

To my friends, my family, my loves...

If you are part of my family and I was one of those who just "disappeared" - what happened to me is plainly explained in the Bible, as are the events of the years just ahead. I leave this to you ...

Until we meet again.

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What just happened?
The Rapture of the Church

As if the world isn't spinning out of control enough already, something seemingly unbelievable just happened! Literally millions have just "disappeared," causing people to ask, "Where did they go? Are they dead or alive somewhere? Why did some disappear and not others? Why them? What was different about them?"

My guess is that all kinds of "theories" and "explanations" are flying around. I'd bet some are suggesting "alien abductions" or something similar. Who knows what will be dreamed up to explain the "unexplainable" - literally millions of people disappearing around the globe **at the exact same time**. Not dying, disappearing - poof - gone!

The bottom line is **this event cannot be explained naturally.** But it can be explained using the oldest textbook around, ***the Holy Bible.*** In fact, the Bible contains the only dependable truth about what just happened.

My intention in leaving this for you is so you know what has happened AND can have a reasonable idea of what will happen in the days and years ahead.

Since you may not be able to get your hands on a Bible right now, I took a bit of liberty to put the

verses here in this writing so you can see for yourself what I believed has now happened and will continue to happen until "the end." You may consider this a "playbook" for the next seven + years. Please read it all now, don't wait any longer.

Creating an exact (Biblical) chronological timeline for these end-time events is not possible. Some Bible scholars disagree as to the exact timing of the various events in Scripture; that is WHEN, during the seven year period, each event occurs. However, the order of the events is universally accepted as presented in the Bible itself.

As you begin to witness these events unfold as they are listed here, I pray you will become convinced of the truth I leave for you. Please "hold on to this book" as you will want to have it one day. It will "predict" the future for you as life becomes more dangerous and more intolerable every day until the end of these seven years.

> *[3]Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near. Revelation 1:3 of the Holy Bible*

1. **I am alive, well and happy in heaven** just as was promised in the Bible. So, don't worry about me and don't bother trying to "find" me. If you want to know more about the promises I believed and that have now occurred, here are three of the many Bible verses that tell the story of **the Rapture (the sudden disappearance of millions+ of people)**:

Jesus said,

> *[1]"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God believe also in me. [2]My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? [3]And if I go and prepare a place for you,* ***I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."***
> *John 14:1-3*

The Apostle Paul said,

> *[51]Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep* -- this means die --*, but* ***we will all be changed— [52]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. [53]For the perishable* -- this means earthly body -- *must clothe itself with the imperishable,*-- this means heavenly body -- *and the mortal with immortality.*
> *1 Corinthians 15:51-53*

and

> *[16]**For the Lord*** **[Jesus]** ***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* -- dead Christians -- *will rise first. [17]After that,* ***we who are still alive*** -- live Christians -- ***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. [18]Therefore encourage one another with these words.*
> *1 Thessalonians 4:16-18*

There are many more verses that contain the promises, but these will give you the basic idea.

The word **"Rapture" (what "just happened")** does not appear in English Bibles. (So don't let people throw you off track by that.) The New Testament was originally written in Greek. The word in Greek is *harpazo*. When the Bible was translated from Greek to Latin, the word *harpazo* was translated as ***rapturo***, a word that means "to seize, carry off by force, to claim for oneself eagerly, to snatch out or away." This is where the idea of the word Rapture comes from. This describes what just happened, Jesus came down from heaven and "grabbed" his followers off the earth and took us back to heaven with Him.

So, you see, those of us who "just disappeared" actually just did an end-run around death and went directly to heaven with Jesus (without dying first). This was "prophesied" in 1 Thessalonians 4:17 (see prior page) - many of us have been longing for this day for a very long time and are **very happy** and **very safe** right now.

2. "**Why was I taken to heaven, but you were not?" is a legitimate question.** First of all, I assure you it wasn't "about me." I was no "better" person than anyone else. I wasn't "chosen" to be spared the horribleness of the days ahead because of who I was or what I did or did not do in my life, WITH ONE EXCEPTION – **I accepted Jesus' gift of salvation knowingly and willingly before the day of the Rapture. Apparently, you did not or you would not be on earth reading this right now.** (There is still time for you to do it, but not much time. I'll explain more about this later.)

The acceptance of Jesus' gift has nothing to do with going to church, or being "a good person" or any of the other things people like to list as to why they should go to heaven when they die.

These are the facts:

- God created and owns heaven and everything else for that matter.
- He alone decides who will come there.
- We (humans) don't get to make the rules of entry.
- Sin is rebellion against God and an affront to Him - He hates it and pledged to punish for it once and for all at some point in time. That time has begun.
- All humans have sinned many times in their lives - ALL of us. *[23]for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, Romans 3:23* We know it, and the Bible confirms it. Whether or not we like to admit it, everyone in their right mind knows it is true.
- Before the world or humans were ever created God made this rule (and it was and is His right to do so):

  [23]For the wages of sin is death, Romans 6:23

- Fortunately for humanity, God (again before He created the world or humans) also made a plan to provide a way out of the mess we would create, a way for humans not to be condemned to hell forever for their sins. That "way" was for His own Son, Jesus, to live a sinless life as a human and die in our place to satisfy the just punishment for OUR sins. Jesus did that over 2000 years ago.

Here's the rest of that verse: *[23]For the wages of sin*

*is death, **but the gift of God** is eternal life in [or through] Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23*

- Jesus offered to God, His/our Father, His own death as a substitute for those **who wish to acknowledge it and accept it as His "free gift"** - a "get out of jail free card" so to speak. **We are free to accept His offer/gift or not.** He does not force it on anyone. **If, for any reason you don't want this gift <u>that is your right</u>. You will stand before God one day and account for your sins yourself.**

I am being bold and blunt with you now because I love you. I repeat what I said before, **I accepted Jesus' gift of salvation knowingly and willingly <u>before</u> the day of the Rapture. Apparently, you did not or you would not be on earth reading this right now.**

Accepting this or not is still your choice. But you know that with the power to decide comes the responsibility to accept the consequences of our decisions. We can "decide" that gravity isn't real, but if we jump from a 10-story building, we will surely "feel the consequences."

Please allow me to continue.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me." John 14:1

His requirement is simple, "believe in me" – but what does that mean?

a. The original New Testament Greek word *pisteuo* (believe) means to "be convinced of something" or "give credence to something." **We must be**

convinced that <u>Jesus is the Son of God</u> and that <u>He died on a cross and came back to life</u> (it is a historical fact, by the way). Either He is or He isn't (the Son of God), either He did or He didn't (die on the cross and rise to live again).

No one alive today saw or witnessed it firsthand, but credible people did and recorded it (in what we now call the New Testament). We all believe things we don't personally experience but choose to believe because of the testimony of credible witnesses. We take them at their word.

b. Being "convinced" of those two **facts**, however, is still not quite enough. **You must personally accept and appropriate them as being true <u>for you</u>.** Note that we are not merely accepting as true that He died and arose, we are believing that **He did it <u>for us</u>. In a substitutionary "instead of us" death, Jesus died in our place.** The punishment we deserve (for our sins) He suffered for us. **Christ saved us by dying in our place. Then God raised Him from the dead three days later proving that God accepted His death as justice.**

By the way, simply believing in God and even believing in Jesus isn't quite enough. Check out this verse: *"You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder." James 2:19*

So, you see the fact that He did it <u>for you (in your place)</u> is important not just believing the historical fact.

c. The word *pisteuo* has a further meaning.

Along with “be convinced of something” and “give credence to” **it also means “trust**.” If we **believe** in the Biblical sense of the word, then **we are trusting Jesus (alone) to save us from the wrath to come** - not a good life, church attendance, baptism, taking of the sacraments or keeping of the commandments.

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

This is saying that, according to God, we “earn” eternal death by sinning - wages are earned by the work or job done.

NOTE: in the Bible

Death = eternal separation <u>from</u> God - this is NOT annihilation where someone no longer exists in any form, it is separation.

Life = eternally being <u>with</u> God and all His goodness

Here are three of the over 200 verses in the Bible that indicate that **salvation comes by faith in Jesus alone.**

[8]For it is by grace [unearned favor] *you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— [9]not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9*

“Not by works” means not how “good” someone is or how much good they did in their life. That doesn’t get someone in to heaven, **despite how popular that belief is.**

[16]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****. [17]For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.* ***[18]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.*** *John 3:16-18*

[10]For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Romans 5:10

So, which of these might apply to you?

1. **You didn't (don't) believe in heaven and hell,** or simply don't care about what might happen to you after you die. Perhaps you have said, "I'll take my chances."

2. **Perhaps you do believe in heaven and hell** but have thought, "I'm not a bad person. Actually, **I'm a pretty good person,** so I think I'll get into heaven when the time comes." This indicates **faith in yourself to get into heaven, not faith in Jesus;** Who He is and what He did to get you there. (See: Not by works Ephesians 2:9 on previous page.)

