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A **CHILLING** POSSIBILITY?



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Introduction

The following booklet is the result of my brother's, Philip Dunn, study of God's Word. He has spent countless hours listening to the scriptures and his study has led him to interesting and sometimes provocative conclusions concerning the chronology of end time events. These events will affect the entire world when Christ comes to establish His holy and righteous kingdom on the earth. I hope you will take the time to read his thoughts and propositions.

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Chapter One

“The Beginning”

Many Christians avoid and others ignore or mock the book of Revelation. Yet, this book has been part of the Bible for nearly 2000 years. The Apostle John, the only original disciple of Christ who escaped martyrdom, was given a revelation of the end of the world and beyond while a prisoner on the isle of Patmos late in the first century. Most of the early believers, including the Apostle Paul, expected the return of Christ in their lifetime. Jesus would often mention the last days and the great day of the Lord at the end of the world in His sermons. He would give signs to look for to mark the nearness of this dreadful season in the final chapter of the world before Christ’s millennium reign. There would be natural and catastrophic calamities, physical and spiritual maladies, false prophets and heretics, and persecutions and martyrdom for the believers. If that was not bad enough, Jesus also mentioned a global outbreak of wars, famine, pestilence, geological upheaval, and lawlessness like the world has never seen that would have destroyed everyone had the days not been shortened. Needless to say, most believers skim through these passages and move on to Christ’s command to love your neighbor as yourself, the need for prayer, and how to receive a bigger blessing. How can Christians pass by these intense warnings of Christ with little to no consideration?

One way many believers relegate these end time events in Revelation to a secondary position is through a special escape clause built into their doctrine: the pre-tribulation rapture. The pre-trib rapture teaching is what most evangelical and Pentecostal believers embrace. In a nutshell, the pre-trib rapture teaching is the belief that Christians will be taken out of the world just before the seven year tribulation begins. Where did this teaching originate? For more than seventeen centuries from the birth of the church, there was virtually no mention of a pre-trib rapture. The lone exception of which we have record, was a sermon by a late fourth century minister

named Ephraim the Syrian. His vague comments about Christians being removed before the coming judgment of the world did not appear to impact many during his lifetime. This teaching does not appear again until the mid-eighteenth century when a couple of ministers, Philip Doddridge (1738) and John Gill (1748), included references concerning a pre-trib rapture in their New Testament commentaries. What really reignited interest in a pre-trib rapture was a prophetic vision given to a young fifteen year old Scottish girl, Margaret MacDonald, around the year 1830. MacDonald, who claimed to have a special insight into the Second Coming, was neither a scholar nor a theologian but she was deeply committed to Christ.

John Nelson Darby, considered the father of Dispensationalism and a prominent member of the Plymouth Brethren out of England, was impacted by this prophetic vision. He embraced this prophecy and began to incorporate it into his teaching and writings. Darby and other Plymouth Brethren ministers greatly influenced the Church in America concerning the pre-trib rapture. This teaching quickly caught on in the mainstream denominations. This was a paradigm shift from the mindset of the early church, which was influenced by Christ's teaching on the blessing that accompanies those who lay down their lives for the gospel's sake as recorded in books such as *The Foxes Book of Martyrs*. The early Christians were prepared to suffer whatever lay before them.

As America became established as a stable and comfortable nation, the mindset of suffering for the cross began to fade. With all these fresh insights of the end times, there was a rebirth of interest in the book of Revelation as well as in eschatology. Charts were developed and explanations began to abound concerning the book of Revelation. This once relatively unread portion of the scripture became the focus of a nation. As preachers and teachers traveled the country sharing the message of end time events that the book of Revelation predicted would shortly come, there was no undue stress or concern for the believer because the rapture would save them in the nick of time. But is this truly the case? It would not be the first time that faulty information caused calamity. Even after the Titanic had struck the massive iceberg, the passengers were continually assured that everything would be okay. Eventually, over sixteen hundred passengers from every station of life lost their lives partly because of a faulty assumption.

The pre-trib teaching was a cardinal belief in our home. My grandfather was a minister, as was my father. My father spent nearly sixty years as an evangelist traveling throughout America as well as around the world. When I was two years old, my father started having an annual camp meeting in Dayton, Ohio. Some of these meetings would last eight weeks through the summer. From my earliest memories, I recall my father taking at least



one of those weeks and preaching through the book of Revelation. In the nearly forty years that my father held those meetings in Ohio, I heard the familiar pre-trib promise many times. As a matter of fact, every minister I was associated with in my early years promoted the same promise. I simply embraced this teaching because the people in whom I believed, and the church with which I was affiliated, accepted this as the truth. I know there are several different views concerning this important subject, but the main teaching accepted by the majority of believers continues to be pre-trib. I was a firm pre-trib supporter well on my way to becoming a third generation pre-trib preacher. That was until my first semester in Bible College when an upperclassman's question caused me to ponder and reconsider this popular teaching.

Chapter Two “The Question”

Most of us prefer to bypass difficult challenges or problems. Many major cities have bypasses to avoid traffic jams and rush hour gridlock. It is human nature to try to circumvent things that are boring or unpleasant. CliffsNotes™ assist us in reading a book without really reading it. Everything from instant coffee to instant meals via the microwave helps us avoid time consuming preparations. Consider how many times those last three bites of broccoli stood between you and your mom's special dessert! The family dog was never loved more than when he assisted you in obtaining the sweet prize with minimal vegetable consumption. So for the most part, sad to say, many Christians are looking for the shortest route to heaven once they have fulfilled all of the dreams and ambitions for their life.

My particular journey on this quest for life's truth took me South. The Bible College I attended was located in central Florida, about one thousand miles from the country roads of West Virginia where I was raised. With an east coast beach and a west coast beach nearby, my thoughts were not on the end of the world. I had always been taught the Lord could come back at any time, so I wanted to maximize my educational and recreational opportunities in this sunny paradise before the rapture snatched me up to heaven where according to Revelation 21:2, there were no more beaches.

One afternoon while sitting around in the cafeteria, the subject of the last days came up. As a freshman, I had not taken any of the classes dealing with end times, but with my intense exposure to the book of Revelation



from the earliest days of my youth, I felt qualified to participate. When one of the upperclassmen asked the question, “Why do you think there will be a great falling away in the last days?” Several of us offered the standard scriptures, sin abounding, the love of pleasure more than God, and some other random reasons drawn from scriptures concerning the last days. It was then he posed the question I had never even considered. “What if all of your life you had been taught that the rapture would take place before the seven year tribulation began and then you wake up one day and find yourself seeing events mentioned in the book of Revelation that were supposed to happen after you were gone? What would you think?”

