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Operation Tribulation Rescue

WARN of Jesus' Return
EQUIP Those Left Behind
EVANGELIZE the World

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1. Home Page

12 End-Time Events that will Change the World!

Only God knows when this sequence of events will begin.

Warning!

When millions vanish, you will need to be rescued!

1. Millions Vanish (Rapture of Christians)
2. One-World Empire Formed (Babylon the Great)
3. Nations Attack Israel...God Destroys Them
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12. Jesus Christ Returns (Judgment Day)

What Should You Do?

- Get Saved!
- Share the Good News about Jesus Christ!
- Read the Tribulation Rescue Guide

(For more information, refer to End-Time Events and End-Time Bible Prophecies.)

2. How Can I Be Saved?

Do you know that the Bible contains both bad news and good news? The bad news is something about you. The good news is something about God. Let's look at the bad news first.

Bad News

1. Everyone is a sinner and everyone is lost without Jesus. "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," (Romans 3:23)
2. The penalty for sin is death. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

Good News

1. Jesus loves you. He died for you and rose again (He paid the penalty for your sins). "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)
2. You can be saved through faith. "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9)

Question: Is there anything that is keeping you from right now trusting Christ as your Savior?

Suggested Prayer

Dear God, I come to you now. I know that I am a sinner. I believe Jesus Christ died for me and arose. Right now, I trust Jesus Christ as my Savior. Thank you for the forgiveness and everlasting life I now have. In Jesus' name, Amen.

If you have just put your trust in Jesus Christ, congratulations and welcome to God's family! All of your sins have been forgiven and you now have eternal life in Christ which can never be taken from you. That means your salvation and eternal security is based on the truth of God's Word, not feeling. Salvation is in no way dependent on our good works. "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Memorize all these salvation verses as soon as possible so you can share them with others and assure yourself of your own salvation.

Assurance of Everlasting Life

Assurance of salvation is clearly shown in Scripture. Once you are saved, you are always saved. Since your salvation is based totally on faith and what Christ did for you, this means there is nothing you can do that would cause you to lose your salvation. That is true freedom in Christ.

- **John 5:24** “Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.”
- **1 John 5:13** “I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.”
- **John 3:16-17** “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

Additional Bible Verses

- **Acts 16:31** “...Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved...”
- **John 20:31** “But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”
- **John 14:6** “Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”
- **Romans 1:16** “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.”
- **2 Corinthians 5:17** “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”
- **Ephesians 1:13-14** “And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.”
- **John 3:36** “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on them.”
- **Acts 4:12** “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”
- **Titus 3:5-6** “he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior”
- **John 1:12** “Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God”

For further information about salvation and growing in the Lord, go to: [Recommended Resources](#)

The Next Step, Go to: [I'm Saved...What Now?](#)

3. I'm Saved...What Now?

You don't have to wait until you've read through the whole Bible before you can start serving the Lord and sharing your faith. After the apostle Paul was saved, he immediately began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues (Acts 9:20). God will give you the strength and courage you need and the words to say. Just share what Jesus has done for you from your heart. Ask the Lord how he can use you for his honor and glory.

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Join a Church (Before the Rapture)

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4. Tribulation Rescue Guide

(Millions Vanish...Why?)

Why have millions of people vanished? Jesus has returned and taken all his believers to heaven. This event (the rapture) was prophesied (foretold) in the Bible almost 2,000 years ago. For additional information, go to End-Time Events ([Millions Vanish – Rapture of Christians](#)). Jesus is coming again in a few years to rescue new believers, to judge the wicked and to rule his earthly kingdom. We pray that you will be one of those new believers. Go to [How Can I Be Saved?](#) to find out how to become a believer in Jesus.

Now that you were left behind, difficult and challenging times are ahead. Billions will die during the Great Tribulation (seven years long), and unfortunately you could be one of them. People will be scared and confused and searching for answers. You will hear all kinds of theories about what may have happened to the millions who disappeared. They might say that God judged the “intolerant” Christians or aliens took us away, but the Bible reveals the truth.

“According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.” (1 Thessalonians 4:15-18)

You must turn to the Lord to overcome your fear and anxiety and to receive the peace and comfort that only he can give. “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.” (Philippians 4:6-8)

This is not a time to shrink back in fear, to cower and hide. You must call upon the Lord for the strength and courage and peace that only he can provide. You must rise above your circumstances, pushing aside your fears, anxiety and doubt. Jesus Christ has already secured the victory for you almost 2,000 years ago when he suffered and died on the cross and took upon himself the sins of the world. His resurrection from the dead was proof that he conquered sin, death and the devil. They no longer have power over you. If for some reason you do not survive the Tribulation, you will immediately be in the presence of the Lord, provided you have trusted Jesus Christ as your Savior. There are only seven years remaining (after the Israel-antichrist peace treaty) to “make disciples of all nations” before Jesus returns as “KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS” to rescue his people, to judge the wicked and to rule his earthly kingdom. Make every moment count for the honor and glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. There are more than six billion people that need to hear about Jesus, so get going. Remember, we already know how this epic end-time story ends – Jesus wins!

God is going to work in mighty and powerful ways in these last days and we pray that you will play a part in this end-time evangelism explosion and the greatest revival in human history. We want you to know that you are not alone. Jesus said, “...and surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20) You can be sure that you are in our prayers. “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.” (Ephesians 6:10)

Your Top Priorities Are:

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Get saved (guaranteed forgiveness of sins and eternal life) – see [How Can I Be Saved?](#) and [I'm Saved...What Now?](#)

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Warning! Do not receive the mark of the beast! “A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: ‘If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives its mark on their forehead or on their hand, they, too, will drink the wine of God’s fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. They will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment will rise for ever and ever. There will be no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image, or for anyone who receives the mark of its name.’” (Revelation 14:9-11). “The first angel went and poured out his bowl on the land, and ugly, festering sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshiped its image.” (Revelation 16:2). (Revelation 13:7, 19:20, 20:4)

5. End-Time Events

The authors have tried their best to accurately interpret God's Word.

Rebirth of Israel

The rebirth of the nation of Israel is the fulfillment of one of the most prophesied events in Scripture. Israel became a nation once again on 14 May 1948 (Yom Ha'atzmaut, 5 Iyar 5708 in the Jewish calendar). We believe that the rebirth of Israel starts the countdown to end-time events. Israel's rebirth is often linked to the nation's spiritual awakening and revival (Ezekiel 11:14-21, 36:22-38, 37:1-28, 39:25-29), to the judgment of nations (Joel 3:1-2; Ezekiel 28:24-26), to great tribulation (Jeremiah 30:1-11), to the rule of King David and the reign of Messiah.

