For My Dear Friends:

LEFT BEHIND.
HAVE A WHOLE BUNCH OF PEOPLE SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED FROM THE EARTH?

What Is Going On?!?!

Where Have My Family/Children/Friends/Colleagues/Teachers Gone???

• You are not alone. This booklet has been written to help and guide you.

• A Bible prophecy has been fulfilled and it’s called the “Rapture”.

• Children and infants may have been taken up in the Rapture to be with Jesus for their protection because of the terrible trouble that is about to come to earth. Pets are also believed to be taken up for the same reason.

• This Rapture signifies the coming end of the world (End-Times). Read on!
Quick summary:

Jesus Christ has called His Church up to heaven. Those who have rejected Christ have been left behind.

The “Whats?”, the “Whys?”, the “Hows?” and the “Huh?” will be addressed in this booklet.
But first . . .

Is your child missing?

If so, take a moment and breathe.

When you’re ready, please read on...

It is the conviction of quite a few Christians that when the Rapture takes place, every child too young to understand anything about Jesus Christ (those under the age of accountability), will be taken to be with the Lord alongside the Church. However, it is not sure that this will happen. This idea coincides with the Biblical understanding that when a little child or baby dies he/she goes instantly to be with the Lord.

When King David’s little boy died, he said "He cannot come to me but I shall go to him" (2 Samuel 12:23). David knew where his son was; he knew that his child was safe in the presence of God.

As hard as it may be to accept at this point, God (according to our current belief) is keeping all little ones safe with Him in heaven, ensuring they do not suffer the horror and terror of what is about to come upon the earth (post-Rapture).

If we are right, and your child/children have been taken up to heaven, then I challenge you to seek God now and make sure you end up where they are as well. It is still possible to turn your life over to God. Forgive me, I would never wish to belittle your heartache or distress, but in all honesty, it is far better to suffer finite anguish in the here and now, and end up crossing the threshold of heaven, than to continue to refuse Christ.

I humbly and gently urge you to use the time that is left on earth to call out to God. Say anything you need to. Just start making dialogue. He’s here and He’s listening and He will answer you.

Psalm 145:18 “The Lord is near to all those who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth”

And know that Jesus loves your child/children very much. He says it many times in the Bible. No harm will come to your precious little one(s).
The Little Children and Jesus

Mark 10:13-16
People were bringing little children to Jesus for Him to place His hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, He was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” And He took the children in His arms, placed His hands on them and blessed them.
WAIT . . . JESUS?!

DOES THIS REALLY HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH HIM?

MAYBE THE MEDIA IS SAYING ALIENS TOOK US.

DON’T BELIEVE IT.

THE BIBLE FORETOLD THIS EVENT AND THAT’S WHERE YOU NEED TO START INVESTIGATING TO MAKE SENSE OF WHAT’S GOING ON.

I INVITE YOU TO GET A BIBLE OUT AND STUDY WITH ME. DON’T JUST TAKE MY WORD FOR IT. FIND OUT FOR YOURSELF . . .

GOD’S WORD
TAKE COURAGE DEAR FRIENDS . . .

. . . AND READ ON!
Once the shock has died down a little, I could imagine that world leaders and the media will try to convince everyone left behind that this disappearance didn’t just happen to Christians. **Pay attention:** see the many empty churches; see if the celebrities that professed the Christian faith have gone too. Realize that if the world was to acknowledge a sudden, mass disappearance of Christians (The Rapture) – then everything Christians preached about Jesus Christ who rose from the dead, being the Son of God, the Saviour, the Messiah, the Prince of Peace, the Lord of Lords and King of Kings, and everything that Jesus Himself preached and taught must be true. And if all of this is true, then the only logical response would be to fall on one’s knees before God in confession and repentance and absolute submission to every word of God (as revealed in the Bible).

And if Jesus is alive today - up there in heaven - then demons and angels would have to be real as well, because they are also written about in the Bible.

Challenging you further still is the fact that the Bible records that demons and angels can change their form. A demon – who is the enemy of God and hates Him – would never want you to believe in Jesus or the Bible because then you’d learn about the need for the salvation of your soul. So why wouldn’t a demon pull out the ol’ alien costume from Halloween ’87, just to steer the earth’s inhabitants off course? Fair warning: it *could* happen!

Did you know that the demons, like the angels, believe in One God? Demons and angels were around when Jesus created the heavens and the earth. They’ve seen Him first-hand and know the truth. It’s just that they don’t want you to know . . . that they know: “**You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!**” (James 2:19). We'll get to how demons came to be, later in this booklet.