Now before you cast this little booklet into the sea of forgetfulness, take a moment and consider a chilling possibility – that is, the possibility that the rapture may not occur until the mid-tribulation period. Most of the discussion on the rapture deals with pre-trib or post-trib. You can see either one of these if you squint hard enough. What does the Great Tribulation look like anyway? There are a few things most believers agree on. For example, the great tribulation is a literal seven year period. Next, according to Ezekiel 38 and 39, the battle where Gog and Magog attack Israel is the starting point for the seven year period and the battle of Armageddon is the final event of this turbulent time. Also, there will be a rebirth of the Roman Empire from which the anti-Christ will emerge. There will be seven seals, trumpets, and bowls. Finally, most believers accept the fact that the great tribulation is broken up into two distinct three and a half year periods.

If you embrace the pre-trib teaching, as most American believers do, you do not even need to have extra batteries for your flashlight and portable radio, no dried food, bottled water, or that bulky survival book that shows you how to turn tree bark into jerky. One moment you are here on planet earth and in a twinkling of an eye you are in heaven out of the reach of the anti-Christ and those pesky little creatures that come out of the bottomless pit. On the other hand, if you are a post-trib believer, you will need all of the aforementioned items and probably much more. However, what would happen if there was a combination of rapture opportunities?

Consider this: you do not carry a spare tire because you expect to have a flat. The rationale behind the spare tire is being prepared for the unexpected. It is the unprepared that face the greatest potential challenge. The post-trib believers probably have way too many spare tires and survival gear stashed in the trunk. The pre-trib believers do not sense any need except an energy drink and some sun screen. What is around that next curve just before us? Are you prepared for it?

Chapter Three

“Say It Isn’t So”

Most believers pretty much lump the two halves of the tribulation days into one massive moment of chaos and difficulty. The truth is, they are as different as day and night. The first three and a half years have much of what we have dealt with for the last two thousand plus years. If indeed the battle of Gog and Magog initiate the beginning of the great tribulation days according to Ezekiel 38-39, it will be a short war that will decimate Russia and the Arabic military and economy.

When you look in Revelation 6, you will find the opening of six seals. The first four seals point to a battle which affects one-fourth of the world. One quarter of the world’s land mass is roughly the same size as Russia, the Arabic nations that surround Israel and northern Africa, and is, I believe, the “one-fourth” mentioned in Revelation 6. These are the nations mentioned in the battle of Gog and Magog according to Ezekiel 38-39. This will not be a long drawn out conflict as the invaders, in a state of confusion, begin to slay each other. God will send massive one hundred pound hail stones to finish the job. Ezekiel mentions that the Jewish people will not have to cut trees down for fuel for seven years because of the flammable debris left behind that will be scattered across the land, left over from the defeated invading forces. This fuel will last the Jewish people for seven years or for the entire tribulation period.

The rest of this first section of the tribulation days will involve the anti-Christ coming to power and establishing his control. He will quickly negotiate a seven year peace treaty with Israel and the badly wounded Arabic nations. This successful unification of these once arch enemies will thrust the anti-Christ into the limelight as a super politician. His charismatic personality will make him an overnight celebrity. My question is, “Why does the church need to be airlifted before these three and a half years are complete?” These will be days of recovery and celebration in the world because peace is finally budding in the Middle East; only the Christians will begin to discern the true meaning of what is happening.

The American Christian simply does not want to believe that he will have to endure extreme hardship which could end in martyrdom. There are approximately 250,000 Christians who are martyred worldwide every year. Why should American believers be spared persecution when other



Christians around the globe deal with it every day? My greatest concern is the bulk of American Christians are not prepared nor do they believe they will have to suffer. This makes believers in America more vulnerable to falling away, which is the main reason for this booklet.

An event early in my ministry helped me to see the danger of this mindset and the potential devastation that could result from it. I held a three week revival in New York City back in the mid-1980s. There was an elderly Jewish lady who assisted the pastor and his wife, and sometimes in the afternoon we would talk about life. On one occasion, she told me her story of being raised in Germany before WWII. Her father was a banker and her uncle was a prominent jeweler. She showed me a picture of her as a young girl standing in front of her family's home. It was a huge mansion that had several stories. She enjoyed all the amenities and pleasures that life could provide in those early days. She told how Hitler systematically demoralized the Jewish people. Even though most of her family had lived in Germany for many centuries, the anti-Semitism began to grow at rates her family had never seen before. Her uncle tried to persuade her father to leave Germany for America, but her father was sure this current wave of anti-Semitism would fade as others had. She and her brother left Germany for America with their uncle in the early thirties. By the time Hitler's "final solution" was made clear to the remaining Jews, it was too late to leave. All of her remaining family perished in concentration camps.

There is a distinct similarity in the way Christians have been marginalized and attacked in the last few decades. Christianity is being associated more and more with Islamic extremists. There were many signs along the way that revealed Hitler's plan to eliminate the Jews and other undesirables. As Hitler was a popular leader who offered hope to a troubled nation, the charismatic anti-Christ will offer hope for a troubled world. As Hitler targeted the Jewish people, the anti-Christ will attack Christians as a hindrance to his progressive policies. There are several events that must take place before the anti-Christ will be empowered to begin his "final solution." Some will be watching and survive, most will ignore the obvious warnings and fall away. What should we be looking for anyway?

Chapter Four

“A Thief in the Night”

Jesus would often warn His listeners to be aware of the times. He mentioned on several occasions that the Son of God would return as a thief in the night. Since no man knows the day or the hour of Christ’s return, this “anytime return” theory has become the watch word for the church since the mid-nineteenth century. I fully understand Christ’s admonition to watch and pray, but does the thief in the night warning apply to the last day Christian? According to 1 Thessalonians 5:4, Paul reminds the Christian, “But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.” A few verses before this, Paul tells the believer that there is no need for him to teach them about the times and the seasons again because it would be as obvious as a woman’s pregnancy.