God will make an everlasting covenant of peace with Israel, and David will be their king forever (Ezekiel 34:24, 37:24-28; Jeremiah 30:9; Hosea 3:5). The Messiah (a righteous Branch) will reign over all the people and nations of the world. (Jeremiah 23:1-8, 33:14-16; Isaiah 4:2-6, 11:1-5, 53:2; Zechariah 3:8-9; 6:12-13; Ezekiel 20:33-44; Revelation 20:4)

Israel's rebirth - additional verses: (Isaiah 11:11-12; Ezekiel 34:11-16, 38:8, Daniel 9:24-27)

Millions Vanish - Rapture of Christians

Why will millions of people vanish? Jesus will return and take all his believers to heaven before the seven-year Great Tribulation begins. The billions of people left behind will be scared and confused. Many theories will be proposed to explain their disappearance, but the Bible reveals the truth. The rapture was prophesied (foretold) in the Bible almost 2,000 years ago. (John 14:1-3; Philippians 3:20-21; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12; 2 Peter 3:3-18; Revelation 3:10-11)

"According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever." (1 Thessalonians 4:15-17)

"Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed - in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed." (1 Corinthians 15:51-52)

"But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him." (Matthew 24:36-44)

"Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'Peace and safety,' destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then,

let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.” (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

Will a lot of people get saved after the rapture? The Bible clearly shows that during the end times many people will be saved and many will lose their lives for their faith in the Lord Jesus. There will be a huge revival during the end times. The book of Revelation describes a great multitude of believers in heaven that have come out of the Great Tribulation.

“After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands...These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb...Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” (Revelation 7:9-17)

There will be so many believers in the world that the antichrist, leader of the most powerful kingdom in the history of the world, will actually wage war against God’s holy people during the second half of the Tribulation (Revelation 13:7; Daniel 7:21-22). (John 16:2; Revelation 6:9-11, 15:2-4, 20:4-6)

One-World Empire Formed (Babylon the Great)

The global panic that will likely follow the rapture will be a strong motivation for the world to unite and create a one-world government that will become Babylon the Great, the end-time global empire composed of 10 kingdoms (regions) and ruled by 10 kings (Daniel 7; Revelation 17-18). This empire will be exceedingly powerful and “will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it” (Daniel 7:23). End-time Babylon the Great is described in various ways in the Bible. She is a dreadful, terrifying and extremely strong beast that will become almost one with the antichrist and Satan during the second half of the Great Tribulation. She is also described as a false religious system and a prostitute (Revelation 17:1-18). The prostitute will hate God’s holy people, will corrupt the earth with her immorality, will be wealthy, materialistic and extremely evil. “The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and was glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls. She held a golden cup in her hand, filled with abominable things and the filth of her adulteries. The name written on her forehead was a mystery: BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.” (Revelation 17:4-5).

Babylon the Great will also be a great city that rules over the kings of the earth (Revelation 17:18). It will be “a dwelling for demons and a haunt for every impure spirit” (Revelation 18:2). The merchants of the earth will grow rich from her excessive luxuries and all the nations will drink the maddening wine of her adulteries (Revelation 14:8, 18:3). All who have ships on the sea will become rich through her wealth (Revelation 18:17-19).

Babylon the Great will be responsible for the persecution and death of many believers and will experience the fierce wrath of God because her sins will be piled up to heaven. She will be “drunk with the blood of God’s holy people, the blood of those who bore testimony to Jesus”, and God will remember her crimes. (Revelation 16:19, 17:6, 18:4-8). “Therefore in one day her plagues will overtake her: death, mourning and famine. She will be consumed by fire, for mighty is the Lord God who judges her” (Revelation 18:8).

Nations Attack Israel ... God Destroys Them

Gog (probably refers to Russia) and many other nations will attack Israel with a massive force. This battle probably occurs shortly after the rapture and is followed by the Israel-antichrist peace treaty. Ezekiel 38 and 39 describe this attack and how God miraculously rescues the people of Israel. The Lord's judgment during the Ezekiel 38 battle will be one of the most awesome displays of God's power that the world has ever seen. The result of this extremely significant end-time event is that the nations will know that God Almighty is the Lord, the Holy One in Israel and he will be glorified and his holy name will be made known in the midst of his people Israel. Many people will then have the opportunity to be saved by believing in the Lord Jesus before the Great Tribulation begins.

"You will advance against my people Israel like a cloud that covers the land. In days to come, Gog, I will bring you against my land, so that the nations may know me when I am proved holy through you before their eyes." (Ezekiel 38:16).

"This is what will happen in that day: When Gog attacks the land of Israel, my hot anger will be aroused, declares the Sovereign LORD. In my zeal and fiery wrath I declare that at that time there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel. The fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the beasts of the field, every creature that moves along the ground, and all the people on the face of the earth will tremble at my presence. The mountains will be overturned, the cliffs will crumble and every wall will fall to the ground. I will summon a sword against Gog on all my mountains, declares the Sovereign LORD. Every man's sword will be against his brother. I will execute judgment on him with plague and bloodshed; I will pour down torrents of rain, hailstones and burning sulfur on him and on his troops and on the many nations with him. And so I will show my greatness and my holiness, and I will make myself known in the sight of many nations. Then they will know that I am the LORD." (Ezekiel 38:18-23).

"On the mountains of Israel you will fall, you and all your troops and the nations with you. I will give you as food to all kinds of carrion birds and to the wild animals. You will fall in the open field, for I have spoken, declares the Sovereign LORD. I will send fire on Magog and on those who live in safety in the coastlands, and they will know that I am the LORD. "I will make known my holy name among my people Israel. I will no longer let my holy name be profaned, and the nations will know that I the LORD am the Holy One in Israel. It is coming! It will surely take place, declares the Sovereign LORD. This is the day I have spoken of." (Ezekiel 39:4-8).

Israel-antichrist Peace Treaty (Great Tribulation Begins)

Following the Ezekiel 38 battle, the identity of the antichrist will finally be known for certain. The man who makes a seven-year peace treaty (covenant) with Israel will be revealed as the antichrist (Daniel 9:27). This is a very significant end-time event because the signing of the covenant will also signify the official start of the seven-year Great Tribulation.

Initially the antichrist will not be one of the 10 kings of Babylon the Great. Daniel describes the antichrist as a little horn that will arise after the 10, "different from the earlier ones; he will subdue three kings" (Daniel 7:8, 20, 24). The remaining kings will fall one by one until the antichrist eventually becomes the king and supreme ruler of Babylon the Great close to the Tribulation midpoint. The antichrist will try to change the set times and the laws, will speak boastfully, will be feared, will have a fatal wound and come back to life, will wage war against believers (persecuting and killing believers), will exalt and magnify himself above every god, will say unheard-of things against the God of gods, and will be worshiped (Revelation 13:1-10, 17:1-18, 19:1-21, 20:1-15; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12; Matthew 24:15; Daniel 7:7-28, 8:23-26, 9:24-27, 11:36-45, 12:1-13; 1 John 2:18-27).

Two Prophets in Israel (Special Powers)

The two prophets (witnesses) will be appointed by God and will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth. God will give them special powers. "If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die. They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want." (Revelation 11:3-6).