Satan (the big Kahuna of demons), is described in the Bible as the Father of Lies (**John 8:44**). 2 Corinthians 11:14 says, “And no wonder, for even Satan **disguises himself as an angel of light.**” Satan PRETENDS to be good so that his lies and tricks are believable and seem right.

The tricks of demons are not new. These evil ancient ones who’ve seen and know a lot, even pretend to be the spirits of deceased loved ones in the form of ghosts. People chase after experiences with them instead of seeking Jesus. Don’t be fooled. The Bible warns people of the dangers of necromancy (**Deut.18:10-11; Gal. 5:19-20**).
But Satan and his demons are not in charge. There will be other things which will take place on the earth (post-Rapture) that will prove the trustworthiness of the Bible; prophecies that you will see unfold before you in the days to come. God knows the future and He wrote about it to help you.

This time on earth right now is the culmination of a great battle between Satan and God for the souls of human beings, that has been going on since Creation.

Phew!

It's a lot to take in. Let's pause for a moment and just set all of that aside, just for now.

Think about me, a Christian, taking the time to put this booklet together well ahead of the Rapture. Why would I do this unless I knew it was coming?

If I and millions of others were taken by aliens (or whatever kind of explanation is being used), then you wouldn't be reading this now. I'd just be gone . . . no booklet - no message - no warning of things to come.

Isn't there a slight possibility that the Living God spoke to me about putting this book together for you? He put His burden for you (to see you saved), on my heart. I didn't put up a fight because I too have had a burden for you to know Jesus, our Creator, Saviour, and King.

Take this booklet literally. As you read, start to look out for the things I have pointed out to you from the Bible: signpost events to help you believe in Jesus and His Word. Your eternal destiny depends on it. (Oh, and by the way, if there hasn't been a mass disappearance of people and I'm the only one missing - and you happen to know who I am - . . . please call the police!).

JESUS

Otherwise, please read on!
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FOLKS,

I’M AFRAID IT’S TIME

FOR A CHANGE . . .
CHAPTER ONE:
What to Expect.

Be still and know that I am God
-PSALM 46:10
God is still with you.
Yes, the Bible speaks of the Rapture of God’s People (The Church), and the End-Times of the World.

**AT A GLANCE:**
Below is a summary of the beginning & following sequence of events to the end-times of the world, as prophesied in God’s Word.

- **THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH & THE END THE CHURCH-AGE**
  (Jesus calls His people to Him from the heavens. He does not come to earth),

- **THE COMING OF THE ANTICHRIST INTO POWER,**

- **7-YEAR TRIBULATION,**

- **JESUS CHRIST'S SECOND COMING & THE DEFEAT OF THE ANTICHRIST**
  (Jesus physically returns to the earth with The Church),

- **JESUS’ 1000 YEAR REIGN ON THE EARTH,**

- **THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT,**

and finally . . .
A BRAND NEW, ETERNAL HEAVEN AND EARTH IS MADE FOR THE CHURCH.

The earth and all creation (ever created) will be redeemed and restored back to God’s original design (before everything became cursed because of Adam and Eve’s sin).

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

Revelation 21:4
**IN MORE DETAIL:**

- **The CHURCH: Who Are They?**
  The Church refers to Christians (people who sin, make mistakes, can be asses!), who repented of their sin and put their faith solely in Jesus’ payment for their sins. They have been saved by Jesus from the *wages of sin* (the sin-debt). Church attendance, reading the Bible, child baptism, believing God exists, being “good” (no matter how well-intentioned), or estimating Jesus as just a good man/prophet won’t save a person. The Church recognizes that there is only one way to God, and that is through His Son, Jesus Christ. **It is a conscious choice to trust Jesus and believe in Him.** Babies and children too young to make that conscious choice (under the age of accountability), go to be with the Lord as soon as they die. Jesus is serious about saving mankind. No one will “slip through the cracks” unless they choose to.