Those who are ignoring current and coming events will be like a woman who, by disregarding the obvious growth of her child in the womb, is surprised by sudden labor pains. If you have ever been around an apple tree during the growing season, you have an idea when the apple will be ripe enough to eat. You may not be able to guess the exact day ahead of time but as you watch its colors and size change, the day comes when you reach up and it falls off into your hand. The Lord always works in the fullness of time. You cannot pick an apple when there are only blossoms. This is why the “anytime rapture” theory is flawed. For example, until the introduction of the satellite, it would have been impossible for the world to watch in real time as the two witnesses, mentioned in the book of Revelation 11, lay dead on the streets of Jerusalem for three and a half days.

The rapture could not have occurred in my grandfather or father’s early time; however, there are several factors that are already in place in order for the events in the book of Revelation to take place. The development of the computer allows the creation of direct deposits and international banking. This is key to the future one world monetary system and government that will be established. The technology is now in place for microchips to be implanted in a person’s body; hand, forehead or elsewhere. This will be the future process by which people will conduct their business. This will include simple and complex purchases, unlocking their front doors and starting their cars. All vital information will be encoded on this chip. Cash, checks, credit cards, and files of information will no longer be necessary to take care of one’s affairs. A simple scanner can retrieve and appropriate



the needed information. This will greatly reduce the black market and the transactions of illegal drugs and such. Since the discerning Christians will refuse to use this mode of exchange, they will survive by using the barter system. Many Christians who have been used to instant gratification will struggle with the hardship this will create. Sad to say, many will fail to recognize the obvious demonic alliance with the mark of the beast and this convenient chip and exchange their eternal life for some temporal comfort. There will be preachers who will declare that this is a harmless technological gizmo that has nothing to do with the mark of the beast.

Much like the churches that have twisted scripture to embrace abortion and homosexuality as being acceptable from a biblical perspective, many will put their approval on this dark device in a similar manner. This is why Paul challenges Christians to endure hardness as a soldier and not be entangled in the world's way. With these critical last day puzzle pieces in place, what other elements are needed to complete the picture for the rapture to occur?

Chapter Five “Ten Toes”

After WWII, there was a push to create a unified Europe. The recent world war had created such desolation that a dream of a European community began to be discussed. The idea of a United States of Europe based on the American model seemed feasible.

After centuries of European infighting and intense nationalist ideals, how would a European union come together? What would it look like and most important, who would be in charge? It had been over one thousand years since the last truly great world empire had breathed its last gasp. The once invincible Roman juggernaut faded from the scene leaving little nations to rise and fall in its wake. No other country has wielded worldwide power, control, and authority since Rome's demise. In the mid-1950's, there were three European nations that banded together to form a trade agreement. This was the beginning of the now powerful and growing European Union. As of this writing, there are 27 nations that make up this union with others waiting in the wings to join.

This brings us to an important part of the last days' puzzle. In Daniel 2, Nebuchadnezzar, ruler of Babylon, had a dream in which he saw an image that was a glimmering statue made from various metals; gold, silver, bronze, iron and feet of iron and clay mixed. This image represented the five

great empires that would mark the span of time between Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom and the return of Christ.

The golden head represents Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom. The silver chest and arms represent the Medes and the Persian Empires that would follow. The brass belly and thighs represent Alexander the Great and the Greeks. The legs of iron represent the mighty Roman Empire. Each of these kingdoms have come and gone. In one dream, the Lord revealed the last great empires before Christ establishes His kingdom. Over twenty-five centuries have passed since Nebuchadnezzar's dream. The prophecies concerning these empires have been fulfilled, except one on which we will now focus.

The last part of the image was the feet and toes made of iron mixed with clay (you can find details of the history of the previous four empires in history books and Bible dictionaries). Yet, there is no past kingdom that correlates with the ten toes of iron mixed with clay. This kingdom is believed to be the rebirth of the old Roman Empire. That is what makes the current European Union so interesting. The countries that make up the European Union are a large part of what the old Roman Empire consisted. The fact that this last great kingdom will be made up of iron and clay which does not adhere very well, reveals the challenges it will encounter in order to remain unified. Even now, the European Union struggles with its attempts to forge a constitution that is agreeable to the other nations involved.

Somehow, these twenty plus nations will have to form ten regions in the near future. Daniel 7 and Revelation 13 both mention ten horns on the beast that represent a federation of ten kingdoms or regions. According to scripture, the anti-Christ will emerge in the midst of this collection of ten rulers. Until the European Union develops this ten region concept and increases in worldwide stature, the anti-Christ cannot rise to power. With this in mind, it is interesting how the Euro continues to rise in value and the dollar is diminished. There will be a definite shift of wealth and power to the European Union. The fact that America is nowhere mentioned in eschatology amazes most folks born in the good ole USA. To think that there will be a day that America is not number one is hard to swallow. Actually, just after September 11, 2001, with the loss of the World Trade Center, there was talk of moving the center for the world banking system to Europe. This is not an unrealistic possibility. Either through national bankruptcy or military/terrorism attack, America will soon have to forfeit its place as a world leader.

As hard as it is to believe, one day the European Union will be the central point of power, authority, commerce, and control. In Revelation



18, Babylon the Great actually is, I believe, the European Union. Its destruction will cripple the world economy because of the power and commerce that will be disrupted and lost toward the end of the tribulation days. At this point though, the stage is being set in order for the final great world empire to be established according to prophecy. The main player in this last day scenario is the anti-Christ. As I write, the anti-Christ is slowly moving his way up the political ladder somewhere in Europe. As Jesus spent his first thirty years in relative obscurity, so the anti-Christ will focus these silent years perfecting his craft.

Jesus operated under a holy anointing. The anti-Christ will be led and em-powered by an unholy anointing. As Satan appears as an “angel of light” the anti-Christ will appear as a man of peace and compassion. His thrust into the limelight will be at the conclusion of the brief battle of Gog and Magog where he will broker a peace agreement in the Middle East. With the European community taking on a stronger Middle Eastern flavor, it is possible that the anti-Christ will have a genetic Arabic connection. He may even be part Jewish which would influence the Jewish community to see him as the Messiah. His supernatural solutions to the worldwide upheaval following the battle of Gog and Magog will impress even his critics. As for his compassionate side, his response to the great need that will arise in the world following this battle will boost him to the top of the list of caring leaders.

Since America is an ally of Israel, there will have to be some type of preemptive attack by Russia before the war on Israel begins. America will be paralyzed by either a nuclear exchange or an electromagnetic pulse nuclear device. With the American way of life so dependent on computers, an “EMP” would reduce our great nation to a third world country in minutes with neither electricity nor running water. The anti-Christ will promote a “reverse Marshall Plan” to assist this once great nation in its desperate need. This act of compassion will endear the anti-Christ to much of the world and give him a platform that will propel him as a coming world leader.