3. **Perhaps you go to church regularly and thought you were a "Christian," so you are really confused now.** See if any of these fits what is/was regularly taught in your church:

a. God wants all people to be healthy and wealthy, if you are not, then the problem is with you - you better start giving more to the church if you want to get to heaven. If you are healthy and wealthy that means God approves of you (you are blessed) and are automatically “getting in.”

b. God is more interested in social reform (how we treat each other) than anything else - so we all need to be “nice” people, “good” people, that’s what gets us to heaven. Good people get into heaven.

c. We need to care about the planet, the animals, the trees, etc. and must protect it/them. After all, God made these plants and animals and the earth and commanded us to take care of it. If we do, it gets us into heaven.

d. The Bible has been translated so many times that you can’t trust it anymore; it is no longer valid. I use _____ (fill in the blank with something else - popular podcasts, other religious books, someone in particular’s teaching that you really like or enjoy). You say, “I can’t trust the Bible, so all these verses don’t mean much to me. But ‘so and so’ says we get to heaven by _____.”

e. God loves all people and will overlook our sins because we can’t help it. He knows it’s part of our “sin nature,” after all He made us. He knows that we are weak and will accept everyone into heaven. After all, Jesus died for everybody!

If any of these fit, you now know why you are still here on earth, **these simply don't fit the requirement God established for entrance into heaven (His requirement to be with Him forever).**

If you have been going to "church" but are still on the earth after the Rapture a good litmus test might be: Is the pastor/teacher of your church still here? If yes, then get away from their teaching. If they were raptured but you weren't, perhaps you weren't paying attention, OR they believed one thing but taught another. If they are still here, they are confused at the very least. Maybe you can help them now. Take this book with you.

No matter what, **so far, you were wrong**, **you didn't place your trust in the true Jesus (alone) to save you, which explains why you are here and I am there.** It's as simple as that. You either trusted yourself, trusted in a false Jesus, or didn't think it necessary to trust anyone (that no wrath was really coming).

I trusted Him ONLY. Again, **it's not about my life but rather my faith, hope and trust in who Jesus is and what He did for me. By His mercy and grace, I came to understand who I was and that I needed someone much more powerful than me to pay my "sin debt" (Romans 6:23 on page 5), otherwise I would be here right now preparing to face the worst of all time on earth.**

Think about these things as I attempt to explain what is coming up next. Pray and ask God if I am telling you the truth.

If you have already been "left behind," why should you care about what's going to happen next?

1. **That wasn't your last chance to escape an eternity in hell.** But physical death (suicide) won't help, please don't try that. Your physical death right now could make it much worse for you in the days ahead. Keep reading.

2. You should expect the next few years to be the **darkest hours in human history.** Make no mistake, although Satan and the coming Antichrist and False Prophet will be instruments used to bring about the close of this age, **it is God, Himself, allowing the horrible things to occur in the upcoming years. I'll explain this in *The Removal of the Restrainer* in a few pages.**

In case you are wondering why God would do this, there are several reasons for the events that will occur (we don't have to agree with these, they just "are"). He is God, and we are not.

- To punish unbelieving sinners - He has been warning humanity that rebellion has consequences since the beginning of time. His patience with rejection and rebellion has finally run its course.
- To prove His power
- To portray Satan's true character
- To prepare Israel (Jews) for the arrival of their Messiah - Jesus (Yeshua) - a promise He made and is now fulfilling. God always keeps His promises - always - even if we don't agree or like them.
- **To provide salvation to many:** God will

graciously use the Tribulation period to draw more people to Himself in repentance and trust. You see, **He loves you and still wants to save you.** A huge number of people will be saved during the next seven years. **You could be one of them, if you wish to be.**

*9 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. Revelation 7:9*

*13 Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" 14 I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, **"These are they who have come out of the great tribulation;** Revelation 7:13 -14*

Starting over - Salvation 101

The one true God of the universe is the creator and sustainer of all that exists. **He hates sin (rebellion against His authority) and will not allow it to go on indefinitely.** Rebellion in essence says to the God of the universe, "I don't care what you think, or what you want, I'll do things my way." He has **tolerated** this attitude and behavior by humans for thousands of years.

*9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, **not wanting anyone to perish**, but everyone to come to repentance.*

*[15]Bear in mind that **our Lord's patience means salvation** 2 Peter 3:9,15*

Consider looking at this one more way. When God created mankind one of the attributes He gave us is "free will." He gave us the right to choose to be **with Him** or be **away/apart from Him**. Rebellion is to choose to be "away from Him" - away from His authority, away from His love. It really is as simple as that.

If you chose to be away from Him, you are getting a tiny preview of what "away from Him" will be like for the rest of eternity. Nothing good at all will exist there. NOTHING.

Pardon me if I belabor the point - but your eternal life is at stake here -

If you chose to be "with Him" it has to be done "His way." To be "with Him" is where all good exists which is the opposite of what you are living in now and heading toward.

His way of providing this option was through the life, death and resurrection of His only Son, Jesus. Jesus paid the sin debt of anyone who chooses to accept that as a fact, a reality. Go back to pages 6 & 7 to review and consider it again before we go on.

Please accept Jesus' gracious gift of standing in your place and receiving the punishment that rebellion deserves.

Should you decide to continue in unbelief and rejection you will probably scoff at what I have left for you here and stop reading. **What you experience in the next seven years will be child's play compared to an eternity in hell.** Know that this breaks my heart, for I still love you and always will.

So, what will happen next?

The Seven-Year Tribulation Period

There are at least two major events that may or may not have already happened. I am writing about them here because even though they may have already happened, the swiftness of the event's succession may be such that I don't have time to change this writing before I leave the earth. If they have already occurred, just know that they were foretold in the Bible thousands of years ago with stunning accuracy. I hope by knowing that and watching it happen in your lifetime will give you additional confidence of the truth of other passages in the Bible about the future.

1. A total destruction of the City of Damascus, Syria.

> *[1] A prophecy against Damascus: "See, Damascus will no longer be a city but will become a heap of ruins." Isaiah 17:1*

2. A huge invasion **attempt** (*Ezekiel 38 & 39)* against Israel lead primarily by Russia, Turkey and Iran will occur. This invasion attempt will be thwarted by God, Himself, using largely the power of nature that He alone controls, and human chaos that He imposes on the invading armies. It will be a supernatural victory for Israel - not the IDF or the Iron Dome that saves them.

As I said, one or both of these events may have already happened. If they have, you can be sure that the true Christian Believers will soon be leaving to go to heaven, if we have not already gone.

[15]As has just been said:
"Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts
as you did in the rebellion." Hebrews 3:15

Again, I hope that you will **find it in your heart to listen to the Spirit of God** who continues to invite you to join Believers and be saved from an eternity in hell - which is apart from God and all that is good.

Doing so now (after the Rapture) won't get you to heaven until you die (sorry, that ship has sailed, no more rapture events). But it will assure you that you will be saved from **the horrors of hell for all eternity** (as they say in the song, "and that's a long, long time").

Just like when we were both on the earth, I am anxiously hoping to see you again (in heaven). **If you are in hell, that won't happen. We will never see each other again.**

Removal of the Restrainer

Going backward in time to the Garden of Eden, we see the introduction of Satan and his "influence" on humanity and the earth in general. The Bible calls him "the Prince of this World" (John 16:11). He has quite a bit of evil influence over the events happening on the earth. But he does not have **total control.** God always maintains ultimate control. Satan is a created being - he is not God and has no power apart from what **God allows him to have**.

Make no mistake, Satan HATES humans - he IS hate, he hates everyone and everything that is important to God and will do everything he can to hurt,

torture and destroy them (us). **And you cannot be loyal enough to him to curry his favor.**

Until now, God has limited Satan's power over the earth. Satan's evil has been restrained by the Holy Spirit of God who has been "resident" in the hearts of Believers for the past 2000+ years. The Holy Spirit has protected the human race from total destruction - which is one of Satan's ultimate goals.

The Believers have now left the earth and are safely in heaven. The only humans left on earth (at this moment) are "rebels" - who, up until now, have rejected Jesus' offer of forgiveness and salvation.

The Holy Spirit has not departed from the earth (not possible, as He is omnipresent meaning present everywhere all the time) but **He purposely steps aside for seven years allowing Satan to do as he wishes.** The result of His "stepping aside" is a dramatic increase in evil around the world. If you think things are bad now, brace yourself, it is about to get much, much worse! In real time you are watching the earth "move closer to hell" in a sense - **become more "hellish" every day.**

Likewise, until now, the "man of lawlessness" (Satan's CEO, the Antichrist) has been kept in secret and has been restrained from doing what Satan wants him to do (trust me, it's not good!).