  *John 3:16*  
  “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that **whoever believes** in Him (Jesus) shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

  *John 14:6*  
  Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

  *Romans 6:23*  
  “For the wages of sin is death (eternal separation in hell, far from the Creator of Life); but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

- **The RAPTURE: What Is It?** *(Please also see Glossary, page 241)*
  The Rapture is an *imminent* end-time event ("eschatological" event) when Jesus Christ returns for His Church who "shall be caught up together...in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air" (*1 Thess. 4:16-17*). This is the time of the resurrection, where each Christian receives his or her resurrected/eternal body. First to receive their new bodies are those who have died as Christians, and then, those who are "alive and remain." The Rapture will be instantaneous, in "the twinkling of an eye" (*1 Cor. 15:51-52*). Scripture nowhere encourages us to try to determine the date of the Rapture. Rather, we are to “keep watch, because we do not know on which day our Lord will come” (*Matt. 24:22*). We are to “be ready, because the Son of Man (Jesus) will come at an hour when we do not expect Him” (*Matt. 24:44*), by watching for the signs (Bible prophecies fulfilled) that will point to the approaching Rapture. It is important to note that the Rapture of the Church is not Christ’s Second Coming.

  *Luke 17:34-37*  
  (Jesus says) “I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left.”

- **The TRIBULATION: What Is It?**
  The Tribulation is a seven-year period that precedes the Second Coming of Christ. The first 3.5 years of the Tribulation will have a mixture of peace, cooperation and trouble, but the second 3.5 years **will** be a time of war and catastrophe.
IT CAN BE A HARD TRUTH TO ACCEPT . . .

UNREPENTANT PEOPLE GO TO HELL.

FORGIVEN PEOPLE GO TO HEAVEN.

SINNERS ARE SAVED BY GRACE ALONE,

BY FAITH ALONE,

AND THROUGH CHRIST ALONE.

Isaiah 64:6 “We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags. Like autumn leaves, we wither and fall, and our sins sweep us away like the wind.”

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

*Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, it is God’s gift to us.

. . . BUT WHEN YOU DO, IT’S LIBERATING.

JESUS SAVES.
The second half of the Tribulation is referred to as the "Great Tribulation." There will be extraordinary catastrophes all over the world during this period. (For scriptural support, see Revelation 3:10, Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 17). It will be a time where everyone who did not put their faith in Christ will experience worldwide hardships, disasters, famine, war, pain, and suffering, which will wipe out more than 75% of all life on the earth before the Second Coming of Jesus takes place. It is a time of God’s judgment on the world as well as the last call for anyone who would believe, to be saved. Many will put their faith in Jesus during the Tribulation and be saved: **Will you choose to be part of this multitude prophesied in the Bible?**

**Revelation 7:9-17 The Great Multitude in White Robes**

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. And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying: “Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”

Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, they are before the throne of God and serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence. ‘Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their Shepherd; He will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

**ANTICHRIST: Who or What?! (1 John 2:18)**

A man will arise from small beginnings/obscurity at the start of the Tribulation who will achieve victory after victory both in politics and in war (Rev. 13:1-8). This man, who should be easily identified by his rapid rise and popularity, is the anti-Christ. The devil will deceive many into worshipping him in the form of the Antichrist (Rev. 13:1, 4). At first, the Antichrist will be seen by the world as the answer to the world’s problems; a type of saviour; “the man with the plan”. He will eventually be seen by many as the evil dictator that actually he is. His real mission will be one of destruction. The Bible refers to him as the Son of Perdition/the Man of Lawlessness (or sin)/Gog the Son of Destruction & The Beast. It is prophesied that he will gather all the armies of the world to fight against a returning Jesus Christ (Rev. 16:12, 14), only to be defeated once and for all.
RAPTURE?!  
SIN-DEBT?  
END OF THE WORLD???

THIS IS NUTS.

Q: I’M GOING TO NEED MORE DETAILS TO HELP ME (POTENTIALLY) BELIEVE . . . that you’re not nuts as well.

WHAT HAVE YOU GOT?

A: BUT OF COURSE! YOU’LL BE NEEDING SOME ROAD MAPS OF THE TRIBULATION.

ONCE AGAIN, THE BIBLE IS OUR SOURCE. TAKE A LOOK . . .
TRIBULATION EVENTS - SURVIVAL MAP

RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH
1 Thess, 4:16-18

TRIBULATION JUDGMENTS
666

SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST
Revelation 19:11-21

CHURCH AGE

SEALS
Revelation 6

TRUMPETS
Revelation 8, 9, 11

BOWLS
Revelation 16

MILLENNIUM
ETERNITY

Accept Jesus Christ as Your Lord and Savior.

DO NOT Accept the Mark of the Beast, 666.