The anti-Christ will use the first three and a half years to establish his superior leadership ability. He will be embraced as someone the world has been waiting for; a true savior of humanity and planet earth. The world will see his support for justice and generosity but the Bible reveals his heart and the dark plans he will enact once he assumes power. The ideals that Germany embraced under Adolf Hitler, the world will embrace in the coming of the anti-Christ. Before you can launch a rocket, you must first have a launching pad in place. The ten regions of the European Union must be in place before the anti-Christ can make his move under Satan to



initiate the final climax before Christ sets up His kingdom. Besides this very important piece of the last days' puzzle, only one other remains.

Chapter Six “The Black Gold of Israel”

One important misunderstanding of the Jews throughout history is the combining of the two comings of Christ the Messiah into one event. There are over three hundred references concerning the coming of the Messiah. Some deal with His initial coming as a babe in a manger to grow up and become the final sacrifice for the sins of humanity. The other verses reveal Christ's return as King of Kings and Lord of Lords to set up His kingdom on planet earth. Since Jesus did not fit the complete revelation in his first coming, He was rejected as a fraud. Many expected the coming Messiah to overthrow the Roman Empire and establish His kingdom then and there. Because the Jewish people combined these two events, they missed their hour of visitation.

There is a similar misunderstanding among Christians today. Many Christians combine the battle of Gog and Magog in Revelation 20 with the battle of Gog and Magog revealed in Ezekiel 38-39. If the clear difference between these two battles is not recognized, a critical clue to the beginning of the Tribulation Days will be missed. One main detail we must consider is the aftermath of each of these battles. After the Ezekiel 38-39 battle, the Jewish people will collect and burn the implements of war for seven years. Also, five-sixth of the armies of Gog and Magog will be destroyed in this first battle. Following the Revelation 20 battle of Gog and Magog, which occurs after the millennium reign, not only is the entire army wiped out but the Great White Throne is set up for the last judgment of the world. God has always given hints for which to look that precede coming events. Once the new Roman Empire is established, which is the European Union that will eventually be divided into ten regions, the change in Israel's status from a needy nation to an abundant provider is the other big piece to this last days' puzzle. The question is why would Russia, Gog, want to fight Israel? We understand the hatred the Arab nations have towards Israel but why would Russia risk everything to invade Israel with a confederation of Arab nations?

There are two areas in the Old Testament that I believe reveal the answer to this question. In Genesis 49, we see where Jacob blessed his sons just before he died. He literally told his sons what was in their future. In verse 25, Jacob mentions a blessing for Joseph above and in the deep. These

are but a few of the blessings Jacob proclaims over Joseph in his latter days. In Deuteronomy 33:13, Moses also mentions a blessing for Joseph in the deep. In verse 24, Moses declares that Asher will dip his foot in oil. There is another reference that declares Joseph's head will be anointed. Geographically, there is an area where Asher actually "dips down" into the area designated to Joseph. Although oil has never been discovered in Israel, several oil companies have acknowledged that their research in the mid-seventies, revealed it is very probable that there is oil in the northern region of Israel. More recently, according to material published by Zion Oil and Gas, Inc., the U.S. Geological Survey released a report in April, 2010, suggesting that there may be 1.7 billion barrels of recoverable oil, and 122 trillion cubic feet of recoverable gas in this area. Due to the political instability of this region of Israel at that time, the exploration for oil was not pursued. At this writing, there are several oil companies drilling for oil in the region mentioned in Genesis and Deuteronomy. How would this effect Russia? A large part of Russia's revenue is derived from its oil and natural gas resources. When Israel discovers multiple billions of barrels of oil in the deep, this will put a crimp in Russia's and the Arab nations' monopoly of the petroleum market. Suddenly, there will be another oil provider in town and for a season gas will be much cheaper. The hatred and envy from the Arabs will increase as the petrol dollars flow into Israel. I am not certain how long before armed conflict will occur once oil has been discovered, but I do believe the serious plotting of Israel's demise will include Russia after this discovery.

One other interesting thought to ponder concerning the blessing of Israel is the hidden treasure. Between 1947 and 1957 multiple clay jars were found in caves lining the hillsides along the Dead Sea. In these jars were scrolls. Some were records of current events around the time of Christ and others were actual copies of Old Testament scriptures. There was one scroll that was made of copper and spoke of over sixty places where the temple treasure was hidden. There is a companion scroll that has not yet been found that will give clearer locations of the hidden treasure. In 1 Chronicles 22:14, we read where King David had reserved billions of dollars in gold and silver from his conquests of surrounding nations for the building of Solomon's Temple. It is estimated that only five percent of this stash was actually needed for the gold and silver implements which adorned that magnificent structure.

Somewhere scattered throughout the land of Israel are stashes of gold and silver, which I believe one day will be used to assist in the construction of the third temple. The only hindrance at this time is the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem, which is situated on the Temple Mount property. I



believe part of the fallout from the first Gog and Magog war which initiates the tribulation days will be the destruction of this mosque. After this occurs, the reclamation of the Temple Mount by the Jewish nation will happen and the Temple construction will begin. The technology is available today, which I believe will allow Israel to have a fully completed temple including daily sacrifices within one year. This will be the site where the anti-Christ will offer a sacrifice declaring himself to be God midway through this seven year tribulation period.

Just prior to this event, the sixth of seven seals is opened in Revelation 6. Several events occur after the opening of this sixth seal. One major event is an influx of people into Heaven from every nation, kindred, and tongue that no man can number. These are dressed in white robes waving palms and worshipping God as He sits on the throne. When the Apostle John inquires as to whom these saints are, he is informed that these are they who have come out of great tribulation. Is it possible that this sixth seal in-gathering is a true rapture?

Chapter Seven “Going Home”

One of the traditional verses used for pre-trib proponents is found in Revelation 4 when John hears a voice from heaven instructing him to “come up.” What follows is a scene from the throne room of God. There is a description of the majesty of God in all of His radiant splendor. We are then introduced to the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures. Yet there is no mention of the worldwide in-gathering of the children of God. If this is indeed the time God’s people have entered heaven, where are they? In the following chapter, there is still no sign of the raptured masses.