> *6 And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time. 7 For the **secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way.** 2 Thessalonians 2:6-7*

> *[9]The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie, [10]and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing.* ***They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.*** *2 Thessalonians 2:9-10*

This really isn't about Satan, the Antichrist or the False Prophet. **It is between you and God -** they are just players in these end times.

Who are the main players in the final days?

I am fairly sure they won't go by these "titles" but their behavior and the reaction by the world should make them fairly easy to identify.

Satan's CEO: The Antichrist
aka "the man of lawlessness"

More than one hundred passages of the Bible describe the origin, nationality, character, career, conquest and doom of this evil **world ruler** known as **the Antichrist.** Clearly God wants you to know something about the coming (probably already here on the earth even before the Rapture, but perhaps not yet identified or empowered) ***prince of darkness.***

- **The word Antichrist refers both to an individual (an actual human being) and to the system he represents.**
- He is an archenemy and opponent of Jesus Christ.
- **He will be indwelled and empowered by Satan himself.**

- He will mimic the ministry of the true Son of God in many ways.

He will come “on the scene” in the world at a time of ultimate chaos (no doubt some of which is a result of the Rapture of the Church with millions of believing Christians “disappearing” all at the same time).

Add to this wars, civil unrest, pandemics, fires, massive earthquakes and other natural disasters, food and clean water shortages and much more. I believe I just described your world today... He will be viewed by the world as a man of vision and charisma and will be seen as the most incredible leader the world has ever known. He will be very attractive in all ways and will be able (by the power of Satan) to perform many incredible miracles making him even more impressive and easy to “follow.”

One description I found while writing this says:

“The world will go delirious with delight at his manifestation. He will be the seeming answer to all its needs. He will be filled with all the fullness of Satan. Handsome, with a charming, rakish, devil-may-care personality, a genius, superbly at home in all the scientific disciplines, brave as a lion with an air of mystery about him to tease the imagination or to chill the blood as occasion may serve, a brilliant conversationalist in a score of tongues (languages), a soul-captivating orator, he will be the idol of all mankind.” --- John Phillips

Have you ever seen or known any person who could fill all those descriptions? I haven’t. So, when he appears and makes himself known to the world, **understand that the Tribulation (seven years of horror) is about to begin.**

According to the Bible, here are some of his attributes:

- He will be a “Gentile” – a non-Jewish person.
- He will mesmerize the world with his words.
- He will rise from obscurity, initially seen by the world as a great “peacemaker.”
- He will establish a one-world economy.
- He will rule the world.
- He will claim to be God.
- Near the middle of the Tribulation period, he will be assassinated or violently killed but will be raised back to life.
- The whole world will be amazed and willingly follow him.
- He will be indwelled, controlled and energized by Satan.
- He will mercilessly pursue and persecute the Jewish people.
- He will be promoted by a second “beast” (called in the Bible, the False Prophet) who will lead the world in worship of him.
- By the middle of the seven-year period most of the people of the world will be so deceived by him that they will pledge absolute loyalty to him and will gladly show their loyalty by getting **a special “mark”** (probably somewhat like a tattoo or brand) on their forehead or right hand.

He does not “force” this mark on people, no one will hold you down and make you take it. If you refuse, however, he will see it as an indication of disloyalty to him. **As punishment, you will not be able to buy or sell things - like food**, for example, and **you may be beheaded**. See more about this on page 45.

The False Prophet

The Bible also describes another man (again, a human being) who will rise to power in the Tribulation (the seven years you are living in right now). He will serve as the lieutenant for the Antichrist, preparing the way and catapulting him to power and unparalleled success. **He will be able to perform incredible miracles, signs and wonders with power supplied by Satan.** Using these “wonders,” the false prophet will convince the world that the Antichrist is the leader they’ve been looking for –“the man with the plan to solve all the world’s problems” caused by the chaos and instability from the rapture and the appearance of the “horsemen of the apocalypse.” The world will have such severe problems to deal with, as I will soon explain, they (you?) will welcome someone with such power.

According to the Bible, here are some things to watch for:

- He will bring down fire from heaven and perform many other “miracles.”
- At the middle of the seven years, he will erect an image of the Antichrist for all the world to worship. In the Bible this is called “the abomination of desolation.” It will be placed

in the newly reconstructed Jewish Temple in Jerusalem. All people will be required to bow down to it or die. He will give "life" to this image of the Antichrist (animate it).

- He will raise the Antichrist from the dead (at least it will appear that it happens, we really can't be sure what actually happens here because they will be masters of deception).
- He will control world commerce on behalf of the Antichrist requiring everyone to take the "mark of the beast" to buy food and other necessities to survive. (See page 45.)

Conclusion

The two "beasts" (the Antichrist and False Prophet) **will work together <u>with</u> Satan to rule the world.**

- They will begin with part of the world, and will continue to gain more and more control as the Tribulation period progresses.
- Their power will grow **at the will of the people and they will be welcomed**.
- They will be supernaturally energized by Satan, forming an unholy trinity with him that will deceive the world.

Do not fear, for the Lord Jesus will return to reclaim title deed to the earth <u>at the end</u> of the seven-year period, and He will claim, as His own, those who <u>love Him</u>.

Then, the true final world empire will begin, and the earth will return to Garden of Eden-like conditions. I'll tell you more about this at the end of this book, to give you hope.

The Beginning of the Tribulation

(exactly 2,520 days)

1. Right now, **the world is, no doubt, chaotic, dangerous and frightening.** The Rapture has occurred, and other calamities (war and the fear of nuclear disaster, global financial issues, massive unemployment, high food and other prices, pandemics, etc.) exist as well. People are turning against one another (even within families, friends and neighborhoods) with their own governments perpetuating the problems.

2. During this chaos, **the Antichrist and False Prophet will emerge and rise to power (remember, both are humans)** – **the power to rule will be eagerly given to them** by the frightened people of the world.

3. The Antichrist will affirm, sign or strengthen a peace treaty with Israel. This treaty (or treaties) will usher in a **temporary peace for the Middle East.** No doubt, the Israelis will see it as a way to protect themselves from the threats that surround them.

The signing (or affirming) of the peace treaty could happen very soon after the Rapture or it could be several days, weeks, months or even a few years. During this time, it won't be easy or pleasant to live, but all chaos won't break out (the wrath of God) until that peace treaty has been signed. That is the starting point, not the Rapture.

It is the signing (or affirmation) of a covenant of peace with/for the nation of Israel that inaugurates the Tribulation period and **sets the end-time clock in motion. Remember that the Tribulation period will**

last for <u>exactly</u> 2,520 days (7 Jewish-calendar years) from the date of signing of that treaty. For those who have been "left behind" but have since put their faith and hope in Jesus Christ, I hope this is somewhat encouraging. Although it will be very bad, **<u>it won't last forever.</u> Start counting the days as soon as that treaty is signed and put your faith and hope in Jesus to save you from ultimate destruction.**

4. **A new Jewish temple will be constructed on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem,** and the Jews will get the right to once again offer sacrifices there. It is likely that the "Ezekiel 38 War" has happened (see page 15, item 2). It is possible that the existing Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque may need to be removed from the Temple Mount in Jerusalem to allow for the building of this (3rd) Jewish Temple there. In the current "religious climate," I doubt that removal of these buildings would be allowed by "radical Muslims" if they are still powerful in the middle east. However, it is also possible that the new Jewish Temple will simply "co-exist" there with the other religions. The Scriptures don't say which of these will occur.

5. **A 10-nation confederation will emerge out of a reunited "Roman Empire"** to govern a large part of the world. The 10-nation confederacy will be a political and military alliance that unites many nations under one ruler. This will be taken over by the Antichrist and will serve as a staging ground for the Antichrist's rise to global power.

The Countdown Has Begun

Assuming that the treaty for Israel has been signed, the Seven Years of Tribulation has already begun. Let me try to explain what is about to happen as foretold by the Apostle John in his prophetic writing in the Bible known as the Book of Revelation. It is important to understand what the "symbols" used mean in real-life terms. You can't simply visualize them and understand what is being said.

The Bible is an ancient middle-eastern compilation of books that must be understood through the eyes of the writers and readers of that time and place. I'll do my best to explain them as they present themselves. Many are "obvious," but some are not.

What's Next? Seven Seal Judgments

Most Bible prophesy teachers agree that the seven "seals" are opened during the first half of the Tribulation (first 3½ years after the signing/extension of the peace treaty/protection agreement brokered by the Antichrist for Israel).

Just before the four "horsemen" appear in Revelation 6, John "sees" Jesus taking possession of the title deed to earth in Revelation Chapter 5. **The Bible says that Satan is <u>now</u> the "god or prince of this world." The Book of Revelation is the story of Jesus - as both God AND a sinless representative of mankind - <u>reclaiming title deed to this world through His death on the cross and subsequent resurrection</u>.**

The title deed is an ancient rolled-up scroll sealed by seven drops of wax. As Jesus begins to break each of the wax seals, events on earth begin to happen. (This is symbolic - the events are real.)