Jewish Temple Rebuilt in Jerusalem

God's mighty deliverance of His people during the Ezekiel 38 battle and the defeat of many of Israel's enemies will clear the way for the construction of the long-awaited temple in Jerusalem. The temple will be completed quickly during the first half of the Great Tribulation because at the midpoint, the antichrist will put a stop to sacrifice and offering and desecrate the temple (Daniel 9:27, 12:11; Matthew 24:15; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4).

God's 21 Judgments (Billions Die)

During the Great Tribulation, billions of people will die (Revelation 6:8, 9:15). "If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened." (Matthew 24:22). God's 21 judgments include seven seal judgments, seven trumpet judgments and seven bowl judgments. (Revelation 6:1-17, 8:1-13, 9:1-21, 11:15-19, 15:1-8, 16:1-21)

Seven Seal Judgments

There will be a brief period of peace after the Israel-antichrist peace treaty. This will be followed by wars, famine, extreme inflation, plagues, death of one fourth of the world's population, intense persecution of believers, earthquakes and disturbances of the sun, moon and stars. (Revelation 6:1-17, 8:1-6)

Seven Trumpet Judgments

The trumpet judgments include; hail and fire mixed with blood (one third of the earth burned up), a great burning mountain thrown into the sea (one third of sea turns to blood, one third of sea creatures die, one third of ships destroyed), a great burning star falls, causing one third of the fresh water on earth to be poisoned, darkening of the sun, moon and stars, demonic locusts/scorpions, plagues (one third of humanity dies) and war. (Revelation 8:1-13, 9:1-21, 11:15-19)

Seven Bowl Judgments

The wrath of God is finished in these last seven plagues (Revelation 15:1). The bowl judgments include; festering sores (only affects people with the mark of the beast and who worship its image), seas become blood (all sea life dies), rivers and springs become blood, scorching heat from the sun, Euphrates river dries up to prepare the way for the kings from the east, demons gather all the nations for Armageddon, catastrophic earthquake, cities of the nations collapse, every island disappears, mountains are leveled and huge hailstones (100 lbs. or 45 kg) fall on people. (Revelation, chapters 15-16)

Antichrist Killed (Rises from the Dead)

The antichrist will be killed and will rise from the dead. Satan (dragon) will give the antichrist (beast) his power and his throne and great authority for the second half of the Great Tribulation. "One of the heads

of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was filled with wonder and followed the beast. People worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, "Who is like the beast? Who can wage war against it?" The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise its authority for forty-two months. It opened its mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven. It was given power to wage war against God's holy people and to conquer them. And it was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the Lamb's book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world." (Revelation 13:3-8). (Revelation 13:12)

Antichrist Breaks Treaty ... Desecrates Temple

At the midpoint of the seven-year Tribulation, the antichrist will break the treaty with Israel and desecrate the temple in Jerusalem (Daniel 9:27; Matthew 24:15; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4). God's holy people will be delivered into his hands for the second three and a half years of the Great Tribulation (Daniel 7:25; Revelation 13:5-8).

Two Prophets Killed (Rise from the Dead)

When the two prophets (witnesses) have finished their testimony in Jerusalem, at the midpoint of the Tribulation, the beast (antichrist) will attack and kill them. Most of the inhabitants of the world will celebrate their deaths because these two prophets will torment those who live on the earth. God will raise them from the dead after three and a half days, and they will go up to heaven in a cloud. At that very hour, there will be a severe earthquake in Jerusalem and a tenth of the city will collapse and seven thousand people will be killed. According to Malachi, one of the prophets may be Elijah. (Malachi 4:5; Revelation 11:3-13)

Mark of the Beast and False Prophet

The false prophet is also known as the second beast and he will exercise all the authority of the antichrist in his presence. He will perform great signs and make people worship the antichrist and receive the mark of the beast. "Then I saw a second beast, coming out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon. It exercised all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. And it performed great signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to the earth in full view of the people. Because of the signs it was given power to perform on behalf of the first beast, it deceived the inhabitants of the earth. It ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. The second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name. This calls for wisdom. Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. That number is 666." (Revelation 13:11-18).

Warning! Do not receive the mark of the beast! "A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: 'If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives its mark on their forehead or on their hand, they, too, will drink the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. They will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment will rise for ever and ever. There will be no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image, or for anyone who receives the mark of its name.'" (Revelation 14:9-11). "The first

angel went and poured out his bowl on the land, and ugly, festering sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshiped its image" (Revelation 16:2). (Revelation 13:7, 19:20, 20:4).

Jesus Christ Returns (Judgment Day)

Jesus Christ, the "KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS" returns to earth at the end of the Great Tribulation (seven years after the Israel-antichrist peace treaty) to rescue his people, to judge the wicked and to rule his earthly kingdom. The antichrist, the kings of the earth and their armies gather to make war against God. The antichrist and false prophet are seized and thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur and the armies of the earth are destroyed. Satan is then bound for a thousand years and thrown into the Abyss. All the nations will be gathered before Jesus for judgment. Non-believers will "go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." (Matthew 25:31-46). (Revelation, chapters 19- 20; Isaiah 34:1-17, 66:15-17; Daniel 12:1-13; Joel 2:28-32, 3:1-17; Zechariah, chapters 12-14; Luke 17:20-37; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12, 2:1-12; Titus 2:11-14)

The date of Jesus Christ's second coming can easily be determined using a cell phone calendar, which will account for leap years. Seven prophetic years (360 days per year) after the Israel-antichrist peace treaty, Jesus Christ will return to earth (Daniel 9:27). That represents 2,520 (2 x 1,260) days or exactly 360 weeks (Revelation 11:3, 12:6). The midpoint of the Tribulation is 180 weeks.

Jesus' Words (and others) About the End Times

Some of the most detailed and descriptive prophecies of end-time events were spoken by Jesus. Jesus said to his disciples, "Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many." (Matthew 24:4-5). Jesus talks about wars, famines, earthquakes, false prophets, wickedness, hatred and persecution of believers, the preaching of the gospel, the desecration of the temple by the antichrist, the Great Tribulation and his glorious return to earth. (Matthew 24:1-51, 25:1-46; Mark 13:1-37; Luke 17:20-37, 21:5-36; 2 Timothy 3:1-9 [not Jesus' words]; 2 Peter 3:1-18 [not Jesus' words])

144,000 Jews Commissioned by God for His Service

Angels will put a seal on the foreheads of 144,000 servants of God, which will include the name of the Lamb (Jesus) and his Father's name (God). These 144,000 Jews, from all twelve tribes of Israel, will be commissioned by God for his service, which may include evangelism. (Revelation 7:1-8, 14:1-5)

The Millennium

Jesus will establish his earthly kingdom where he will reign over all the people and nations of the world for a thousand years. His kingdom will be characterized by justice, righteousness and his unfailing love. There will be harmony in all creation as the earth becomes a lush paradise, like the Garden of Eden. Little boys will play with lions and the wolf will dwell with the lamb (Isaiah 11:6-9). People will be healed and healthy, will live in peace and will multiply and fill the earth.