The next scene in chapter five reveals God with a book in His right hand. This book has seven unopened seals. At first no one is found who is able to open the book which causes John to weep much. Then one of the elders comforts John by declaring that there is one found who is worthy to open the book. John then sees a lamb standing before the throne as one slain. This is the Lion of the tribe of Judah who has prevailed and is worthy to open the seals. This, of course, is Jesus Christ who conquered Satan at Calvary. He is now ready to initiate the final segment of history that will finish man’s rule of the earth. When Jesus takes the book out of God’s hand, suddenly all of heaven erupts in spontaneous worship and



praise. They declare with a shout, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and glory and honor and blessing.” The bulk of these worshipers are the angelic host. John attempts to guess at their number by saying there were ten thousands time ten thousands and thousands of thousands. Obviously there were a whole lot of angels worshiping the Lord Jesus and God the Father. As Jesus opens the first seal, the clock begins ticking on the seven year tribulation season.

We have already discussed these first four seals, which I believe refer to the battle of Gog and Magog mentioned in Ezekiel 38-39. This short but very destructive war initiates the beginning of the tribulation days and eliminates Russia and the Arabic nations militarily and economically for a season as well as giving the anti-Christ a platform to rise in influence. When the sixth seal is opened, several events occur. One of these is a scene from the throne room. Suddenly, there is a massive group of people which appear dressed in white raiment waving palms and worshiping the Lord. They cry out, “Salvation to our God, who sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb.” This multitude is made up of every nation, kindred, people, and tongue. Because of the largeness of this group, John does not even attempt to count them and simply declares their number to be innumerable. John’s rough estimate for the angels is somewhere in the hundreds of millions, so this group of saints must be well over a billion strong. There is not another reference in the book of Revelation that mentions a huge number of diverse believers like this group showing up in heaven. When the elder asks John who these people are, John has no idea. The elder then explains that these are those who have come out of great tribulation and have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb. It would be easy to confuse them with the martyrs like those who are crying out for justice under the throne of God mentioned in the opening of the fifth seal. But these are not martyrs who shed their own blood; these are blood-washed saints. They have been cleansed by the blood of the Lamb.

On the other hand, the martyrs under the throne are comforted when God responds to their question concerning the time when they would be avenged on the earth. God tells them that they should rest a little while until their fellow servants AND their brethren which will be killed as they were should be fulfilled. This is talking about two groups of people. One group is the fellow servants and the other group is those who will be killed as those under the throne of God were. After this, the worldwide evacuation takes place. Even though many Christians will be martyred, the bulk will not be. Nevertheless, the elder tells John these which have

been raptured will never hunger, thirst, or be exposed to the intense sun and heat again. So there will be extreme times for Christians during these first three and a half years. Since there is no other explanation for this massive in-gathering, I call this the “sixth seal rapture” which occurs somewhere near the center of the seven year time period.

Having said that, I must admit that there appears to be another rapture at the end of the seven year tribulation period. Is this a possibility? Have we been overtaken by the same delusion that the early Jewish people walked in when they stood firm in their belief that there would be only one coming of the Messiah? What authority has determined that there can only be one catching away? Could this be another double duty reference?

Chapter Eight “Double Duty”

As I have searched the scriptures for clues to the last days’ puzzle, I have found an interesting pattern. The Lord challenges the reader to understand what they read. You cannot gloss over the book of Revelation, the gospels, the epistles, Daniel, Ezekiel, Zachariah, and other scriptures and expect to have a clearer insight into what is coming. God has left many clues to follow but most Christians rarely do the needed research to mine the truth buried in the scriptures concerning the last days. Unlike the man in Matthew 13, who found a great treasure hidden in a field and sold everything he had to buy the field, many Christians simply overlook golden nuggets of truth in the scripture never realizing their value or simply disregarding the clear message because it does not fit their theology. Sad to say, for most of my life, I was one of those undiscerning folks. I simply bought into the company line and focused on becoming a better Christian and challenging others to do the same. This is not a bad thing, but it does not prepare us for the journey ahead.

My thought has always been, “What could I add to what the scholars have already said about this seemingly mysterious and complex book in the Bible?” Then one day my wife and daughter, Suzette and Sarah, challenged me about never preaching on the book of Revelation. I assured them that it was pretty intense and we should focus on more practical subjects. They would not let up so I decided to take a few weeks in Sunday night services and do an overview of the book of Revelation. Little did I know what that journey would open up to me.

Due to challenges with my vision, to do research, I had to listen to these key books of the Bible, and have done so over and over. As I spent hours listening to the Word, I began to see things as I had never seen them before. One of the things that stood out to me was the pattern that began to emerge that took me by surprise. There were a number of references with dual meanings. This is illustrated by the prophecies concerning the coming Messiah. Many Jews misunderstood these prophecies and as result rejected Christ at his coming. They expected a babe born to a virgin who would rise up and throw off the invading powers that held Israel captive and reign as the supreme King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Yet the Jewish people missed the double message, which cost them their hour of visitation.

Then I stumbled across another double; the battle of Gog and Magog. Many people combine these two references, Ezekiel 38-39 and Revelation 20, into one battle at the end of the age. As I listened to the biblical passages concerning these two battles over and over, I realized that although there were some similarities, the final results were different. It would be like the Dallas Cowboys playing the Pittsburgh Steelers. These two teams have played against each other for years. Even though there can be several similarities like the names of players at certain positions, if the score at the end of the game is different, it cannot be the same game. The end of the Ezekiel 38-39 battle leaves five-sixth of the invading armies destroyed providing a seven year supply of flammable material. The end of the Revelation 20 battle leaves none of the invading forces alive and the setting up of the Great White Throne Judgment. These cannot be the same battle. This qualifies the battle of Gog and Magog as another biblical reference with double duty meaning.

Another one is found as you read through the book of Revelation. There are several references describing a horrific earthquake. Yet as we take a closer look, is it possible that this is actually two events? The first reference to a worldwide earthquake is found at the opening of the sixth seal in Chapter 6:12-17. The other mention of a worldwide earthquake is found in Revelation 16:17-21. *Some of the similarities between these two earthquakes are, both will impact the entire world, the islands and mountains will both be affected, and the light of the sun and moon will be temporarily obscured.* But a closer inspection clearly reveals these are two different events.

The sixth seal earthquake shakes the mountains and islands out of their place, but leaves them intact and the people of the earth hide within the caves and rocks from the sight of Him who sits on the throne in heaven. They are dreading the wrath which is to come. Whereas in the Revelation



16 earthquake, the islands fled away and the mountains are not found which leaves no place for the people to hide, not from God who sits on His throne, but from the sight of the Son of God who is coming in the clouds with His army of saints, and the cities of the world will have been totally destroyed.

