus Christ returns – because there is no tribulation!

Of course there are tribulations as we go through life.

Only two things need to happen for the Lord Jesus Christ to return:

1. Your obedience must be fulfilled, and
2. The man of sin must be revealed (the antichrist).

When you are obedient, then the antichrist appears, then the Lord Jesus returns.

A lot of confusion about this man of sin makes people believe that Jesus Christ will only come sometime in the future and not now.

You have to understand that the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ depends on you.

Secondly, you have to understand that Jesus Christ does not just come once for the world.

Jesus Christ has been coming many times since he rose from the dead and ascended up to heaven.

Several scriptures support this:

1 Corinthians 15:6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. 7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. 8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

We know that Jesus returned to Paul, PHYSICALLY, even after his ascension.

1 Timothy 6:14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: 15 Which IN HIS TIMES he shall show, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

When you look at the statement of faith of many churches, you will see that they believe that Jesus Christ will physically return in future. It assumes that he has not come yet. But as we see, Jesus has come already, and he comes NOW when you meet the conditions, and he WILL CONTINUE to come.

Luke 17:22 And he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see ONE OF THE DAYS of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it.

It says IN HIS TIMES, and ONE OF THE DAYS Jesus Christ came to the people who received the word and were obedient. Thessalonians is the best book in the bible to understand the second coming of Jesus Christ. If you just read that book alone, you will have all the information you need.

If we take a look at Thessalonians, each and every chapter mentions the coming of the Lord, at the end of each chapter:

1 Thessalonians 1:10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

We learn from each of these chapters that we are called to wait for the coming of Jesus Christ. This is strong evidence that Jesus Christ will come in our lifetime, and not just in our lifetime, but in every lifetime of every believer in the past! Therefore Jesus Christ has already returned.

But some people will insist that those were only small returns, and there is one big return in the future. The truth is, there will be A LOT of big returns of Jesus in the future – not just one – because he comes as a thief in the night and every single soul will see him!

1 Thessalonians 2:19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?

Here is strong evidence that Jesus has returned to make his saints rejoice.

1 Thessalonians 3:13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

Here we can see the need for holiness – which comes from God – when Jesus Christ returns.

Here again is strong evidence that Jesus Christ has already returned in the past, because holiness is attainable in this life, and holiness has already been obtained by millions of saints in the past.

1 Thessalonians 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him 15 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. 16 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: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

The Thessalonians assumed this was in their lifetime, and that is why they wondered about those people who sleep (who had died). Here Paul explains that Jesus Christ will come for them saying “we which are alive and remain”. Not in the far future, but soon. Nearly 2000 years have now passed. EITHER: They are now physically dead and Paul was wrong (in which case he could be wrong about many other things in the bible) OR Paul deceived them because he meant someone else in the future OR they did not physically die! For clarification, in the next chapter he explains the time:

1 Thessalonians 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. 4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. 5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

Jesus Christ has come in the past because there are sinners who have rejected him. This is in fact the strongest evidence that Jesus Christ has already come. “People in darkness” is a fact, not just in the future, but ever since Jesus Christ came to the earth! This surely indicates that Jesus Christ has already come as a thief – many times.

2 Thessalonians 1:7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

Here is even more evidence to show that Jesus Christ has come to give rest to his saints. He has already come in the past to give rest to his saints.

2 Thessalonians 1:10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

This shows the purpose of his coming – to be glorified in his holy saints – and we can be sure that he has already been glorified in his saints, so he has already come in the past, he comes now, and he will continue to come.

The Second Requirement

2 Thessalonians 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

Here is the second requirement to bring the Lord Jesus Christ. Now let this not confuse you to think that one individual will come in the future. No! That man of sin has come many times and will come many times. It was Judas Iscariot, it was several people who came after Paul departed – see Acts **Acts 20:29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.**

They came to the Galatians as we read in the letter Paul wrote to the Galatians. So the Lord Jesus Christ has already come – because there has already been a falling away – there has been a falling away **MANY TIMES**. Here is very strong evidence that Jesus Christ has already returned. To confirm this, we read in 1 John that there are MANY Antichrists:

1 John 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

It IS the last time he says – already – so Jesus Christ has already returned in the past.

When He Comes We Will Be Changed

1 John 3:2 / 1 Cor 15:51

We will not remain on this earth when Jesus Christ comes or when we are resurrected. There are only two possibilities when he comes

1. We will be resurrected, or
2. We will be raptured

The dead in Christ will rise first. But to tell you the truth, the dead in Christ have already risen. They have risen several times, as in Matthew

Matthew 27:52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, 53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

And we have enough evidence to suppose the Corinthians were also risen from the dead:

1 Corinthians 15:51 Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

According to the above scripture, it must have happened in their lifetime, because it said “we shall not all sleep”.

If you really want to know, even the rapture has already happened

Hebrews 11:5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

It has happened in the past, because there are many, many saints in the past WHO PLEASED GOD!

2 Thessalonians 3:5 And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

They do not wait in vain, so here is even more proof that Jesus Christ came to them.