The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse

The first four seals are often referred to as **the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse.** The term "apocalypse" means "revelation; a disclosure or revelation of great knowledge."

Seal #1: White horse – conquest

> [1]*I watched as the Lamb* [an expression used for Jesus] *opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, "Come!"* [2]*I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest. Revelation 6:1-2*

The "horse" isn't a horse in the sense of an animal like on the earth today. It is symbolic of a swift and powerful method of transportation, something that will happen quickly and forcefully. The crown is symbolic of power and authority.

Note that the "rider" of this horse has a bow but no arrows. It appears his "conquests" are by diplomacy and negotiation of a sort rather than outright war, but it proves to be just as deadly to mankind.

I believe that this is representative of the Antichrist appearing on the scene. He will "calm the world" with charisma and winsome charm. He will use pseudo peace as his primary tool. It will seem to work - for a short while. The world will "love him" because of it, but it won't last.

Seal #2: Red horse – war/conflict on earth

> *3When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come!" 4Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and **to make people kill each other**. To him was given a large sword. Revelation 6:3-4*

Red equals blood and blood equals war. This represents war, strife and civil upheaval and reveals that **many wars will occur all over the earth.** The pseudo "peace" felt by the first horseman will be swiftly shattered by the wars of the rider of the second horse. Again, the "horses, riders and swords" are symbolic - they are not truly animals, people or literal swords. **They are things that happen and the results of things that happen.** I hope that makes sense. Consider the possibility of the "large sword" being weapons of mass destruction - maybe.

So far you should be seeing (a) global chaos and upheaval, followed by (b) pseudo peace and calm and then (c) wars and skirmishes breaking out just about everywhere. And you are only at Horse #2...

It is not told how long the period of time is between the appearance of each "horseman," but we know they all appear in less than 3½ total years. They could come fairly close together and then linger and overlap for years or they could be spread out a bit. The Bible doesn't say.

Seal #3: Black horse – famine

> *5When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. 6Then I*

heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, "Two pounds of wheat for a day's wages, and six pounds of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!" Revelation 6:5-6

The black horse represents **famine.** Balances (or scales) reveal scarcity. This indicates that following (or during, or as a result of) the many wars of the red horse, **food and other necessities will become quite scarce.** This is not uncommon during and after war.

You should expect hyper-inflation; food prices will skyrocket so high that it will take everything you can earn in a day just to buy enough food for yourself for one day (let alone a family) - <u>if you can find anything to buy, that is</u>. Of course, this doesn't cover any other living expense. The world will writhe in the clutches of poverty and stabbing hunger. The global economic collapse and food shortage will set the stage for the Antichrist to move firmly into position and seize control of the world economy (if he hasn't already done so). I wouldn't be surprised if he began "producing food" through "miracles" that will mesmerize the world causing **more people** to begin to worship him. I don't know if that will happen, as the Scriptures don't say.

Up to this point death isn't specifically mentioned. Although one must assume it is frequently occurring and the scale and magnitude are about to change.

Seal #4: Pale horse – widespread death on earth

[7]When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" [8]I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and

Hades was following close behind him. ***They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.*** *Revelation 6:7-8*

This fourth and final horseman is named Death (Thanatos) and his partner is Hades. Thanatos is the only one of the four that is given a name. The word "pale" is the Greek word for "green." This is the ashen look of dead bodies without blood.

This fourth horseman uses all the previously mentioned means and more to kill people: **war, famine, disease and wild beasts.** The first three of these are clearly understood. The last, wild beasts, may be simply animals who are hungry because their own food supply is shrinking or it may mean something else entirely. The bottom line is that **1/4th of the world's population will be killed.** One fourth of today's population is **nearly two billion people** - in a very short period of time, perhaps all at once, it doesn't say. Where could all these people possibly be buried? Who will bury them; people who are starving, weak, sick, or scared themselves?

Don't get hung up on the word "sword" in this Scripture - it is simply the method of killing by a government or adversary - even a friend or family member or neighbor. You can substitute gun, bomb, anything you can think of. Death is death.

Now if you have already placed your trust in Jesus as your Savior and Lord - death is no big deal (actually a relief from what is yet to come). If not, try to stay alive as long as you can but don't pledge your loyalty to the Antichrist (world leader) or your fate for all eternity will be sealed. More on this later.

SEAL #5: The Cry of the Martyrs

> *9When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. 10They called out in a loud voice, "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?" 11Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers and sisters,[a] were killed just as they had been. Revelation 6:9-11*

[a] The Greek word for brothers and sisters (adelphoi) refers here to believers, both men and women, as part of **God's family**.

The "souls" mentioned here are Old Testament saints and new believers who are killed during the Tribulation period (this could be the new you). They cry out with a loud voice, *"How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"* The Lord says, *Wait until the full number of martyrs is completed.* This is chilling, isn't it?

What He is saying is that there are **more to be martyred during this Tribulation period. Then, HE will get vengeance on their behalf.** The Tribulation martyrs and Old Testament Saints are given white robes (the symbol of righteousness) and told to *"Rest or wait a little while longer."* They (you) will be rewarded and honored for dying the ultimate death.

Seal #6: A Great Earthquake

> *12I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, 13and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. 14The heavens receded like a scroll being rolled up, and* ***every mountain and island was removed from its place.*** *15Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else, both slave and free, hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. 16They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! 17For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can withstand it?" Revelation 6:12-17*

Every part of society is affected by this world-wide earthquake and other cataclysmic events but consider the human reaction: The greatest prayer meeting that the world has ever seen commences. **You would think that men and women would finally cry out to God for mercy. Instead, they pray to the rocks (to die, no doubt). I so hope you aren't in this group!**

What's the result of all this? Do men turn to God? No! It just makes their hearts harder! There is a lesson here. **The more often you say "no" to Jesus, the more difficult it is to ever say "yes."** **Saying "no, no, no" to God hardens your heart like a stone.** If you happen to have access to a Bible, read the stories of Pharaoh in Exodus 7-11. Think of the men and women who listened to Noah's preaching/warning

for 120 years, never repented, and died in the flood (Genesis 6-7). **Be very careful – if you haven't already accepted Jesus' gift of grace by this time, it may soon be too late, you may run out of chances.**

Seal #7: 30 minutes of silence in heaven

> *[1]When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. Revelation 8:1*

Why is heaven silenced? Maybe because those who are there just got a glimpse of what is to come next and it is taking their breath away. This is speculation as we are not told in the Scriptures why this occurred.

Seven Trumpets of Judgment

> *[2]And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.*
>
> *[3]Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all God's people, on the golden altar in front of the throne. [4]The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of God's people, went up before God from the angel's hand. [5]Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth; and there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake.*
>
> *[6]Then the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to sound them. Revelation 8:2-6*

First Trumpet: Vegetation Struck

> *7 The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down on the earth.* ***A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up****. Revelation 8:7*

Hail and fire (perhaps caused by lighting - even dry air lighting) will **destroy over one-third of the earth's vegetation.** This will impact **the food supply** and plants that create **oxygen needed for life**. The burning of one third of the trees and grass will also cause tremendous amount of smoke around the world. This will make it difficult to breathe AND cause a partial darkening of sunlight which will have multiple negative effects as well.

Second Trumpet: The Seas Struck

> *8 The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea.* ***A third of the sea turned into blood, 9 a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.*** *Revelation 8:8-9*

This could happen in a few different ways. 1) huge fireballs (like meteors) could come from heaven or 2) huge volcanoes under the oceans (nearly 2 million of them have already been mapped by the time I wrote this) could begin erupting all at the same time. This would cause scores of fish and other sea creatures to die.

It would surely change the temperature of the ocean's water and likely affect ships as well. Think

about thousands of dead orca whales floating everywhere. Think about icebergs and huge glaciers floating everywhere because of the increased temperature of the water.

No matter what "methodology" the Lord uses, the outcome will be what He says it will be. He states, "**one-third of the oceans will be polluted <u>with blood</u>. One third of the living sea creatures will die and a third of the ships will be destroyed."**

Third Trumpet: Fresh Waters Struck

> *10 The third angel sounded his trumpet,*
> *and a great star,[a] blazing like a torch, fell*
> *from the sky **on a third of the rivers and***
> ***on the springs of water**— 11 the name*
> *of the star is Wormwood.[b] A third of the*
> *waters turned bitter, and **many people died***
> ***from the waters** that had become bitter.*
> *Revelation 8:10-11*
>
> [a] Often the term "great star" is used to describe an angelic being of some sort.
> [b] Wormwood is a bitter substance.