This Revelation 6 earthquake is described as one like the world has never seen since the beginning of creation. As one would shake an etch-a-sketch and erase a drawing, the cities and monuments of the world will lay in a heap of rubble much like the smoldering mound of twisted metal and concrete at ground zero in New York City on September 11, 2001. Now enlarge that image of that pile of rubble beyond those few blocks and visualize the entire city of New York one massive heap of battered buildings. The entire infrastructure of the world communities will need a total rebuild much like Dresden, Germany, after the fire bombings during WWII. No place on planet earth will be spared the devastating impact of this massive earthquake.

I believe Zachariah 14 describes the total altering of the earth's topography, which may occur when Jesus touches His foot down on Mt. Olivet at His return and the mount divides to the north and the south creating a great valley where a river of water will flow to the east and west. Obviously by this time, the wrath of God has already come.

This last earthquake happens after the six trumpets have sounded and the six bowls have been poured out. This event also follows the raising from the dead of the two recently martyred witnesses after a 42 month ministry assignment is completed which begins during the middle of the tribulation days. Also, the seventh bowl has been poured out and a voice from heaven cries out, "It is done."

In Matthew 24:29, Jesus describes this event as happening at the end of the tribulation days. This is another double duty reference. It was while I was looking into the two earthquakes that I discovered an interesting fact. I had always assumed the seven seals, trumpets, and bowls were executed chronologically. I soon realized the seventh trumpet was the last event which heralded the end of the age and the final return of Christ. This last trumpet sounding brought to light the most challenging double duty reference I had come across thus far. In Revelation 10:5-7, a great angel stands with one foot on the sea and another one on the land declaring with his hand lifted toward heaven that the end of the age had come. Immediately following this, the trumpet sound of the seventh angel is heard and it is proclaimed that the mystery of God should be finished as it had been declared to the prophets.



It was becoming obvious to me that this last trumpet was marking the end of the tribulation days and the beginning of Christ's reign. This is confirmed in Revelation 11:14-15 when after the sounding of the seventh trumpet it is declared that the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ and He shall reign forever and ever. As I began to ponder this trumpet sounding at the end of the age and as Christ sets up His kingdom, I thought about other last day verses that included a trumpet blast. One of the key pre-trib rapture scriptures is 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 which declares, "For the Lord shall descend from heaven with a shout with the voice of the arch angel and with the trump of God and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air." Another key pre-trib rapture scripture is found in Matthew 24:30-31. This reference also deals with the appearing of the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. "And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

I began to realize that these end of the age "clips" were all references to the same event. Even as the four gospels portray the life and ministry of Christ, these verses did not deal with separate events but the same one from different perspectives. One may debate the random sounding of a trumpet but when you look at 1 Corinthians 15:50-51 you cannot help but realize that this is the seventh trumpet.

The book of Revelation was written after Paul was martyred so his inspired insights are from the visions he had during his ministry years. In chapter fifteen Paul declares a mystery that we shall not all sleep but we shall be changed in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye at the LAST trump. Paul goes on to affirm that the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed. These are the same portrayals of Christ's return. There are those that simply will refuse to acknowledge what seems to be an obvious connection between these events, but that will never change the fact that the last trumpet cannot sound before the tribulation days begin. The last trumpet is the same trumpet that sounded in each of these references concerning Christ's return.

Having connected the trumpet verses as a single event, we now need to determine who will be caught up in this final rapture. So who are these saints mentioned in this final return of Christ? At the opening of the sixth seal, one of the events mentioned is the description of a great angel proclaiming the sealing of the servants of God in their foreheads. The number of these evangelists is 144,000. The sealed saints are Jewish



believers from the twelve tribes of Israel. I believe their mission is to evangelize the Jewish people during the last half of the tribulation days.

As the last twenty centuries have predominantly focused on the conversion of the gentiles, the last evangelistic thrust will be mainly toward reaching the Jewish people for Jesus. That does not mean others cannot be saved but the majority of converts will be those with Jewish heritage during this last three and a half year part of the tribulation days. Some estimate that there are over sixty million people with Jewish heritage scattered throughout South America alone whose ancestors fled The Spanish Inquisition. These and other Jewish folk around the world will be a prime target of these evangelists.

I believe the current events at this point in history including the disappearance of over a billion believers in the sixth seal rapture and a sudden deadly anti-Semitic mindset of the recently raised from the dead anti-Christ will soften the hearts of the Jewish people toward the gospel of Jesus Christ.

It is those that embrace this message of Jesus Christ as the coming Messiah that will make up this second in-gathering. Just before Christ's final return, we read in Revelation 19:7-9 of the marriage supper of the Lamb and the wedding of the Lamb of God and His bride who has been arrayed in fine linen, clean and white. It seems obvious that these folks which are about to be raptured will not be at this particular event.

Where do we find them in scripture? In Luke 12:36-39 we read where Jesus admonishes the hearers to gird up their loins and keep their lights burning and be like men that wait for their Lord when He will return from the wedding. Is it possible that these watching for their Lord's return from the wedding are the Jewish converts living in the last part of the tribulation days? Jesus goes on to pronounce a blessing on those who will be watching when He comes. Christ's return to earth is immediately after this wedding in Chapter 19. I believe that these that will be caught up at this final return will be those who have received Christ as the true Messiah during the last part of the tribulation days. The former saints who have just been part of the marriage supper of the Lamb will return with Christ and be united with the current believers in the air who are being gathered from the four corners of the earth. After this, the entire body of Christ will return to earth and rule and reign with Christ for a thousand years. This is why it is important not to miss this very critical double duty reference concerning two raptures of which neither is pre-trib.

In Luke 19:41-47 we read about the broken heart of Christ as He realized the people would not accept Him as the Messiah who was prophesied to

come. Standing outside the city, he wept saying, “If you had known at least this your day the things which belong to your peace, but they are hid from your eyes because of your hard unbelieving hearts.” Jesus goes on to describe the horrific events that would soon take place which would leave the Holy City, Jerusalem, leveled to the ground and some of the people of God killed and others taken away captive. Jesus explains that these events will take place because they knew not the time of their visitation.