As you can see, every chapter in Thessalonians mentions the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. We could call it “the Second Coming book”. All you have to do is look for him and he will come, not just to raise the dead, but to rapture the church. This is the meaning of SALVATION in the verse below:

Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: **28** So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

His salvation is resurrection and rapture. And it has already happened in the past, because people have already looked for him – and he never disappoints.

There are many scriptures which confirm that the second coming of Jesus Christ is likely to have happened in the past, several times:

Matt 10:7, 23 ... Matt 12:28 ... Matt 24:34 ... Acts 1:11 ... Acts 2:16-21 ... 1 Cor 1:7 ... 1 Cor 4:5 ... 1 Cor 5:5 ... 1 Cor 10:11 ... Philip 1:6, 10 ... Philip 2:16 ... Philip 4:5 ... 1 Thes 5:23 ... 2 Thes 2:1 ... 1 Tim 1:12, 18 ... 1 Tim 4:8 ... Heb 10:25 ... Jam 5:7-8 ... 1 Pet 1:5, 7, 13 ... 1 Pet 2:12 ... 1 Pet 4:7 ... 2 Pet 3:12-13 ... 1 John 2:28 ... Jude 1:14

Let us see what the Lord Jesus Christ himself has to say on the matter.

John 11:23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. **24** Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

What Martha said is the same that everyone in the church says today – It’s all in the future!

But how does Jesus Christ answer this?

John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: **26** And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. **Believest thou this?**

Here he mentions how we are changed (when he returns):

1. We’re resurrected “though he were dead, yet shall he live”
2. We’re raptured “whosoever liveth ... shall never die”

Moreover he shows here HOW he returns – by our belief! And I can tell you that belief is NOW, not in the future.

Martha thought it was all in the future. But right here Jesus teaches her the resurrection AND rapture **as a present experience** through faith!

Two New Worlds

There are two worlds which await every human being in the afterlife – there are two places:

1. A world of fire, or
2. A new heaven and earth

And you get there either by resurrection or rapture. Both of these places are real places, and both of them last forever. The world of fire lasts forever and the new Heaven and Earth lasts forever. When we talk of the world being destroyed at the second coming of Jesus, it is just talking about the world of fire:

2 Peter 3:7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. 8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years 9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

In fact the world of fire continues on while people live in a new heaven and a new earth. Here it is:

Revelation 22:14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. 15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

The word here “without” means OUTSIDE. It is the same world of burning that will last forever. They will be someplace outside, forever:

Revelation 14:11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

It is burning

It is torment

It lasts forever

If you are still looking for Jesus Christ to appear in the future and not NOW – If you expect the return of Jesus Christ to be some spectacular event in the future, it may be because he does not live inside you now, because you have a dry and empty religion.

This is where he comes as a thief. You may even be seeking death to see him. He says to all people:

Revelation 9:6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

Death is not the answer. Even DESIRING to see the day of Jesus Christ is not the answer.

Luke 17:22 And he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it.

He expects us to WATCH, and keep our garments, meaning you must BELIEVE the truth in this book, particularly the WRITTEN WORD quoted. Jesus Christ also expects nothing less than holiness

Revelation 16:15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

You must believe the truth about the return of Jesus Christ (as presented in this book) and be holy

Luke 17:33 Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.

Jesus is not joking when he says this. You have to forsake all that you have to be his disciple (Luke 14:33). God will not show any special favouritism.

Luke 12:41 Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all?

Peter thought Jesus would do them a special favour. But he says in response:

Luke 12:45 But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken; 46 The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.

Christ will appear to everybody. But when he comes, everybody on his side will appear WITH HIM:

Colossians 3:4 When Christ, *who is* our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

TIMELINE

<p>1290 days (Dan 12:11) earthly ministry of The King of the Jews Jesus ends in death: Sacrifices of Old Testament Israel ceased when the curtain in temple tore "in the midst of the week" Dan 9:27 He shall make it desolate Half a time (Dan 7:25, Dan 12:7, Rev 12:14)</p>	<p>2300 days (Dan 8:14) Cleansing of the sanctuary How long the desolation will last</p>		
<p>Seven Years - 1 Week (Dan 9:27) God confirms the covenant with Israel and with the world for one week - By giving salvation to both in the name of Jesus (Eph 2) The Testimony of Jesus Christ (Rev 12:17)</p>	<p>40 days Resurrection and showing of Jesus (Acts 1:3) 5 additional days of prayer to Pentecost 1335 days (Dan 12:12)</p>	<p>1260 days The New Testament Jew + Gentile witness (Rev 11:3) Wilderness Israel (Rev 12:6) Great Commission 42 months (Rev 11:2, Rev 13:5) The beast treads Israel under foot Christian Persecution Casting away of Israel (Rom 11:15) LITERAL: Time of conversion of Paul and Cornelius (Acts 9, 10) FIGURATIVE: The Last Days</p>	<p>1000 days / years Resurrection of martyrs at the coming of Jesus First people to exceed Adam's 930 years (Rev 13:15, Rev 20:4) River of life measured (Ezek 47:3) End of the beast (Dan 7:11, Rev 19:20) All demon spirits bound (Rev 20:2) All Israel saved (Rom 11:26)</p>

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