7 YEAR TRIBULATION

3 1/2 YEARS

3 1/2 YEARS

Great Tribulation
God will provide post-Rapture believers with supernatural protection from the stings of the demonic locust attack that will be part of the Trumpet Judgments (Revelation 9:4). *Please also see Glossary (page 239) for more details.
The Tribulation AT A GLANCE:

Matthew 24:21 (Jesus said) "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be".

The Tribulation Period will consist of a seven-year increment of time which will begin immediately after the Rapture of the Church and will conclude when Christ comes back with the Church in the Second Coming to establish His righteous rule of one thousand years upon the earth.

FIRST 3.5 YEARS OF TRIBULATION:

- THE ANTICHRIST (AC) IS REVEALED & COMES INTO POWER WITH THE HELP OF THE 10-NATION CONFEDERATION & THE “FALSE PROPHET”,
- AC CONFIRMS 7-YEAR PEACE TREATY WITH ISRAEL,
- ISRAEL WILL HAVE THEIR (LONG DEFERRED), 3rd TEMPLE BUILT JUST BEFORE OR DURING THIS TIME,
- THE “TWO WITNESSES” ENTER THE WORLD SCENE; DROUGHT/PLAUGUES,
- THE 144,000 JEWISH EVANGELISTS ARE APPOINTED,

EXACT MID-POINT OF THE TRIBULATION

- THE TWO WITNESSES ARE KILLED BY THE AC,
- THE AC SITS IN 3rd TEMPLE AND DECLARES HIMSELF TO BE GOD,
- THE PEACE TREATY WITH ISRAEL IS ABOLISHED,
- GOD RAISES THE TWO WITNESSES FROM THE DEAD,

LAST 3.5 YEARS OF TRIBULATION: THE GREAT TRIBULATION

- ALL HELL BREAKS LOOSE ON EARTH; WAR! PLAGUES! TERROR!
- “GOSPEL ANGEL” IS RELEASED TO PREACH TO THE WORLD,
- A NEW WORLD ORDER CONTINUES TO BE ESTABLISHED DURING THE REIGN OF THE AC, RESULTING IN:
  - A GLOBAL ECONOMY AND THE MARK OF THE BEAST,
  - A ONE-WORLD RELIGION AND MANDATORY WORSHIP OF THE AC (A.K.A. SATAN),
- BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON: JESUS CHRIST’S RETURN TO THE EARTH; AC IS DEFEATED.
IN MORE DETAIL: “the time of Jacob’s trouble” (Jer. 30:7)

Violence will increase in all parts of the world, both nation against nation (ethnic wars) and domestically. Men will indiscriminately slay one another as peace will be removed from the earth (Rev. 6:3-4).

- There will be extreme inflation, poverty, and lack of food as one day’s wages will buy enough food for one day, for one person (Rev. 6:5-6).
- In a very short period of time, one-quarter of the earth’s population will be killed due to wars, famine, pestilence and wild beasts. These wild beasts could very well be viruses, bacteria, and other microbes. In late 1995, Time magazine ran a cover story on the rise of new infections and called microbes “malevolent little beasts” (Rev. 6:7-8).
- Many people will experience conversion and become followers of Jesus Christ and most of these people will be hunted down and killed (Dan. 7:21).
- There will be a great earthquake, the sun will be blackened, the moon will turn red and all mountains and islands (which are underwater mountains) will be moved (Joel 2:30-32).
- There will be a brief period of calm on the earth following this great earthquake which will give those who survive a false sense of security.
- One-third of the earth, one-third of all trees and all the green grass will be burned up due to a comet or meteor that hits the earth (Rev. 8:7).
- A meteor will hit the earth causing the sea to become like blood, killing one-third of all sea creatures and destroying one-third of all shipping (Rev. 8:8-9).
- A “star” named Wormwood will fall from the sky and poison one-third of all freshwater, killing many people (Rev. 8:10-11).
- The sun, moon, and stars will be darkened by one-third. The day and night will be reduced by one-third. There is some speculation that this means the rotation of the earth will be changed so that a day lasts only 16 hours instead of 24 hours (Rev. 8:12).
- Fearsome locust-like beings will be released from underground who only attack people who are not followers of Jesus Christ. These attacks will be very painful but last only 5 months (Rev. 9:1-11).
- An army of 200 million horse-like creatures will kill one-third of mankind (Rev. 9:13-19).
- Two men (known as Witnesses) of Jewish origin will preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 3.5 years and be killed at the midpoint of the 7-year tribulation. These two will be responsible for a 3.5 year world-wide drought and will be killed by the Antichrist (also known as “the beast” in the Bible).
- People will be required to receive a mark on their right hand or forehead to buy and sell. Those who receive this mark will develop a loathsome and malignant sore on their bodies within a short period of time (Rev. 13:13-18).
- The oceans will chemically change and become like the blood of a dead man (congealed?) and everything in the sea will die (Rev. 16:3).
- The fresh waters will become like blood (Rev. 16:4-7).
- The sun will scorch the people on earth with fierce heat (Rev. 16:8-9).
- The throne of the Antichrist and his kingdom will become darkened (Rev. 16:10-11).
• The Euphrates river will dry up allowing the kings of the east to march westward (Rev. 16:12).
• The kings of the world will gather their armies together to battle God at Armageddon. There will be an earthquake so great that all of the mountains and islands will disappear. There will be hailstones weighing close to 100 pounds that will crush the armies that have gathered (Rev. 16:17-22).
• Shortly after this great earthquake, Jesus Christ will return with His army (Angels and The Church) to claim the earth as His possession (Zech. 14:3-5).