Often, as Jesus preformed the many signs and wonders, the common people would ask is this not the Messiah? They realized that a mere man could not do such miraculous feats. But the Pharisees and teachers of the law as well as many of the priests refused to acknowledge that Jesus was indeed the Christ of God. This disinformation prompted Jesus to declare to the Pharisees that their sin was rejecting Him as the Messiah and their greater sin was hindering those who wanted to believe Jesus was indeed the Christ of God. One of the boldest attempts by a common believer was the blind man Jesus healed in John 9. He stood toe to toe with these teachers of the law declaring Jesus to be that prophet of God. As the Pharisees proclaimed Jesus a sinner they had to admit they did not know where He came from. The ex-blind man tried to point out their own blindness by explaining never since creation had anyone healed one born blind. He was basically trying to get them to see the truth of who Jesus really is. Unfortunately, they rejected the facts presented by a man they considered altogether born in sin and held to their understanding of scripture and eventually they all perished in their sins.

I do not profess to be a scholar, rather only a fellow traveler who has, I believe, discovered a great treasure of truth “hidden in a field” that can make the difference between being ready or falling away. Like the watchman on the wall in Ezekiel 3, I am sounding the alarm.

There is no pre-trib rapture and in the not too distant future, believers in America will have to face persecutions that many of the saints around the world have already endured for the cause of Christ. You can receive or reject this truth but you can never say that you were never warned. It is my prayer that the seed of this truth will spring forth in your heart and prepare you for the coming days. A long time ago, a question started me along a journey that has brought me here. If I can help one fellow traveler prepare for the days ahead, I will have accomplished my mission in writing this little booklet. May you be one of those who is transformed by these truths is my prayer.

Chapter Nine “Final Thoughts”

The main reason for this booklet is to warn the unprepared for what lays ahead. If you hold to a mid-trib or post-trib rapture theology, you are better prepared for the days ahead. Simply knowing something is only part of making it through the journey; you will have to educate yourself on the different survival techniques that are available. Trust me, there is plenty of information on Google™ to make a bad ride less uncomfortable and this will definitely be a bad ride. On the other hand, if you continue to hold to the pre-trib escape, let me share some other events you will encounter if you miss the sixth seal rapture. One sad truth is that many of those believers that fall away because of disillusionment from a faulty understanding will also take the “mark of the beast” (or, RFID chip) and seal their eternal doom.

In Revelation 13:16-18 we read where a mark/chip will be required for everyone to have in order to buy or sell. There is no exception regardless of rank or status. If you do not have the mark/chip, you cannot function in the coming economy. In Revelation 14:9-10 we see the final results of receiving this mark/chip. The eternal damnation of the recipients of the mark/chip is sure and irrevocable. There are many speculations as to why the mark/chip will be placed in the forehead or right hand/arm. One thought is that over ninety percent of the world’s population is right handed. Another thought is that nearly two thirds of the world’s population use their left hand for sanitation purposes, which would make a left hand implant unacceptable. Whatever other reason, receiving this mark/chip will permanently redirect your eternal destination away from Jesus and the family of God toward the devil and those who reject Christ.

If there was only one thing I could warn people about concerning the coming day besides receiving Jesus as their Lord and Savior, it would be, under no circumstance should you ever receive any type of mark/chip in your forehead or right hand/arm, period. If you happen to be reading this booklet in the not too distant future and this previous description fits you, it would be needless to continue reading for there is no hope I can offer you. On the other hand, if you were somehow able to resist the temptation to make your life easier by receiving the mark/chip, there is still hope.

Midway through the tribulation days a couple of events will happen simultaneously. What will immediately proceed these events will be the assassination of the world’s greatest leader (greatest from a natural



perspective), but to the discerning believer, he is the anti-Christ. There is not a lot of information in scripture about his “temporary” assassination except it is carried out with some type of knife. After this event, everything is going to go from bad to horrific. Revelation 12 contains a lot of symbolism but there are enough obvious markers to get a clearer picture of how bad the world will be when Satan relocates his offices on planet earth after losing his lease in heaven halfway through the seven year period. There has always been this notion that Satan was cast out of heaven once and for all eons ago and relegated to some fiery pit to lick his wounds. The truth is that he was indeed cast out of heaven and ejected from the inner circle when he developed a God complex long ago and there is a literal hell prepared for the devil, his angels, and those who reject Jesus as Lord and Savior. Because of Adam and Eve’s sin, they forfeited their dominion over planet earth to Satan and he became “the god of this world.” He swindled our first parents out of the farm and we became Satan’s chattel property. Now Satan had legal right to harass and destroy God’s fallen creation as well as to deface God’s work of art, planet earth.

Although God still is the rightful owner of all things, Satan has legal access to practice his evil on fallen humanity. Jesus called Satan the “god of this world.” In the wilderness temptation, Satan offered Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if He would bow down and worship him. The devil held the lease at that time and could have delivered these kingdoms had Jesus compromised His mission. The devil has had access to the throne of God for a long time. He did not use telecommunications from hell to challenge Job’s righteousness. He actually showed up before God’s throne after going to and fro throughout the earth to see what chaos he could cause. We would not need Jesus Christ as an advocate with the Father if there was no current accuser bringing charges against us before the throne of God on a regular basis. Even though Satan was convicted of murder at Calvary and sentenced to eternal damnation in the lake of fire, the sentence has not been carried out yet. But his sentence is sure and will be executed on the day God has determined. Yet today, the devil continues to wreck havoc on fallen humanity as they yield to his deceptions and submit to his demonic directions.

In Revelation 12:7-10 we read of the war in heaven between the great red dragon (Satan) and his angels against the Archangel Michael and God’s heavenly host. It declares that Satan did not prevail neither was their place found anymore in heaven. After this the Word points out that Satan was cast out of heaven into the earth with his angels. A celebration takes place as a loud voice proclaims, “Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our



brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.” As much as folks would like to think this event has already happened, the truth is, that it is yet to come. This is why I place the sixth seal rapture and the casting out of Satan from heaven at the same time immediately after the assassination of the anti-Christ midway through the seven year period.

By eliminating the devil from heaven, God cleans house and prepares for the arrival of His children from every kindred, tongue, people, and nation in the sixth seal rapture and the marriage supper of the Lamb. In verse twelve, the heavens and those that dwell in them are encouraged to rejoice in this new season of a Satan free environment. But the inhabitants of the earth and the sea are given a woe for the devil is come down to the earth having great wrath because he knows that he has but a short time or only three and a half years left. Is it possible that Satan and company’s relocation to planet earth is what triggers the first worldwide earthquake during the opening of the sixth seal? It may very well be nature’s reaction to the sudden loss of over a billion saints and the infusion of Satan and his demonic hoards. Satan’s arrival on planet earth coincides with the anti-Christ’s miraculous resurrection from the dead. The devil will be the supernatural force behind the anti-Christ’s new lease on life. Though this miraculous return from the dead will amaze the world, this revitalized anti-Christ will no longer be a man of peace and compassion but a brutal tyrant who according to Revelation 13:5, will be given power to rule over the entire world for forty-two months (three and a half years), which is the last part of the tribulation days. His authority will be so severe that he will trample all resistance under his feet and the world will proclaim, “Who can stand against the beast?”