When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from the Abyss and will come out to deceive the nations. Many will follow Satan and attempt to defeat Jesus Christ. Fire from heaven will devour them and the devil will be thrown into the lake of burning sulfur. Non-believers will then be judged before the great white throne and death and Hades will be thrown into the lake of fire. (Revelation 20). The old heaven and the old earth will be destroyed (2 Peter 3:7, 10-13). (Isaiah 9:6-7, 11:1-16, 24:23, 35:1-10, 56:1-8, 60:1-22, 61:1-11, 62:1-12, 65:17-25, 66:10-24; Jeremiah 31:27-40; Ezekiel 34:11-31, 36:22-38, 37:21-28, chapters 40-48; Daniel 7:13-14; Joel 3:18-21; Amos 9:11-15; Micah 4:1-8; Habakkuk 2:14; Zechariah 8:1-23, 9:10; Psalm 2:6-9, 24:7-10, 33:5)

New Heaven and New Earth

Following the great white throne judgment, God will reveal a new heaven and a new earth, unstained by sin. (Revelation, chapters 21-22; John 14:2-3; 1 Thessalonians 4:17; 2 Peter 3:13; Hebrews 12:22-23; Revelation 2:7, 7:7-17, 15:2)

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’” (Revelation 21:1-4)

“One of the seven angels ... showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel ... The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass. I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it.” (Revelation 21:9-26)

“Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.” (Revelation 22:1-5)

6. What We Believe

The Bible

We believe the Bible is the Word of God and the final authority in faith and life. Every word is inspired by God, and is without error in the original writings. (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Matthew 5:18; Romans 15:4)

God

We believe in one God, Creator of all things, eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:1; Psalm 8:1-9, 19:1-4; Romans 1:20, 8:31-39, 11:33; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 John 4:7-8; Matthew 28:19-20; John 1:1, 4:24; James 1:17; Deuteronomy 6:4-6; 1 John 4:7-21; 1 Peter 1:13-16; Psalm 139:1-14; Isaiah 45:5; Acts 17:25)

Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is God the Son. Having always existed, He took on human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. He lived a perfect, sinless life on earth. His death on the cross paid the penalty

for our sins and is the only basis for the salvation of those who trust in Him. He rose bodily from the grave and now is reigning in power with the Father. He offers us eternal life, forgiveness of sins and peace through faith in Him. He is the only way to God. We await his visible and glorious return to the earth to claim His own and to judge. (John 1:1-18, 29, 8:58, 14:6; Luke, chapters 1-2; 2 Corinthians 5:20-21; 1 Peter 1:3-9; Hebrews 1:8; Isaiah 7:14, 9:6)

Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is God. He dwells in the believer, glorifies Christ, guides, instructs, and empowers us for godly living and service. (John 14:26, 15:26, 16:7-15; Romans 8:5-18, 26-27; 1 Corinthians 2:10, 12:12-14; Ephesians 1:13-14)

Man

We believe that human beings were created in the image of God but fell into sin and are therefore born spiritually dead and lost. Only through personal faith in Jesus Christ and regeneration by the Holy Spirit can spiritual life and salvation be obtained. (Genesis 1:26-31, 2:7-25, 3:1-24; Romans 3:23, 5:12, 6:23)

Salvation

We believe that salvation is the free gift of God entirely apart from works, and is possessed by all who by faith receive the Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:13-14, 2:8-10; John 1:12, 29, 3:36, 5:24, 14:6, 20:31; 1 John 5:11-13; Acts 16:31; Romans 1:16, 5:8, 10:9-10; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Acts 4:12; Titus 3:5-6)

Ordinances (Commands)

We believe that Communion (the Lord's Supper) and Believer's Baptism by immersion should be celebrated. (Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 8:26-40)

Death, Judgment, Heaven, Hell

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead; of the believer to everlasting blessedness and joy with the Lord, of the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting conscious punishment. (Luke 14:14, 23:42-43; John 5:28-29; Revelation 20:10-15, chapters 21-22)

7. Truth from the Bible

God is the source and the essence of all truth. The Bible has much to say about truth.

- **Psalms 25:5** "Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long."
- **Psalms 145:18** "The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth."
- **Proverbs 12:19** "Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment."
- **John 14:6** "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"
- **John 8:31-32** "To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'"
- **John 14:15-17** "If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot

accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you."

- **John 16:13** "But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come."
- **2 Thessalonians 2:10** " ...They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved."
- **3 John 1:4** "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."

What is the Meaning and Purpose of Life?

Some of the most important and profound questions in life are: Who am I? Where did I come from? Where am I going when I die? Why am I here and what is the meaning and purpose of life? The Bible has the answers to all of these questions and many others as well.

- **Deuteronomy 6:4-7** "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."
- **Colossians 3:17** "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."
- **Exodus 20:3-4, 7-8, 12-17** "You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an image... You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God... Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy... Honor your father and your mother... You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. You shall not covet... anything that belongs to your neighbor." (The Ten Commandments)
- **Psalms 23:1-6** "The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever."
- **1 Corinthians 13:4-8** "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."
- **Jeremiah 29:11** "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (God wants you to know him, love him and eagerly serve him. God has a plan for your life.)
- **Titus 2:11-14** "For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good."
- **Matthew 28:19-20** "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (The Great Commission: This was one of the last things Jesus said to his disciples before he ascended to heaven.)
- **Mark 12:28-30** "One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and

with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." (The Great Commandment)

- **John 1:12** "Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God"
- **1 Peter 1:3-9** "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls."
- **Ephesians 1:3** "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."
- **2 Peter 1:3** "His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness."
- **Genesis 1:26** "Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."
- **John 3:16-18** "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son."
- **Luke 23:43** "Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." (If you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, you will immediately go to heaven when you die.)
- **Proverbs 3:5-6** "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."
- **Matthew 6:25-34** "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."
- **Romans 15:13** "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."
- **Philippians 2:3-4** "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."
- **Philippians 4:13** "I can do all this through him who gives me strength."
- **Matthew 17:20** "He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

Fulfilled Prophecies of Messiah's (Jesus') First Coming

God's Word contains many Messianic prophecies. The Messiah would come as a baby and would be God's Son. "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this" (Isaiah 9:6-7).

The Messiah would be born of a virgin and would be called Immanuel (which means "God with us"), "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14).

The Messiah would be born in Bethlehem and would become a ruler over Israel. "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times" (Micah 5:2).

The suffering Messiah was the Lamb of God whose life was an offering for sin.

Isaiah 52:13-15

13 See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.

14 Just as there were many who were appalled at him— his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness—

15 so he will sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.

Isaiah 53:1-12

1 Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

2 He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

3 He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

4 Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished.