• 10-Nation Confederation – Toes; Horns; Kings
Out of the area that once was the Roman Empire, ten leaders will arise. The only purpose these 10 leaders will have is to give their power to the Antichrist. (Dan. 2:41-44), (Dan. 7:20), (Rev. 17:12), (Rev. 17:17)

• False Prophet
He will administrate the workings of the one-world church. The False Prophet’s primary mission will be to cause the world to worship the Antichrist. (Rev. 13:11-14)

• False Church
During the first part of the Tribulation, the Antichrist’s rise to power will be aided by a religious system, which will include most, if not all, of the world’s major religions. During the second half of the Tribulation, the Antichrist will destroy this false church. The book of Revelation describes the false churches as the “Great Whore”. (Rev. 17:1-5)

• The Two Witnesses (Rev. 11:3-13), (Mal. 4:5-6)
God doesn’t leave the people who were not Raptured to endure the Tribulation without the Gospel. Revelation 11 explains that during the first half, God will place on earth those who will be called the Two Witnesses. They are two Jewish men who will preach for 3.5 years from Jerusalem. These two men will be God’s gift to the people of the earth to urge them to submit to the lordship of Jesus Christ. They will proclaim the gospel and provide hope for those left behind. Their message is for the salvation of the soul. The truth they will preach about God will cause the world to hate them. Those who don’t heed their message to come to Jesus as Saviour will vehemently wish them dead. Besides their message, the Two Witnesses will turn water into blood and cause all kinds of plagues on earth, generally making life miserable for those who are living on earth; the sole purpose of all the misery being to turn people back to God in repentance. Many will try to kill The Two only to be killed by their own hands, as they will be invincible. However, the Lord will eventually allow the Antichrist to kill them at the mid-point of the Tribulation as he ascends into the Third Temple and declares himself to be God. But 3.5 days later, as the evil residents of the world party over the televised images of their corpses left to decay in the streets of Jerusalem, God will miraculously resurrect them from the dead and rapture them up to Heaven: 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. At that very hour there was a
severe earthquake and a tenth of the city collapsed. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the survivors were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven. The second woe has passed; the third woe is coming soon (Rev. 11:12-14).

- **The 144,000 Jewish Evangelists** (Rev. 7:2-8)
  Shortly after the Rapture, before the Antichrist administers his Mark, God will call His army of 144,000 Jewish believers into service to provide a voice of hope for Jews throughout the world. He will do this by sending an Angel to mark the foreheads of 12,000 from each of the 12 Tribes of Israel. True believing Christians have always been staunch supporters of the Jews. This Christian element of the world’s population has provided help and support for Israel and the Jewish people. The 144,000 will be awakened to their purpose in response to the Christians being taken from the earth. They will preach to Jews worldwide that Jesus is the Messiah and will spread out across the world, possibly in pairs - two by two - as Jesus instructed His disciples to do. It will be these 144,000 who will oppose Israel signing a peace treaty for protection; it will be the 144,000 who will identify the Antichrist for who he is; it will be the 144,000 who will warn Israel of the treachery of the Antichrist, and it will be the 144,000 who will lead the Jews worldwide to the hiding place prepared for them by God in the Judean desert. These 144,000 Jews are going to be strange people by normal standards: they will be celibate, very bold, fearless, spiritually strong and probably very much like John the Baptist. Why celibate? There won’t be any time for these men to have families. They’ll be on a journey and a mission and it will be a full-time task. When we understand the pressures of the Tribulation period, it’s easy to comprehend why these men preachers would have a difficult married life! Their sole job will be to be super preachers for Christ, and nothing will stop them - not even the Antichrist - from sharing the Gospel message. You can read more about the 144,000 witnesses in Revelation 7 and 14.