I have no idea <u>how</u> this is manifested so the best I can do is say what the likely outcome is: **contamination of one-third of the earth's fresh water supply. Many people and animals will get very sick and perhaps die from drinking the contaminated water.** Remember that one third of the ocean water is already contaminated. Polluting the fresh water supply will cause two problems: lack of drinking water and water for cleaning and other needs AND death of fish that live there (like the oceans).

I looked up the word “wormwood” and found this: “Wormwood is potentially toxic if consumed in large quantities due to its thujone content. High doses can lead to seizures, hallucinations, and liver damage. It should be used with caution, especially in those with liver disorders or epilepsy.”

I don’t know what a “toxic level” is, but if you have no water to drink at all, what will you do? What will the animals do, how will it affect them? Could drinking it “drive them crazy” before it kills them? Recall death by “wild beasts” in Seal #4.

I used to watch a History Channel show called “Alone.” In the show people were placed all alone in strange places (like the Arctic Circle or middle of Africa, or South America, etc.). They had to survive alone with no external provision of food or water for as long as they could. Their #1 concern was always finding clean drinking water because they knew that without it they wouldn’t live very long. Humans and animals can live without a lot of things for a while, **water isn’t one of them**. How this “bitter water” could be filtered, I don’t know. Again, it may be that the Antichrist will try to do some sort of miracle to try to appear to be “the good guy” in this situation, I don’t know. He will do whatever serves his purposes (not those of “his subjects”).

Fourth Trumpet: The Heavens Struck

> *12 The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the **sun** was struck, a third of the **moon**, and a third of the **stars**, so that **a third of them turned dark. A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night.***
> *Revelation 8:12*

One-third of the sun, moon and stars will be darkened – If this was as simple as the sun, the moon and the stars producing 1/3 less light that would be bad enough. It would cause all kinds of chaos including crop failures, tidal issues and other natural disasters resulting in increased starvation because of the effect on crops. But read carefully what it says, "without light." If I do the math right 1/3 of the day and 1/3rd of the night is approximately 8 hours of total darkness - PITCH BLACK.

I visited some caverns a few times and they turned out all the lights for a minute. It was pitch black and it was frightening to the point of being almost painful. I don't know what I would do if it continued for 8+ hours every day.

It is one thing if a person has been blind for a while. As I understand it, their other senses will adapt to a certain degree so they can function. BUT if everyone on earth were to suddenly be forced to function 8 hours every day without any natural light - that will be quite different.

As I understand it, that is one of the things about the Lake of Fire (where unsaved/rebellious people go after "hell") - it is pitch black so that you can't see anything or anyone. You can hear (mostly screaming) but you can't see anything, total blindness.

Now the inhabitants of the earth are being warned that it is about to become much worse.

> *13 As I watched, I heard an eagle that was flying in midair call out in a loud voice: "Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels!" Revelation 8:13*

Fifth Trumpet: The Locusts from the Bottomless Pit

1 The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw
a star[a] that had fallen from the sky to the earth.
The star was given the key to the shaft of the
Abyss. 2 When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose
from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace.
The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke
from the Abyss. *3 And out of the smoke locusts*
came down on the earth and were given power
like that of scorpions of the earth. ***4 They were***
told not to harm the grass of the earth or any
plant or tree, but only those people who did
not have the seal of God on their foreheads.
5 They were not allowed to kill them but only to
torture them for five months. And the agony they
suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion
when it strikes. ***6 During those days people will***
seek death but will not find it; they will long to
die, but death will elude them.

7 The locusts looked like horses prepared for
battle. On their heads they wore something
like crowns of gold, and their faces resembled
human faces. 8 Their hair was like women's hair,
and their teeth were like lions' teeth. 9 They had
breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the
sound of their wings was like the thundering of
many horses and chariots rushing into battle.
10 They had tails with stingers, like scorpions,
and in their tails they had power to torment
people for five months. *11 They had as king*
over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name
in Hebrew is Abaddon and in Greek is Apollyon
(that is, Destroyer). *12 The first woe is past; two*

other woes are yet to come. Revelation 9:1-12

[a] Again, this description is an angelic being of some sort

Ordinary locusts eat and harm plants to the point of stripping them of all their leaves and anything edible about them. These are NOT ordinary locusts. This is a **demonic invasion** to possess and torment (only) those on the earth **who refuse to believe in and worship the true God of the universe and His Son, Jesus. The verse says that believers in Jesus Christ will be spared this torment.**

The creatures can torture the non-believers as much as they want for five months. Although the people stung by these demons will want to die, they will be unable to do so.

I was thinking about this and could only come up with what it felt like when I got a single bee-sting one time. It was AWFUL. I can't imagine how it will feel to get stung over and over for five months by something much worse than a bee-sting. I've never been stung by a scorpion, but that's how it is described.

Sixth Trumpet: The Angels from the Euphrates

13 The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the four horns of the golden altar that is before God. 14 It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." 15 ***And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind.*** *16 The number of the mounted troops*

was twice ten thousand times ten thousand. I heard their number.

[17]The horses and riders I saw in my vision looked like this: Their breastplates were fiery red, dark blue, and yellow as sulfur. The heads of the horses resembled the heads of lions, and out of their mouths came fire, smoke and sulfur. ***[18]A third of mankind was killed by the three plagues of fire, smoke and sulfur that came out of their mouths.*** *[19]The power of the horses was in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails were like snakes, having heads with which they inflict injury.*

[20]The rest of mankind who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent *of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk.* ***[21]Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.*** *Revelation 9:13-21*

This is a demonic army invasion of 200 MILLION that **will kill <u>one-third of remaining mankind</u> through multiple means. Remember one-fourth of mankind was already killed during Seal #4.**

If I do this math correctly... if the earth's population starts at about 8 billion people, then 1/4 are killed (2 billion) in the Pale Horse #4 Seal Judgment, that leaves about 6 billion alive. Then 1/3 of the remainder are killed (another 2 billion), **that leaves only 4 billion alive,** which is 1/2 of those alive just a few short years ago. That's a LOT of death in just a few years. I'm certain that death seems preferable at this point.

But for those going on to hell/the Lake of Fire, it will not be. For them, it will be even worse and it will be forever, without end.

Note that it says that those left alive still "did not repent." To "repent" means to change one's mind about something - to do a 180° turn and go the other way. This means that even though they can see all the death and devastation of the past few years, the majority of the remainder still believes their lifestyle is just fine - nothing wrong with it at all, that their life choices are not "the problem."

I keep hoping that you are not one of them!

SEVENTH TRUMPET:

Announcement of Christ's Reign

15 The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, [Jesus] *and he will reign for ever and ever."*
Revelation 11:15

RECAP: Immediately before and <u>during the first half</u> of these 7 years of tribulation you should expect:

1. The total destruction of Damascus, Syria.

A prophecy against Damascus: "See, Damascus will no longer be a city but will become a heap of ruins. Isaiah 17:1

2. "Gog" and his allies will invade Israel. The

"Gog" coalition will be supernaturally decimated by God. "Gog" is an ancient name of a person who is the ruler of what is probably now modern Russia and nations that were the former Soviet Union: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, and Tajikistan. Afghanistan and others (perhaps Egypt, Sudan and Libya) could also be part of this Magog territory. Included in the coalition is Iran, Turkey and others. This is known in the Bible as the "Ezekiel 38 War."

*If you happen to be reading this (before the Rapture has occurred) and are a citizen of one of the countries listed, please know that you are not a "bad guy" in God's eyes **just because of your citizenship**. Jesus' gift of salvation is open to all humanity. All true believers will be Raptured and taken to heaven before the Tribulation begins, you do not need to be a part of the group for what God has written in these warnings, unless you choose to be so.*

3. God will supernaturally place "two witnesses" in front of the newly built Jewish Temple to begin their 3½ year ministry. For the 3½ years they are there no one will be able to hurt them or stop them from telling about the true God. They will have great power, including the power to stop rain, turn water into blood and strike the earth with every kind of plague, as often as they like.

[3]And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth." [4]They are "the two olive trees" and the two lampstands, and "they stand before the Lord of the earth. [5]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. [6]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.

[7]Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them. [8]Their bodies will lie in the public square of the great city [Jerusalem] *—which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt—where also their Lord was crucified. [9]For three and a half days some from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. [10]The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth.*

[11]But after the three and a half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them. [12]Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.

[13]At that very hour there was a severe earthquake and a tenth of the city [Jerusalem] *collapsed. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the survivors were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven. Revelation 11:3-13*

4. 144,000 Jewish Believers will begin their evangelistic ministry – they will recognize Jesus as their awaited Messiah and will begin to evangelize other Jewish people.