9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin,

he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

11 After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the

strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Fulfilled Messianic Prophecies (Partial List)

Prophecy (Old Testament Prophecy ... New Testament Fulfillment)

- Line of Abraham (Genesis 12:2-3 ... Matthew 1:1; Galatians 3:16)
 - Line of Judah (Genesis 49:10 ... Matthew 1:2)
 - Line of David (2 Samuel 7:12-16; Jeremiah 23:5 ... Matthew 1:1)
 - Virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14; Genesis 3:15 ... Matthew 1:18, 23)
 - Born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2 ... Matthew 2:1-12)
 - He is eternal (Micah 5:2; Isaiah 9:6, 53:10-11; Psalm 110:1 ... John 1:1, 14, 8:58; Hebrews 1:8)
 - He is God's Son (Jeremiah 23:6; Isaiah 9:6-7 ... John 20:31)
 - His mission (Isaiah 61:1 ... Luke 4:16-21)
 - A messenger prepared his way (Isaiah 40:3; Malachi 3:1, 4:5-6 ... Matthew 3:1-3, 11:7-11)
 - Humble and riding on a donkey (Zechariah 9:9 ... Matthew 21:5)
 - Man of peace (Isaiah 53:9 ... John 14:27)
 - Man of wisdom and truth (Isaiah 52:13, 53:9, 11 ... John 14:6)
 - Righteous man (Isaiah 53:11 ... Luke 23:47)
 - Greatly exalted (Isaiah 52:13, 15, 53:12 ... Philippians 2:9-11)
 - Precious corner stone (Isaiah 28:16 ... 1 Peter 2:6)
 - Mediator of the new covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34; Isaiah 42:6-7, 53:12 ... Hebrews 12:24)
 - Messenger of the new covenant (Malachi 3:1 ... Matthew 26:28)
 - King (Numbers 24:17; Jeremiah 23:5; Psalm 2:6 ... Matthew 21:5)
 - Prophet (Deuteronomy 18:15-19 ... Acts 3:22)
 - Priest (Psalm 110:4 ... Hebrews 5:5-10)
 - He was rejected (Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 53:3 ... Matthew 21:42)
 - He suffered (Isaiah 53:3-4, 5, 7, 11 ... Luke 18:31-33)
 - His suffering brought peace and healing (Isaiah 53:5 ... Acts 10:36; 1 Peter 2:24)
 - Body was pierced (Zechariah 12:10; Isaiah 53:5 ... John 19:34, 20:25, 27)
 - No bones broken (Psalm 34:20; Numbers 9:12; Exodus 12:46 ... John 19:33-36)
 - Gambled for his clothing (Psalm 22:18 ... Matthew 27:35)
 - He was disfigured (Isaiah 52:14 ... John 19:1-3, 18)
 - He was scourged (Isaiah 53:5 ... John 19:1)
 - Lamb of God (Isaiah 53:7 ... John 1:29)
 - His life an offering for sin (Isaiah 53:10 ... 2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 8:3-4)
 - Bore world's sins (Isaiah 53:4-6, 8, 11-12 ... Hebrews 9:28; 1 Peter 2:24)
 - His death (Isaiah 53:8-9, 12; Daniel 9:25-27; Zechariah 13:7 ... John 19:18)
 - His resurrection (Psalm 16:10 ... Matthew 28:6; Acts 2:22-36, 13:32-37)
 - His ascension (Psalm 68:18 ... Acts 1:9-11; Ephesians 4:8)
- The Messiah, Jesus Christ, the "KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS" returns to earth at the end of the Great Tribulation to rescue his people, to judge the wicked and to rule his earthly kingdom. (Revelation, chapters 19- 20; Isaiah 34:1-17, 66:15-17; Daniel 12:1-13; Joel 2:28-32; 3:1-17; Zechariah, chapters 12-14; Matthew 25:31-46; Luke 17:20-37; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12, 2:1-12; Titus 2:11-14)

Angels

Angels are spiritual beings created by God to serve Him. They are "ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation" (Hebrews 1:14). Angels communicate special messages to God's people (Genesis 22:11; Judges 13:3-5; Zechariah 2:1-6; Luke 1:11-20, 26-38; Matthew 28:1-7). They are intelligent, extremely powerful and often protect and help believers (Genesis 19:15-17, 48:16; Exodus

23:20-23; 2 Samuel 14:20; 1 Kings 19:5-7; Acts 5:19, 12:7-11). Angels serve God by carrying out divine judgment (Genesis 19:12-13; 2 Samuel 24:15-17; 2 Chronicles 32:21). In the end times, angels will also be instrumental in implementing numerous judgments (Matthew 13:40-42, 49-50; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-8; Revelation 6:1-17, 8:1-13, 9:1-21, 11:15-19, 15:1-16:21). Angels are often depicted as giving honor and glory and praise to the Lord (Psalm 103:20-21; Revelation 5:11-12).

“Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they were saying: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” (Revelation 5:11-12).

- **Matthew 18:10** “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.”
- **Exodus 23:20** “See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared.”
- **2 Samuel 24:16** “When the angel stretched out his hand to destroy Jerusalem, the LORD relented concerning the disaster and said to the angel who was afflicting the people, “Enough! Withdraw your hand.” The angel of the LORD was then at the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.”
- **2 Kings 19:35** “That night the angel of the LORD went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand in the Assyrian camp. When the people got up the next morning—there were all the dead bodies!”
- **Luke 2:8-15** “And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

Satan (the Devil, Lucifer) and Demons

The Old Testament and the New Testament clearly show the existence of Satan. Satan first appears in Genesis 3 as a serpent. His presence is even more prominent in the New Testament. The Devil is a fallen angel (Ezekiel 28, Isaiah 14). Because of his sin (pride), he was cast from the presence of God (Ezekiel 28:16). Demons are lower-ranking fallen angels and are under the authority of Satan. Satan and his demons are spirit beings, are intelligent, are powerful, can inflict disease, influence the mind, deceive people and even deceive nations. (Matthew 8:16, 12:24, 25:41; Revelation 12:7, 16:14; Luke 10:17, 20, 13:11,16; Mark 1:24, 5:3-4; 1 Timothy 4:1; Genesis 3:1-5; 1 Thessalonians 3:5)

- **James 4:7** “Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”
- **1 Peter 5:8-9** “Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.”
- **2 Corinthians 11:14** “And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.”
- **Revelation 20:10** “And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”

8. Bible Basics

Introduction to the Bible

The Bible is the Word of God and the final authority in faith and life. Every word is inspired by God, and is without error in the original writings. (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Matthew 5:18; Romans 15:4)

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

The Bible is unique. It was written by more than forty different authors from many walks of life, over a time period of approximately 1,500 years. The sixty-six books of the Bible were written in three different languages (Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek) on three different continents (Asia, Africa and Europe). The Bible reveals who God is, how we can be saved and how we can glorify God in our thoughts, words and actions. It is divided into an Old Testament and a New Testament.