- **Abomination of Desolation**
  When the Antichrist sits down in the rebuilt Jewish Temple and declares himself to be “God”, the Great Tribulation of 42 months will then begin. At the occurrence of this event, the Jews living in Israel are commanded to flee into the wilderness. At this stage all Tribulation Saints (you need to be included amongst them!) will know from that day on, they must now wait 1260 days before the Lord returns. **Jesus will come and get you . . . HOLD ON!!!!** (2 Thess. 2:4), (Dan. 9:27), (Matt. 24:15-19)

- **The 200 Million Man Army**
  During the latter part of the Tribulation a 200 million strong army comprised of people from the Middle East and Eastern Asia, will move into the Middle East, crossing over the dried up Euphrates River. This army, guided by four demonic angels, will kill one-third of mankind (Rev. 9:14-16), (Rev. 16:12).

- **Gog And Magog**
  Most prophetic scholars agree that Gog and Magog were the people that lived in the
lands which are now modern Russia. Someday Russia and a horde of Middle Eastern countries (most likely Turkey, Iran, parts of Ethiopia, Sudan & Libya), will launch an allied surprise attack against Israel’s northern border. All but one-sixth of the Gog army will be destroyed upon the mountains of Israel (Ezek. 38 and 39).

- **The Gospel Angel** One of the most amazing methods God will use to share the Gospel is by sending out the Gospel Angel. Revelation 14:6-7 describes how close to the end of the Tribulation a special angel will be sent on a crucial mission to circumnavigate the world. The Gospel Angel will share with every person alive the Good News of Jesus Christ. The passage reads:

> “Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—saying with a loud voice, ‘Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”

**Mark of The Beast: WARNING! WARNING! (see Glossary p.238)**

“It (Antichrist) will cause all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. This calls for wisdom. Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. That number is 666.” (Rev. 13:16-18) (Rev. 14:9-11)

The Mark of the Beast will likely be a microchip implant or a tattoo that will operate as an ATM or credit card. WARNING: Everyone who receives the Mark of the Beast will be cast into hell, so don’t take the mark! The Wrath of God is poured out on man at the midpoint of the Tribulation. The people of the earth will come under God’s wrath because they refuse to turn from their sin. Those that receive the Antichrist Mark will not only come under God’s wrath but will be lost forever.

- **Armageddon**

Armageddon comes from the Hebrew word meaning “the Mount of Megiddo.” This ancient fortress is located in northern Israel, across the Plain of Esdraelon from Nazareth. Armageddon will be the gathering place for the final great battle, which bears its name. (Rev. 16:16)

- **Second Coming/Second Advent**

This is the time when Jesus Christ returns to the earth, defeats the Antichrist, and sets up His 1000 year kingdom on earth (Millennium: Rev. 20:3-4). The Second Advent takes place 42 months* after the Antichrist declares himself to be God. (*Rev. 13:5), (Matt. 24:29-30), (2 Thess. 2:8)
• **Daily Life During the Tribulation** Money as hard currency will become obsolete. This is no surprise, as banks and governments have been working to eliminate currency, coin and paper transactions for decades since it is expensive to produce, lends itself readily for drug trafficking and, with high tech equipment, is too easily counterfeited. However, at some point after the Rapture, probably right after the Two Witnesses are killed, everyone will be required to get a Mark on their right hand or forehead to be able to buy and sell. **Do not, do not, DO NOT** under any circumstances participate by receiving this Mark. All those who receive this Mark (known as “The Mark of the Beast”), are doomed for eternity. By taking this Mark you are swearing allegiance to the Antichrist. You may as well attempt to enjoy life as best you can because eternity for you will be hell. It is at this point that God will have separated His followers from Satan’s followers. Those who have taken The Mark will persecute those without it. God will render judgment on those with the Mark by inflicting them with a disgusting looking and very painful ulcer covering their bodies.