[1]Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. Revelation 14:1

5. The seven "Seal Judgments" and seven "Trumpet Judgments" (previously mentioned) occur.

Midpoint of the Tribulation (at 3½ year point)

1. The Antichrist will break the covenant with Israel and invade it. (Daniel 9:27)

2. He will continue to consolidate his empire and power by plundering Egypt, Sudan and Libya.

3. While in North Africa, the Antichrist will hear disturbing news of insurrection in Israel (See Revelation 11:13 above *"giving glory to the God of heaven"* and will immediately return to Israel (Jerusalem) to destroy and annihilate many.

4. The Antichrist will set up the "abomination of desolation" in the rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem. The "abomination of desolation" referred to here is a statue or image of the Antichrist so that he may be worshiped in the place of God.

5. Sometime during these events, the Antichrist (remember he is a human) will be violently killed, possibly as a result of a war or assassination.

6. The Antichrist will be miraculously raised from the dead to the amazement of the whole world. This

is to mimic the resurrection of Jesus 2000+ years ago.

7. Satan will be cast down from heaven and will war against Israel. The chief means he will use to persecute Israel is the Antichrist and False Prophet.

8. A faithful Jewish remnant of Israel (approximately 1/3rd of the Jewish residents of Jerusalem) will flee, possibly to Petra in Jordan, where God will supernaturally protect and sustain them for the remaining 3½ years of the Tribulation. The rest will remain in Jerusalem (or wherever they live at this time). Please remember to help them and each other any way you can.

9. The Antichrist and the False Prophet will destroy the religious systems of the world and set up their political, religious and economic capital in the City of Babylon.

Now, on to the 2nd half of the 7-Year of Tribulation

1. The Antichrist blasphemes God, and the False Prophet performs great signs and wonders and promotes worship of the Antichrist.

2. The **"Mark of the Beast"**

16 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,
17 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. 18 This calls

for wisdom. Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man.[a] That number is 666. Revelation 13:16-18

[a] Or “is humanity’s number”

The name or “number” of the Antichrist’s name, 666, will be introduced and enforced by the False Prophet.

The word “mark” in Greek (charagma) means “a mark or stamp engraved, etched, branded, cut, imprinted” such as a tattoo or branding. **It is not medical (not a vaccine) or something that you would accept for any purpose other than to show allegiance to the Antichrist.** It will be used to control commerce to some extent, but you won’t get it simply for that purpose.

Accepting the mark of the Beast will show your **allegiance to the Antichrist. It will not be possible to be neutral or undecided. You will be required to choose one way or the other.**

Those who accept it will mark their everlasting doom as **it is an unpardonable and irreversible sin.**

If you refuse “the mark” (because you have accepted Jesus’ offer of salvation), you may be killed (beheaded) but will go to heaven immediately upon death and escape the rest of this horrible time on earth.

4 I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because

of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. Revelation 20:4

3. Totally energized by Satan, the Antichrist will dominate the world politically, religiously and economically.

4. Knowing he has only a short time left, Satan will intensify his relentless, merciless persecution of the Jewish people and the Gentile (non-Jewish) **true believers** on the earth.

5. The upcoming Bowl Judgments are unleashed throughout the final half of the Tribulation period.

The Seven Bowl Judgments of the Second Half of the Tribulation Period Often Called "The Great Tribulation" Begin

*[1]I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign: seven angels with the seven last plagues—**last, because with them God's wrath is completed.** [5]After this I looked, and I saw in heaven the temple—that is, the tabernacle of the covenant law—and it was opened. [6]Out of the temple came the seven angels with the seven plagues. They were dressed in clean, shining linen and wore golden sashes around their chests. [7]Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls filled with the wrath of God, who lives for ever and ever. [8]And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the*

temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed. Revelation 15:1, 5-8

Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go, pour out the seven bowls of God's wrath on the earth." Revelation 16:1

These bowl judgments will be poured out in rapid succession.

First Bowl: Loathsome Sores

[2]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*

Note that the sores are only on those who worship the beast and **take his mark**, **those who have pledged themselves to Jesus - refusing the mark of the beast - will not suffer these sores.** This is like the demons in the 5th Trumpet who couldn't attack Believers (see pages 36-38). It will be GREAT not to have to suffer with these sores - but, the Antichrist, the False Prophet and all the non-believers will be able to easily identify you. And they will hate you all the more! Of course, they could have known because you wouldn't have the Mark of the Beast either, so this is just confirmation. You won't be able to fake loyalty or sit on the proverbial fence any longer.

Second Bowl: The Sea Turns to Blood

[3]The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a dead person, ***and every living thing in the sea died.*** *Revelation 16:3*

Note that the 2nd Bowl completes the job the 2nd Trumpet began. **The remainder of all ocean/sea life now dies.** Note that is says "turned into blood." It is **actual blood** (like that of a dead person, actual blood). The smell must be horrendous from blood and dying sea creatures that will, no doubt, be floating on the top as they die. And, the food supply continues to diminish, probably causing increased starvation and death of humans and animals as well.

Third Bowl: More of the Rivers and Fresh Waters Turn to Blood

> *4 The third angel poured out his bowl on **the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood**. Revelation 16:4*

The 3rd Bowl continues the job the 3rd Trumpet began. Like the oceans/seas, more of the rivers and "springs of water" - likely ponds and lakes -- become actual blood. Again, the smell will be awful and air toxic from death and decay. This will kill fish, but it doesn't say that all the freshwater fish die. It will reduce the food supply once again. Worst of all, fresh water will become even more scarce but not non-existent as that would kill all remaining humanity - that is not God's plan.

Fourth Bowl: Men Are Scorched

> *8 The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and **the sun was allowed to scorch people with fire.** 9 They were seared by the intense heat and they **cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues**, but they refused to repent and glorify him. Revelation 16:8-9*

God either “dials up” the temperature of the sun or removes some of the ozone protection of the earth or something else of His choice, as He controls all nature. People will be scorched by the intensified heat of the sun - the ultimate painful sunburn. But they will still not acknowledge who God really is. These “people” have pledged their loyalty to the Antichrist and Satan and bear his “mark”, and they refuse to repent (to “turn around” - change their mind) and glorify God.

This seems to me to be the prelude to their upcoming and eternal Lake of Fire experience.

Please, I so pray you are not one of them. **If you are saved, help others - especially fellow believers and the Jewish people any way you can.**

Fifth Bowl: Darkness and Pain

> *10 The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in agony 11 and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done. Revelation 16:10-11*

The expression “on the throne of the beast and its kingdom” in Revelation 16:10 essentially means the earth. Remember that for now the Antichrist and False Prophet are the rulers of the world. They serve Satan who is the “prince of the air” right now. All of the earth becomes dark, and people are in great pain.

The people of the Antichrist have painful sores, incredible sunburn, can’t breathe the air because the air quality is so low, are starving and in much pain. I’m

not sure how much the Antichrist and False Prophet can do to eliminate this suffering. But, knowing the character of Satan, I doubt how much he would do much, if anything, in their behalf anyway. He hates humanity in general and the Jews and Christians the most. He is not loyal to anyone but himself. By now, all "evidence" of his charm and charisma are no doubt long gone; he has gotten much of what he wants - the loyalty of most remaining humans (all branded 666).

Many new believers in Jesus are now dead and living in heaven (see Seal #5 on page 30), but many are still alive and facing much of the horribleness of the earth right now. **Pray to focus on what is coming up soon; living in Garden of Eden-like conditions and a great reward from Jesus for persevering to the end. He has promised a special reward for you.**

Sixth Bowl: Euphrates Dried Up

12 The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East. 13 Then I saw three impure spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 14 They are demonic spirits that perform signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.

15 "Look, I come like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake and remains clothed, so as not to go naked and be shamefully exposed."

16 Then they gathered the kings together to the

place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon. Revelation 16:12-16

This is preparation for the final battle of good and evil **of this era** at Armageddon.

The “frogs” coming out of the mouth of the dragon (Satan), the beast (the Antichrist) and the False Prophet are **satanic demons.** They coerce the “whole world” to go to battle in an attempt to annihilate the Jews once and for all. No doubt the Antichrist and False Prophet have convinced most of the people of the earth that the Jews and “their God” are responsible for all their woes and that annihilation of the Jews will solve their problems (anti-semitism on steroids). It makes sense to me - but I can’t prove this. Of course, since they have pledged loyalty to the Antichrist, they will do his bidding anyway.

Some people from every nation on earth will participate with the Antichrist in this battle and every one of them will be killed. No one on the side of the Antichrist will survive. Jesus, Himself, will return to earth to win this final battle.

Most Bible scholars agree that this is a specific place in Israel. Megiddo was an ancient city located on a plain in the southwest portion of the Valley of Jezreel or Esdraelon, the site of several significant ancient battles.

The Euphrates River will dry up to give easy passage to those invading armies of the Antichrist.