The Old Testament consists of thirty-nine books that record the creation of the universe and man, the fall (sin) of man, the flood, the life of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the deliverance of God's people from slavery in Egypt, the birth of the nation of Israel, the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai, the conquest of Canaan (the promised land), the period of the Judges, the first kings (Saul, David, and Solomon), the first temple (Solomon's), the division of Israel into the northern kingdom (Israel) and the southern kingdom (Judah), the captivity of Israel by the Assyrians, the destruction of the temple and captivity of Judah by the Babylonians, the return of Judah to Jerusalem and the dedication of the second temple (Zerubbabel's). Most of the Old Testament focuses on God's dealings with the people of Israel on the basis of the covenant he made with them on Mount Sinai. Throughout the Old Testament there extends a line of prophecies concerning a coming Deliverer-Savior, the Messiah, and the institution of a new covenant. The fulfillment of these prophecies is the story of the New Testament. There is a period of about 400 years between the last Old Testament prophet, Malachi and the birth of Messiah (Jesus).

The New Testament consists of twenty-seven books that were written from about 35 A.D. to 95 A.D. The New Testament describes the new relationship of God with men through Messiah on the basis of the New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34; Luke 22:14-20; 2 Corinthians 3:6-11). The Old Covenant revealed the holiness of God in the righteous standard of the Law and promised a coming Redeemer; the New Covenant shows the holiness of God in His righteous Son (Jesus). The New Testament, then, contains those writings which reveal the content of this New Covenant. The message of the New Testament centers around the Messiah, who gave his life as an offering for sin (Isaiah 53:10; Matthew 26:28) and the people (the church) who have received his salvation. Thus the central theme of the New Testament is salvation. The Gospels introduce the Savior (Jesus). The book of Acts describes the spread of the good news about his salvation. The rest of the New Testament gives details of the blessings of that salvation.

New Testament Books of the Bible

Book Title – Theme – Helpful Verses

Four Gospels and Acts – Life of Christ, Birth of Church, Persecution of Christians, Spread of Christianity

- **Matthew** – Jesus the King – Birth 1-2, Baptism 3, Sermon on the Mount 5-7, Prayer 6:5-13, Anxiety 6:25-34, End Times 24-25, Crucifixion 27:27-66, Resurrection 28:1-10, Great Commission 28:19-20
- **Mark** – Jesus the Servant – 10:45, End Times 13, Crucifixion 15:21-47, Resurrection 16:1-8

- **Luke** – Jesus the Son of Man – 19:10, 24:46-48, Birth 1-2, Baptism 3:1-22, Unconditional Love 6:27-38, End Times 17:20-37, 21:5-36, Crucifixion 23:26-56, Resurrection 24:1-12
- **John** – Jesus the Son of God – 20:31, In the Beginning 1:1-18, Baptism 1:19-34, Crucifixion 19:17-42, Resurrection 20:1-18
- **Acts** – Birth, Growth and Persecution of Church – 1:1-11, Birth of Church 2, Persecution Begins 4, Stephen, First Believer Killed 6:8-8:3, Conversion of Paul 9:1-31, Conversion of Gentiles 9:32-10:48, Paul's Arrest 21:27-22:29

Books by the Apostle Paul

- **Romans** – Salvation by Faith – Wrath of God 1:16-32, Righteousness 3:21-31, 5:1-21, Continue to Sin? 6, God's Goodness 8:26-39, Salvation by Faith 10:1-17, Renew Your Mind 12:1-8
- **1 Corinthians** – Correction – 6:19-20, Marriage 7, Temptation 10:12-13, 31, Spiritual Gifts 12:1-14:40, Love Defined 10:1-13, Gospel Defined 15:1-5, Rapture 15:51-58, Giving 16:2
- **2 Corinthians** – Christian Ministry – 4:16-18, 13:5, 14, Assurance of Resurrection 5:1-9, Judgment Seat of Christ 5:10-13, Love of Christ 5:14-21, Giving 8:1-9:15, Paul's Vision 12:1-10
- **Galatians** – Freedom from the Law – Salvation by Faith 2:16-4:31, Freedom 5:1-15, Fruit of the Spirit 5:16-26, Sinning Brother 6:1-5
- **Ephesians** – Building the Body of Christ – Chosen and Sealed 1:3-23, Saved by Grace 2:1-10, Body of Christ 2:11-4:6, Spiritual Gifts 4:7-16, Practice of Believers 4:17-6:9, Marriage and Family 5:22-6:4, Be Strong in the Lord 6:10-20
- **Philippians** – To Live is Christ – 1:6, 21, 3:8, Humility 2:1-18, Anxiety 4:6-8, Peace with Circumstances 4:10-23
- **Colossians** – Supremacy and Sufficiency of Christ – Christ's Character 1:15-23, Christ's Commission to Paul 1:24-29, Exalted Christianity 2, Exalted Calling 3:1-4:6, Family Life 3:18-21
- **1 Thessalonians** – Holiness While Waiting for the Coming of Christ – Growth in the Lord 3:9-13, Rapture and End Times 4:13-5:11, Rejoice, Pray, Give Thanks, 5:16-18
- **2 Thessalonians** – Steadfastness While Waiting for the Coming of Christ – End-Time Judgment and Relief 1:3-12, Man of Lawlessness 2:1-13, Stand Firm 2:13-17
- **1 Timothy** – Leadership Manual and Behavior in Church – 1:5-6, Instructions on Worship 2:1-15, Qualifications for Overseers and Deacons 3:1-16, Widows and Elders 5:1-25, Money and Godliness 6:6-19
- **2 Timothy** – Endurance in Ministry – 1:7, 3:16-17, Courage and Faithfulness 1:8-18, Soldier of Christ 2:1-26, Last Days 3:1-9, Persecution 3:10-15, Crown of Righteousness 4:6-8
- **Titus** – Conduct Manual – Elders in the Church 1:5-9, Grace 2:11-15, Saved by Grace 3:5-7
- **Philemon** – Forgiveness – Paul's Plea for Onesimus 1:8-21

Books by Peter, John, James and Others

- **Hebrews** – Superiority of Christ – 4:12, 12:1-2, Melchizedek the Priest and the New Covenant 7:1-8:13, First Covenant and New Covenant 9:1-10:31, Faith Defined 11
- **James** – Faith that Works – Trials and Temptations 1:2-18, Listening and Doing 1:19-27, Faith and Works 2:14-26, Taming the Tongue 3:1-12, True Wisdom 3:13-18, Worldliness 4
- **1 Peter** – Suffering for Christ – A Living Hope 1:3-12, Be Holy 1:13-25, Marriage 3:1-7, Suffering 3:13-4:19, Humility and Anxiety 5:5-7
- **2 Peter** – Against False Teachers – One's Calling and Election 1:3-11, Prophecy of Scripture 1:12-21, False Teachers 2, End Times 3
- **1 John** – Fellowship – Characteristics of Fellowship 2:28-3:24, Cautions of Fellowship 4, Consequences of Fellowship 5
- **2 John** – Avoid False Teachers – Love One Another 1:5-6, False Teachers 1:7-11
- **3 John** – Fellowship with God's Children – Influence of Gaius 1:2-8
- **Jude** – Contend for the Faith – Sin and Judgment of Ungodly People 1:3-16, Call to Persevere 1:17-23