So how can a person without it survive and still buy and sell? Again, this will be very difficult, but there will be people who are part of the Antichrist’s regime but don’t actually believe in him; they are just “survivors” who pick the “winner” and seek to profit from that relationship. Therefore, save up for yourself gold; gold has always had value as money and always will, even in a cashless society. Identify one of these profiteers and seek to purchase food and living supplies from him. However, don’t ever disclose to him how much gold you have and where it is. You want to be more valuable to him as a dealer than as a bounty. By the way, you will have a price on your head for not taking The Mark. Most likely you won’t be living an open life, as you will be in hiding somewhere at a remote location or in the forest on the outskirts of a large city. Your only goal will be to eat to live and hope to escape the militia hunting for you and those like you. Should you get caught, your fate will be either death or slavery.

Start storing up food and living supplies and put them into hiding in some remote and difficult to access area. You should include weaponry to defend yourself and medical supplies as part of your living supplies.

**Safety Concerns**
This era will be the most violent of times in the history of the world. Death, brutality and destruction will be part of everyday life. One of the defining characteristics of the last days following the Rapture will be a lack of peace. There will be civil wars throughout the world: people will kill one another indiscriminately. Random acts of violence will fill people with fear. Car-jackings, home invasions, drive-by shootings, and bombings will all increase with an intensity that will leave people with absolutely no sense of security.

To survive this time, you will most likely need to remove yourself from society and live in a remote area that is difficult to access. Getting together with a group of like-minded people would provide additional support and safety.
As mentioned earlier, stock up on food, medicines, living supplies, weaponry, and gold. You will need enough for 7 years. Don’t plan on being able to supplement your food with hunting and fishing because the stocks of wild animals and fish will have been depleted and destroyed by the 3.5-year worldwide drought and three successive meteor-like or comet-like objects that strike the earth sometime after the Rapture. The 3.5-year drought is brought on by the Two Witnesses. The first object from outer space to strike the earth will destroy 1/3 of all trees and all the green grass on earth. The second object, more like a meteor, strikes the sea and destroys 1/3 of all sea creatures and 1/3 of all shipping. The third object turns 1/3 of all freshwater poisonous and kills many people. Needless to say, all of this will also seriously deplete the food supplies for the world’s population, causing food prices to skyrocket. Those people in the world who never before missed a meal or worried about food will become very familiar with hunger pangs and the feeling of going without food for long periods of time. This will be one of the causes of the increased violence as people become more self-centered, short-tempered, and competitive for the food sources in short supply. As Jesus spoke to His disciples about these days, He said, “people will betray one another and hate one another…the love of many will grow cold.” (Matt. 24:12)

Health Concerns
One-quarter of the world’s population will die as a result of wars, famine, and plague. In addition to all this, because of the poor economic situation worldwide and the 3.5-year drought that depletes the world’s supply of water, sanitation practices will deteriorate. With the short supply of water, there won’t be sufficient water for flushing toilets, taking baths, washing clothes and transporting wastewater to treatment facilities. This will result in an increase of typhus, cholera, salmonella and E.coli infections. You must build a supply of multiple vitamins with particular emphasis on anti-oxidants such as C and E and minerals. It will also be necessary to have a supply of disinfectants, particularly one that can be added to water to make it potable.

Above all, do not accept the Mark of the Beast on your right hand or forehead. If you do take it, then nothing can be done for you. You will suffer the malignant ulcer making the rest of your life almost unbearable. Think how painful and unbearable your life will be, then follow that misery with eternity in hell. DO NOT TAKE THAT MARK!!!!!!!!!!!

In conclusion
The Tribulation is the final method God uses to bring people on their knees to repent of their sins. Sufferings and trials often cause people to seek the Lord and come to repentance. By the end of the Tribulation, every person on the planet will have had the opportunity to choose or reject Jesus and His salvation.

The Bible describes the world’s inhabitants crawling into caves and crying out to the mountains:
Revelation 6:16  “Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”

Jesus Christ is called the Lamb, because He was innocent (sinless) yet slain (crucified) for the world’s sins (Rev. 5:9, 5:12, 13:8; Is. 53:7; John 1:29, 1:36; 1 Peter 1:19).

As devastating as this period will be, remember that God never removes His hand completely from the earth. It’s tragic that so many people will hold out so long, but the wrath of God is going to cause many to finally open their eyes and acknowledge the God of Heaven. During this time, when there is so much evil, God will still be reaching out, urging people to come to Him and receive His grace, as is evident in the worldwide warnings and preaching of the Two Witnesses, the 144,000 and the Gospel Angel. For God does not wish anyone to suffer the neverending horror and terror of eternal hell.