Seventh Bowl: The Earth Utterly Shake & Huge Hailstones

> *17 The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying,* ***"It is done!"***
>
> *18 Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and* ***a severe earthquake****.* ***No earthquake like it has ever occurred since mankind has been on earth****, so tremendous was the quake.* *19* ***The great city*** **[Jerusalem]** ***split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed.*** *God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath.* *20* ***Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found.***
>
> *21 From the sky* ***huge hailstones****, each weighing about a hundred pounds, fell on people. And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible. Revelation 16:17-21*

I was thinking about the description here of the hailstones falling from the sky. If you happen to live somewhere that hailstorms don't occur, let me explain. A hailstone is essentially a rock made from ice that falls from the sky (mostly from clouds but not always). A very large hailstone is about the size of a baseball. It does a tremendous amount of damage to whatever it hits. If it hits something living, it can cause death. It can destroy large areas in a matter of minutes.

Consider the description of the size of the hailstones in this verse *21 From the sky* ***huge***

***hailstones**, each weighing about a hundred pounds, fell on people.*

A 100 lb (45 kg) hailstone would be about 18 inches (45 cm) in diameter if it were a perfect sphere of solid ice with no air. This is roughly 6 times the size of baseball-sized hail.

They will crush everything they hit - people, animals, plants, cars, airplanes, anything outside. And will do tremendous damage to buildings as well, breaking windows and doors and collapsing roofs. The verse doesn't say how many of these huge hailstones will fall at that time, how close together they will be or how long this hailstorm will last. But WOW...

AND the largest earthquake ever will occur at the same time. ***All the islands and mountains of the earth are no more.*** Although still a sphere, for the most part the earth will be "flattened" with virtually no hills and no mountains - pretty much the same elevation everywhere except Jerusalem - although damaged, it will remain elevated.

The preceding bowl judgments will be poured out in rapid succession during the second half of the Tribulation Period. How long each will last isn't specified unless the verse says so.

Then:

1. The Battle at Armageddon happens as Jesus returns to take possession of the earth and He will slay the armies gathered against Him simply by saying so. The "armies of heaven" will be with Him. This battle is not a single war, but the

culmination of multiple battles/wars the Antichrist has been waging for the past several years.

2. Birds will gather to feed on the massive carnage. No one on "Jesus side" will be hurt at all.

3. The Antichrist and the False Prophet will be captured and thrown alive into the Lake of Fire. They will be there **alone** for 1000 years.

4. The rest of the non-believers on the earth will be killed and sent to hell to await personal judgment at the Great White Throne 1000 years later.

5. Satan will be locked up in the Abyss - see Trumpet #5 - for 1000 years **but not yet sent to the Lake of Fire. No one ever leaves the Lake of Fire.**

After this, a 75-day period will exist until the beginning of the Millennial Kingdom. Many (good) things will happen during this transition period.

The earth will begin to heal itself (maybe all at once, maybe over a period of time, I don't know). The Bible says that "the desert will bloom, all animals will become vegetarians and won't kill each other or harm humans" etc. Perfect weather, no negative issues with animals, abundant food and plenty of fresh water, etc. will occur.

When Jesus returns to claim the royal throne on the earth, **I will be one of many with Him** and would be thrilled beyond measure to be reunited with you.

I hope and pray that you will be there waiting for us (if you aren't already in heaven with us) – as only true believers in Jesus Christ will survive at this point.

In the end, all non-believers will die (physically), be judged (later) and eventually be assigned to the Lake of Fire forever.

If you happen to die (physically) during these awful seven years BUT have accepted Jesus' incredible gift of salvation, you will be resurrected into a new and glorious body (like the one I now have), one that will never die again, nor have to experience pain, illness or suffering. Oh! And we won't grow old ever again! Small smile.

Our lives will have just begun!

Onward to the Millennial Kingdom with Jesus as our rightful Lord and King!

Praise His Holy Name Forever!

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

Last words of advice:

1. From Hebrews 4:7

   "Today, if you hear His voice,

   Do not harden your hearts."

2. Find others like yourself who will heed those words and live. You will need each other to survive. Find a few Bibles, read them together, pray, support and help one another. I promise it will be worth it!!

PS Be sure to support and help the Jews who will need it the most.

I will always love you



What's Next - The Millennial Kingdom

When you surrender control of your life to our King, Jesus, you will soon be joining the rest of us for a most exciting time, commonly known as the Millennial Kingdom. Jesus will be the King of all the earth and will rule in righteousness from Jerusalem. Allow me to give you a few "fun facts" about that time to encourage you in these dark days.

- An abundant supply of great food and fresh water
- No weeds, pests or decay of any kind to deal with
- Perfect weather all the time
- No fear of any animals
- Righteousness and true justice for all
- Great jobs and nice places to live
- No illness or any physical infirmities (no blindness, no deafness, no crippled limbs)
- No death for anyone who enters the kingdom on day one (remember: only people who have put their trust in Jesus and have NOT taken the Mark of the Beast will be allowed to enter)

So much more - sounds too good to be true, doesn't it?

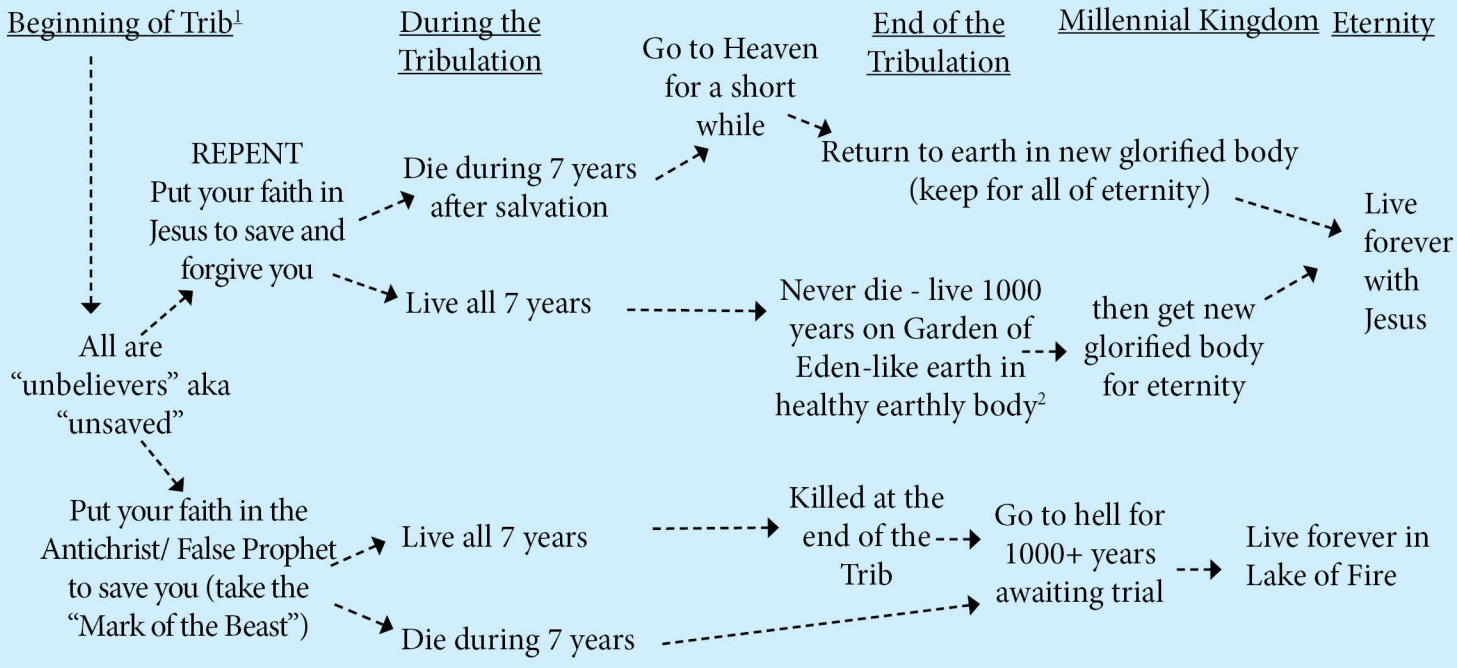
The Bible promises it for those who love God - I choose to believe the Bible. I hope you do too!

The chart on the next page should help you look across the timeline for individuals living during these seven years of Tribulation. Pay careful attention to the two then four groups of people categories during the Tribulation.

All true believers in Jesus as Messiah (Savior and King) were raptured just prior to the beginning of this period. All that remains to “enter” this 7-year period are “non-believers” - who had not placed their eternal faith in Jesus for the forgiveness of their sins.

As I mentioned in the early parts of this book, there is still time to do this - as long as you are alive and have not pledged your allegiance to the Antichrist. If you seriously ask God to reveal Himself to you - He promises to do so. Do it now ....

The Tribulation (7 Years on Earth)



[1]All believers have been raptured and do not live on earth during the tribulation.