- **Revelation** – Revelation of Jesus Christ – Messages to Seven Churches 2:1-3:22, Seal Judgments 6, The 144,000 Jews 7:1-8, 14:1-5, Trumpet Judgments 8:1-9:21, 11:15-19, Two Witnesses (Prophets) 11, War on Earth and in Heaven 12, Beast and False Prophet 13, Bowl Judgments 15-16, Babylon the Great 17-18, Christ Returns to Earth 19, The Millennium 20, New Heaven, New Earth, New Jerusalem 21:1-22:5, Epilogue 22:6-21

Old Testament Books of the Bible

Book Title – Theme – Helpful Verses

Pentateuch – Five Books of Moses (The Law or Torah)

- **Genesis** – Beginnings – Beginning of Creation 1-2, The Fall 3:1-24, Noah and the Flood 6-9, Tower of Babel 11:1-9, History of Abraham 11:27-25:11, Call of Abram 12:1-9, LORD's Covenant with Abram 15:1-21, History of Isaac 21-25, Jacob and Esau 25:19-36:43, Jacob's Twelve Sons 29-50, History of Joseph 37-50
- **Exodus** – Deliverance from Egypt – Israel in Egypt: Bondage 1:1-12:36, Preparation and Call of Moses 2-4, God Sends Moses to Pharaoh 5:1-7:13, Plagues 7:14-12:36, First Passover 12:1-36, Departure from Egypt 12:37-51, Israel's Journey to Sinai 12:37-18:27, Giving of the Law 19-24, Tabernacle 25-31, 35-40, Breaking of the Law 32-34
- **Leviticus** – Holiness – Sacrifice 1-17, Sanctification 18-27
- **Numbers** – Wanderings – Israelites Complain 11-12, Spies to Canaan 13, Israel Rebels 14, Discipline from God 15-20
- **Deuteronomy** – Covenant – Ten Commandments 5:6-21, Shema 6:4-9, Promise of Blessings and Curses 28, Palestinian Covenant 29-30, Death of Moses 34

Books of History – Twelve Books

- **Joshua** – Conquest and Division – 1:8-9, Entering the Land of Canaan 1-5, Conquering the Land of Canaan 6-12, Dividing the Land of Canaan 13-24
- **Judges** – Cycles – Deborah and Barak 4-5, Gideon's Deliverance 6-8, Jephthah 10:6-12:7, Samson 13-16
- **Ruth** – Kinsman-Redeemer – Ruth's Commitment 1:16-17, Boaz as Kinsman-Redeemer 2-4
- **1 Samuel** – Samuel, Saul, David – Samuel, Last Judge 1-8, Saul, First King of Israel 9-31, David Chosen 16, David Defeats Goliath 17, Rise of David Over Saul 17-31
- **2 Samuel** – David – David Becomes King Over Israel 5, David's Sin 11, Rebellion of Absalom 14-18
- **1 Kings** – Division of the Kingdom – Solomon Becomes King of Israel 1:1-3:1, Solomon's Wisdom, Administration and Fame 3:2-4:34, 9:1-9, Temple of Solomon 5-8, Downfall of Solomon 11, Divided Kingdom (Israel and Judah) 12-22, Elijah 17-19, 21
- **2 Kings** – Decline and Captivity of Israel and Judah – Divided Kingdom 1-17, Elisha 2-9, Assyria Defeats Israel, Exiled 17, Reign of Hezekiah 18-20, Babylon Defeats Judah (Is Exiled) and Destroys Temple 24-25
- **1 Chronicles** – Reign of King David – David's Anointing and Reign 10-29, Solomon Becomes King and Death of King David 29:22-30
- **2 Chronicles** – Priestly View of Judah – 7:14, 16:9, Reign of Solomon 1-9, Solomon's Prayer for Wisdom 1:7-12, Dedication of Solomon's Temple 5-7, Kings of Judah 10-36
- **Ezra** – Temple – Judah Returns Under Zerubbabel 1-6, Temple (Second) Construction 3-6, Return Under Ezra 7-10
- **Nehemiah** – Jerusalem Walls – Rebuilding the Walls Under Nehemiah 1-7, Renewing the Covenant Under Ezra 8-10
- **Esther** – Providence – 4:14, Discovery of Esther 2:1-20, Mordecai's Devotion 2:21-23, Haman's Decree 3, God's People Delivered 6-10

Books of Poetry – Five Books

- **Job** – Sovereignty – Disasters of Job 1-2, Debates of Job 3-37, Job's Deliverance 38-42
- **Psalms** – Worship – Key Chapters 1, 22, 23, 24, 37, 72, 100, 119, 121 and 150
- **Proverbs** – Wisdom – 2:6, 3:5-6, 8:13, 9:10, 15:1, 17:22, 22:6, 23:7, 27:17, Purpose of Proverbs 1:1-7, Proverbs to Youth 1:8-9:18, Proverbs of Solomon 10-29, Wife of Noble Character 31:10-31
- **Ecclesiastes** – Vanity – All is Vanity 1:1-3, Enjoy Life, It is a Gift from God 3:12-13, 3:22, 5:18-19, 8:15, 9:7-9, Fear God and Keep His Commandments 12:13-14
- **Song of Solomon** – Love – Courtship 1-3, Solomon Praises His Bride 4:1-15, Broadening of Love 5:2-8:14

Books of Prophecy – Seventeen Books

- **Isaiah** – Salvation – Prophecies of Condemnation 1-39, Suffering and Triumph of Messiah 52:13-53:12, Prophecies of Comfort 40-66
- **Jeremiah** – Judah's Last Hour – Call of Jeremiah 1, New Covenant 31:31-34, Prophecies to Judah 2-45, Prophecies to Gentiles 46-51, Fall of Jerusalem 52
- **Lamentations** – Lamentations – Destruction of Jerusalem 1, Anger of God 2, Prayer for Mercy 3, Siege of Jerusalem 4, Prayer for Restoration 5
- **Ezekiel** – Restoration of Israel – Commission of Ezekiel 1-3, Judgment on Judah 4-24, Judgment on Gentiles 25-32, Restoration of Israel 33-48
- **Daniel** – God's Plan for Israel – Daniel's History 1, Fiery Furnace 3, Lion's Den 6, Prophetic Plan for the Gentiles 2-7, Prophecy of 70 Weeks 9, Prophetic Plan for Israel 8-12
- **Hosea** – God's Loyal Love for Israel – Adulterous Wife and Faithful Husband 1-3, Adulterous Israel and Faithful Lord 4-14
- **Joel** – The Day of the Lord – Desolation 1:2-2:17, Deliverance 2:18-3:21
- **Amos** – Judgment of Israel – Prophecies of Amos 1:3-2:16, Sermons of Amos 3-6, Visions of Amos 7-9
- **Obadiah** – Judgment of Edom – Judgment of Edom 1:1-18, Restoration of Israel 1:19-21
- **Jonah** – Revival in Nineveh – First Commission of Jonah 1-2, Great Fish Swallows Jonah 1:17, Second Commission of Jonah 3-4
- **Micah** – Judgment and Restoration of Judah – 6:8, Prediction of Judgment 1-3, Prediction of Restoration 4-5, Plea for Repentance 6-7
- **Nahum** – Judgment of Nineveh – Judgment of Nineveh Decreed 1, Destruction of Nineveh Described 2, Destruction of Nineveh Deserved 3
- **Habakkuk** – Faith – Habakkuk's Problems 1-2, Habakkuk's Praise 3
- **Zephaniah** – Judgment and Restoration in the Day of the Lord – Prophecies of Judgment 1:2-3:8, Prophecies of Blessing 3:9-20
- **Haggai** – Reconstruction of the Temple – Call to Construction of the Temple (Second) 1, Glory of Latter Temple 2:1-9, Present Blessings of Obedience 2:10-19, Future Blessings of Promise 2:20-23
- **Zechariah** – Preparation for the Messiah – Call to Repentance 1:1-6, Visions of Zechariah 1:7-6:15, Burdens Concerning the Future 9-14
- **Malachi** – Appeal to Backsliders – God's Compassion for Israel 1:1-5, God's Complaint Against Israel 1:6-3:15, God's Condemnation of the People 3:16-4:6