This also will be the time the anti-Christ sets up his image in the temple and begins a “holocaust part two” against the Jewish people. There are two places in chapter twelve that mention a time-frame that the people of Israel will be provided for during Satan’s final attempt to annihilate them. In order to give a clear point of reference of when Satan will begin his reign of terror, God puts a double reference in a single chapter. In verse six, we are told that there is a place prepared for the woman who represents the people of Israel. This provision is for twelve hundred sixty days or approximately three and a half years. In verse fourteen, once again we are told a similar story about provision and protection for the Jewish people which lasts a time and times and half a times or three and a half years. I believe that these two references portray the same event. It is very rare to find a double reference in a single chapter. Although the Bible was not written with chapters and verses, to find a double reference this close together is very unique. I believe the Lord wants to give a clear picture that will mark the beginning of the last three and

a half years. It is this final half of the tribulation days that Jesus described in Matthew 24:22 as a time of trouble like the world has never seen. He said that if it had not been shortened, no flesh would have been saved but for the elect's sake, it was cut short. The descriptions of what is unleashed upon planet earth by the trumpets and bowls is not a figurative symbolism but the closest concept of what a literal hell would look like as Satan attempts to rule the planet. In these last three and a half years, he will be calling many of the shots.

The greatest detractors to Satan's destructive plans will be the two witnesses and the 144,000 Jewish evangelists who proclaim the good news about Jesus Christ around the world. According to Revelation 11:5-6, these two witnesses will prophesy the Gospel of Christ and operate with supernatural abilities. If they are attacked, fire will proceed from them and devour their attackers. They will also have power to send droughts, turn water into blood, and to smite the earth with all manner of plagues as often as they choose. The 24 hour networks and cable news will be very busy during these turbulent times of cataclysmic natural disasters as well as supernatural judgments from above and demonic tormentors from the bottomless pit beneath.

As the two witnesses proclaim the gospel of Christ with signs and wonders, the false prophet will declare the anti-Christ is God and he will also use demonically inspired signs and wonders as well. Much like Jannes and Jambres attempted to withstand Moses and Aaron with their black magic incantations, this false prophet will try to persuade the world to worship the anti-Christ instead of Jehovah. The wrath of God will not be poured out in one day but spread out over the three and a half year period during the last half of the tribulation days. One thing is certain, billions of people will perish during this final destructive segment of the tribulation days. It is very likely that the supernatural judgments from above will be attributed to an alien invasion from a galaxy far away. Since the original "War of the Worlds" radio program by Orson Wells hit the airways in the 1950s, there have been dozens of outer space invasion books and movies to condition humanity of this coming possibility. As I have read Revelation 19:19 over the years, I often wondered how the anti-Christ would persuade the kings/nations of the world to gather in the plains of Megiddo to war against Him who sat on the horse and His armies. Why would anyone think they could be successful in attempting to defeat the same God who created the universe and everything in it? Now it makes perfect sense that the anti-Christ will spin the final return of Christ as an incoming Darth Vader riding on his death star to wipe out planet earth. I suspect that a Hubble-type space telescope will pick up the return of Christ as He travels through space toward earth.



In Matthew 24:30, Jesus declares the tribes of the world will mourn as they see Christ returning with His armies in the air or rather outer space. It will take several weeks or possibly a month to gather this massive army of planet earth defenders to Megiddo. This is why the images of Christ and His armies heading toward the earth will be viewed on network and cable news for several weeks or more and bring great anguish to the entire world. The reason for the location of Megiddo where the troops will be amassed is probably because the anti-Christ will have set up a headquarters in Jerusalem to better oversee the annihilation of the Jewish people and will also be where the assassination of the two witnesses will take place. It is possible these two witnesses will be considered advanced shock troops sent to soften up planet earth for the coming invasion. When they are suddenly resurrected from the dead and “beamed up” as the world watches on live television coverage, the three and a half day celebration of their death will suddenly turn to fear and uncertainty. This imagery will create an urgency that will be what propels the nations of the world to gather in the plains of Megiddo, which is a perfect central location, as quickly as possible for the coming invasion.

The explanation in Zachariah 14 reveals how this massive multimillion member army will be annihilated in seconds with the force that proceeds from the mouth of Christ. The description is very similar to how the impact of the H-bomb affected the inhabitants of Hiroshima and Nagasaki at the end of WWII. After this, Jesus will set up His kingdom and, along with His faithful saints, rule the world for one thousand years. Even though this booklet seems like fiction, I believe that it will one day prove to be a reality. Most of the time the user guides that come with the gizmos we buy, end up in a drawer somewhere. It is not until something goes wrong that we search for that booklet with the trouble shooting section. Hopefully one day this booklet will assist folks through the turbulent times somewhere in the not too distant future. In Acts 17:9-11 we read where the men of Berea were nobler than others for they sought out the scriptures daily to better understand the truth. So may we be like them and the men of Issachar who understood their times.

My prayer is that those who read this booklet will not miss the message that reveals the coming times and will determine their eternal destiny. This is not an exhaustive study, only a glimpse of a chilling possibility. Each person is responsible to mine the treasure that lays before them. “May you be found ready on that day” is my prayer.

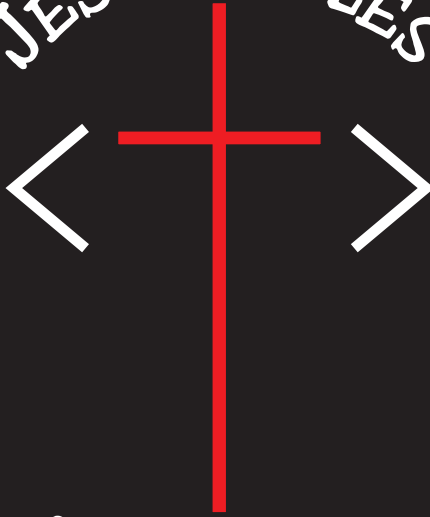
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