[2]Survival of newly saved people will be of utmost importance as they will be the ones to have families in the Millennial Kingdom and repopulate the earth for 1000 years.

Salvation 101 –

A quick review of "Bible-ese"

Salvation – the act of being saved or spared from the punishment we all earn by sinning. We are saved or spared from this punishment because Jesus paid it for us through His death on the cross. The Bible says, *"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23.*

It's not that God just winks, looks the other way and says, "I forgive you." – Justice **requires** that the debt be paid. Jesus, as the Son of God AND sinless representative of humanity, took our place (yours and mine) on that cross. He paid your debt and my debt in full.

Death in the Bible is not annihilation, it is separation and, in this sense, an eternal separation from God and all that is good. To be separated (absent) from all that is good is to be present in all that is evil (the opposite). The Bible calls it "the Lake of Fire." You can do some research on that if you like but believe me NO ONE should WANT to be there.

Do you <u>want to be spared an eternity in the Lake of Fire</u>? Are you considering this right now? That's great news! That means that regardless of what you may think or feel, the reality is that the Holy Spirit of God is, right now, speaking to your heart and mind, encouraging you to consider this incredible gift of love. Otherwise, you would not even consider it. That's an actual fact you can "take to the bank."

> *[8]When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: John 16:8*

Don't believe me? Ask 12 people if they want to hear about what Jesus did on the cross and why He did it. Most will tell you, in one way or another, **NO!** If one or two say yes, you can be sure the Holy Spirit is wooing them (and you) right now!

So, what do you do now? Believe it, accept it, welcome it, by faith. The Bible says, *"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name" John 1:12*

[9]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. [10]For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. Romans 10:9-10

Salvation is by grace (unearned favor or gift) through faith.

Faith – the confidence or trust in someone or something. This is a conscience choice; an act of the will. We display acts of "faith" in our everyday lives, I'm sure you can think of some examples for yourself.

In the original Greek, four words are used to describe "faith" – the definitions are: to believe; to be persuaded of; to place confidence in; to trust in the sense of relying upon. The important issue here is **the object of this "faith"** – that "object" must be Jesus. Yeshua is His Hebrew name, which means to save or to deliver.

What does believe on His name mean? It means to choose to believe that Jesus really is the Son of God and the Savior who paid the penalty for YOUR sin, that He acted as your substitute by satisfying

the requirement of receiving your due punishment (... the "wages" of sin is spiritual death). Of course, this presupposes that you know you have committed many sins in your lifetime. Otherwise, you would have no need for Him at all.

You may have heard this discussed in the context of repentance. Let's take a quick look at that word. The actual Biblical meaning of repentance is simply "to change one's mind." It does not include a requirement of sorrow (although you may feel sorrow, it is not a requirement). So, how does it apply here? We have to go back to the concept of the object of one's faith. We must "change our mind/repent" about who the Savior is in order to be saved. Make sense? Think about what you thought about Jesus "before" and what you are considering right now? Are you "repenting" – changing your mind? Have recent events caused you to think and believe differently?

Consider the charts on the following pages

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.

John 3:16-18

SALVATION

	Requirements of Salvation	Expectation of Discipleship
Acknowledge sin and belief in Jesus as the only one who can save you from the punishment that sin earns.	Yes, you must believe it to be true and accept this "in your heart." Within "your heart" means "cardio" - at your core.	Yes, without this you are not "saved" – without salvation you cannot be a disciple.
Public Confession	No, you don't have to make a public "confession" of what you have done in your life or of your new thinking and faith. You don't have to go to the front of a church or anything like that, or recite a "sinner's prayer." Salvation is by faith in the heart of a person by the work of the Holy Spirit.	There is an expectation that <u>after</u> you have been saved you will WANT to tell others what the Lord, Jesus did for YOU on the cross that horrible day 2000 years ago. Your public confession of faith may help others come to the same conclusion. Many people are under the impression that they are "too bad" to be saved, that simply isn't true.
Sorrow or Shame	No, you don't have to feel deep sorrow or shame for your past. Again, although you may, you don't have to and failure to do so doesn't negate your salvation.	Once you are saved, it is likely that you will begin to feel deep shame and sorrow for the sins of your life. Use this as a starting point for rejoicing and thanksgiving, not as a place to remain "stuck" in the past. You are now free from the punishment for your sins.

	Requirements of Salvation	Expectation of Discipleship
Beg for Forgiveness	No, you don't have to beg God to forgive and save you – He wants to! That's why you are even thinking about it right now – He is wooing you out of His great mercy and love for you!	Jesus voluntarily died for you knowing your sins. He did it of His own free will. Now is the time for great joy, peace and thanksgiving. Now is the day to thank Him. Use your time wisely to do just that!
Surrender to His Lordship or Rulership	No, oddly enough, He doesn't even require that you officially surrender to His Lordship. He is Lord already, whether we admit it or not. But if you aren't really interested in acknowledging that, you may need to think about it a bit more. This is personal - between you and Him.	More than likely, you will want to surrender your life to His power and control, especially during times when you feel you have no control over yourself or your circumstances.
Water Baptism	No, you do not have to be water baptized to be saved. There are a few verses that seem to say this, but those verses must be taken in context, they were at a specific time when it was necessary so that others would know who was saved, it wasn't a requirement OF salvation.	Baptism is an outward or public statement of your faith and identification with Jesus as Lord. It is likely that you will want to be baptized and join with other believers in faith and fellowship. Do this as soon as it is practical if you want to make it clear to others of your great joy in the Lord.

So, you see, it is quite simple. Do you want to be saved? Then place your faith and trust in the One Who can save you – Jesus Christ – the Son of the living God, the One who died so YOU could live. He promises to save those who do.

Tribulation Period Sequence of Events*

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escape the wrath of God.
Humble yourself and accept the gift of

THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH
The revealing of the Antichrist (human, empowered by Satan)

1. White Horse - "Peaceful" conquest through negotiation	2. Red Horse - War and conflict on the earth and wanton bloodshed	3. Black Horse - famine/scarcity for all except the very rich	4. Pale (green) Horse - pestilence & plague - widespread death	5. Cry of the martyrs for God's divine justice	6. Great earthquakes - many will blaspheme God & try to hide from Him	7. Signifies the start of the next phase, the Trumpets.	1. 1/3 of the trees, vegetation and all grass burned (food supply)	2. 1/3 of the sea becomes blood, 1/3 of sea creatures & ships destroyed	3. 1/3 of the fresh water is made undrinkable & kills fish
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The 7-year Tribulation period begins when the Antichrist signs (or affirms) a covenant or treaty(ies), bringing peace to Israel and Jerusalem.

The Jewish Temple will be rebuilt in Jerusalem. A reunited Roman Empire will reemerge and form a 10-nation confederation known as "the group of ten."

The events of the seven "seals" begins. 144,000 Jewish believers will begin a great evangelistic ministry for Jesus Christ as their Messiah.

Two witnesses (prophets) supernaturally appear - they can't be hurt or killed until the end of their work. Then, they will be killed and left in the street for 3.5 days when they are raised from the dead and are taken back to heaven with everyone watching.

Sometime just prior or at the beginning, "Gog" and his allies will invade Israel while it is at peace. The coalition will be supernaturally decimated by God. (Gog is from the area in and around the old USSR.)

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4. 1/3 of the sun, moon & stars are darkened killing plants, food & more	5. Demons come up from the "bottomless pit" to torture those who do not love God for 5 months.	6. Four wicked angels are released, 1/3 of mankind is killed	7. Announcement from heaven	1. Ugly and painful sores will appear on those who accepted "the Mark "	2. The ocean will become polluted and all sea life will be killed	3. Fresh water is turned to blood and is undrinkable	4. The sun will grow very hot, people will be scorched by it	5. Antichrist attacked, empire is darkened, his people are in great pain	6. Euphrates River dries up, kings of east move towardArmageddon	7. Great earthquake, Babylon destroyed
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The Antichrist and False Prophet will require everyone to get his "mark" [666] on their forehead or hand to indicate allegiance. You will not be able to buy or sell anything without it **BUT DO NOT DO IT!** If you do, you will be doomed to hell forever. Trust God to provide for you! Or be willing to die and go immediately to heaven.

The Trumpet Judgments are unleashed throughout the middle part of the tribulation, the "Bowl Judgements" are near the end.

Knowing he has only a short time left, Satan intensifies his relentless, merciless persecution of the Jewish people and the Gentile believers on the earth.

Commercial Babylon is destroyed.

The campaign at Armageddon begins. Jesus returns to the Mount of Olives (Jerusalem) and slays the armies gathered against Him throughout the land.

Birds gather to feed on the carnage.

End of the Tribulation Period

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A 75-day period occurs prior to the beginning of the Millenial Kingdom.

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