Bible Chronology

- God Created the Heavens and the Earth, Genesis 1-2
- The Fall (Sin) of Man, Genesis 3
- Noah and the Flood, Genesis 6-9

- Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph, Genesis 11-50
- Deliverance of God's People from Slavery in Egypt, Exodus 1-12
- Birth of the Nation of Israel, Exodus 12
- Giving of the Law on Mount Sinai, Exodus 19-24
- Conquest of Canaan (the Promised Land), Joshua 6-12
- Period of the Judges in Israel, Judges 1-21, 1 Samuel 1-9
- Samuel, Last Judge, 1 Samuel 1-25
- King Saul (First King) Begins His Reign, 1 Samuel 10
- King David Begins His Reign, 2 Samuel 1-5
- King Solomon Begins His Reign, 1 Kings 1-3
- First Temple (Solomon's) Dedicated in Jerusalem, 1 Kings 8
- Period of the Prophets, Isaiah to Malachi
- Israel Divided (Israel in the North, Judah in the South), 1 Kings 12
- Captivity of Israel by the Assyrians, 2 Kings 17
- Destruction of the Temple and Captivity of Judah by the Babylonians, 2 Kings 24-25
- Return of Judah to Jerusalem, Ezra 1-10
- Second Temple (Zerubbabel's) Dedicated, Ezra 6
- Malachi, Last Old Testament Prophet, Malachi 1-4
- Messiah (Jesus) Born in Bethlehem, Matthew 2:1-12
- Jesus Crucified, Buried and Resurrected, John 19:18, 20:1-18
- Birth of the Church (Pentecost), Acts 2
- Spread of Christianity, Acts 3-28

9. Recommended Resources

Salvation and Spiritual Growth

www.billygraham.org - see: "How to Know Jesus"

www.cru.org - see: "How to Know God"

Bible Study and Research

www.biblehub.com - Bible study suite

www.biblegateway.com - Bible study and research

www.blueletterbible.org - Bible study tools

10. Vision & Mission

Vision

Our vision is to see millions of people saved by the Lord Jesus Christ in the days before and after the rapture and to equip, support and pray for those left behind.

Mission

Operation Tribulation Rescue uses many forms of media to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the entire world both before and after the rapture. We are dedicated to equipping those left behind with all the resources they need to launch the greatest revival in human history for the honor and glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. We recognize that the most effective method of evangelism is face-to-face and word-of-mouth...all bathed in prayer.

11. About Us

After sensing a calling to help those who would be left behind, Operation Tribulation Rescue (OTR) was launched in November of 2010. It is imperative that we warn people of Jesus' return, equip those left behind and evangelize (share the good news of Jesus Christ). This website, www.tribulationrescue.com is one of many outreach vehicles used by OTR to accomplish our mission. You will not see the date of the Lord's return (rapture) posted on this website. The Bible clearly states, "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." (Matthew 24:36). After the rapture, we must warn people that Jesus is coming again to earth. Then it will be no secret. The Bible tells us that Jesus will return seven prophetic years (2,520 days; Revelation 11:2-3, 12:6) after the Israel-antichrist peace treaty is signed. Be ready!

OTR does not accept donations. This organization is operated totally by a volunteer force. If you would like to join the Tribulation Rescue Team, please go to "[Contact/Join Us](#)". Our goal is to have Tribulation Rescue Team members in every nation of the world. Please pray for this ministry and for those who will be (or who are) left behind.

Background

Most people don't really understand what the rapture is. It is simply the return of Jesus Christ to take all his believers to heaven before the seven-year Great Tribulation begins. After the rapture there will be more than six billion people left behind and they will be scared, confused and looking for answers. Many will go to the internet and other sources trying to make sense of it all and will be deceived by false teaching. Unfortunately, most church and Christian ministry websites do not provide information specifically for those left behind. All kinds of theories will be proposed to explain what happened to the millions who disappeared. A powerful delusion will then fall over the hearts and minds of those left behind, "so that they will believe the lie" (2 Thessalonians 2:11). Jesus warned those at the end of the age, "Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many." (Matthew 24:4-5). Thankfully God's Word, prayer, the love of Christ and the witness of fulfilled prophecy will be able to cut through the delusion.

We realize that most people will not listen to the warning that Jesus is coming. It was the same in the days of Noah (Matthew 24:37-39). Part of our mission is to plant seeds now so that God can cause explosive growth following the rapture and throughout the Great Tribulation. It is our prayer that millions of people will trust in Christ during the Great Tribulation. If only five percent of six billion people get saved – that represents 300 million people. Lord willing, many more than this will be saved because we know that the Lord does not want "anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9). Challenging times are in store for those left behind, "For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short." (Matthew 24:21-22). We pray that God will work in mighty ways in these last days and that the Tribulation Rescue Team will play a part in this end-time evangelism explosion and the greatest revival in human history. We are fervently praying even now for those who will be left behind. If you are reading this after the rapture, you are not alone. Jesus said, "and surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:20). You can be sure that you are in our prayers. "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power." (Ephesians 6:10).

12. Contact / Join Us

For more information about Operation Tribulation Rescue, please feel free to contact us via email at mail@tribulationrescue.com .

Would you like to officially become a member of the Tribulation Rescue Team? After you have fulfilled the following requirements, you will be an official member.

1. You must be a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. If you are not a believer or you are not sure, go to [How Can I Be Saved?](#) and get saved. "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).
2. Pray for this ministry and for those who will be (or are) left behind.
3. Share the information from/about this website with at least ten other people.

If you have fulfilled these three requirements, congratulations! You are now an official member of the Tribulation Rescue Team! We would love to hear from you. [Send us an email.](#)

Warning: For Security Reasons, Do Not Send Us Your Real Name

Send Us:

First Name (Not Your Real Name)

Email Address

City

State (if applicable)

Country

If you are reading this after the rapture, initially this organization will be unmanned. However, we have been praying that God will raise up individuals who will carry on the vision and mission of Operation Tribulation Rescue.