2 Peter 3:9  “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.”

My dear friends, it is better to suffer temporarily in this life, if it leads to your to eternal salvation. There is going to be a massive spiritual return to God during one of the darkest times on planet earth (Rev. 7:9-17), and I hope and pray that you will be a part of it.

Jesus asks:

“And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?”

Matthew 16:26
Jesus.

Better than Aquaman.
Ultimate Hero.
Prince of Peace.
Son of God.
King of Kings.

Lover of your soul.

Luke 19:10  For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost.
What is Wisdom?

*Proverbs 3:18*

“She (wisdom) is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, and happy are all those who hold her fast.”

**Isaiah 55:6-7**

“Seek God while He’s here to be found, pray to Him while He’s close at hand. Let the wicked abandon their way of life and the evil their way of thinking. Let them come back to God, who is merciful, come back to our God, who is lavish with forgiveness”.

Seek Jesus now and hold fast to Him.

That is wisdom.
The Great White Throne Judgment – The Very End, **IN DETAIL:**

Jesus said that the Gospel of God’s Kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations and then the end would come (**Matthew 24:14**): Gospel Angel, page 28.

**Hebrews 4:13** Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight; everything is uncovered and exposed before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

- **This judgment is predominantly for the unsaved.** It will be a far more stern judgment than the *Judgment Seat of Christ. It is here where all those that are not found written in the Book of Life are cast into the Lake of Fire. (**Rev. 20:11-15**)* (*See Glossary p. 238*)

It is written in the Bible that all mankind will eventually acknowledge Jesus as Lord. Everyone will one day acknowledge their Creator.

**Isaiah 45:23** “By Myself I have sworn: truth has gone out from My mouth, a word that will not be revoked: Every knee will bow before Me, every tongue will confess allegiance.”

**Philippians 2:10-11** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Romans 14:11** For the Scriptures say, ‘"As surely as I live,’ says the Lord, ‘every knee shall bow, and every tongue will confess and give praise to God.’”

- **Fallen angels will be judged as well.**

**Jude 1:6** And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their proper dwelling – these He has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.
This is a Heavenly record of those who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Those who accepted Jesus’ payment for their sins are eternally saved and cannot lose their salvation, as shown in Christ’s clear promise: “Very truly I tell you, whoever hears My word and believes Him (God, the Father) who sent Me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life” (John 5:24). They will have nothing to fear at the Great White Throne Judgment.

Rejecting Christ and not believing He is who He says He is, is the one sin that will not be forgiven.

God will not judge the world at the Great White Throne Judgment for their sins, because these have already long been paid for (past, present, and future), by Jesus’ death at the Cross of Calvary (more on that later).

The world will be judged for not accepting Christ’s payment on their behalf and therefore, for not believing in Jesus. God woos us our whole lives, but we must surrender to His gentle voice. Scripture also emphasizes that God’s judgment will be fair – there will be no partiality.

**Luke 12:8,9** “And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges Me before others, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God; but whoever denies Me before others will be denied before the angels of God.”

**John 3:18,19** Those who believe in Him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.

**John 12:48** “The one who rejects Me and does not receive My word has a judge; on the last day the Word that I have spoken will serve as judge.”
**Lake of Fire**

This terrible lake is the final abode (post-judgment), for the unsaved - all those whose names are not in the Book of Life, along with the Devil and all of his co-workers. Everyone that is condemned to this fiery inferno will suffer unrelenting eternal torment.

*Revelation 20:10* And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast & the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

*Revelation 20:15* Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

*Matthew 25:41* Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire.
As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked;

Ezekiel 18:23
OKAY . . . OKAY. IT’S A LOT TO TAKE IN, (ESPECIALLY THAT LAST PART).

DON’T THROW THE TOWEL IN.

STAY WITH ME!

LET’S TAKE A LITTLE BREATHER.

LET’S JUST PAUSE & THINK FOR A BIT.
AT THIS POINT, YOU COULD BE THINKING . . .

Q: OH WOW. I GOTTA KNOW JESUS!
   HOW CAN I BE SAVED?!
A: YESSSSS! PRAISE GOD!!

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I WANNA HUG YOU RIGHT NOW &
HIGH-FIVE YOU LIKE NOBODY EVER DID!

K-BLAMO!

BUT MAYBE YOU’RE JUST NOT THERE YET.
THEN WOULD YOU LET ME SHARE SOME MORE WITH YOU?
LET’S KEEP GOING . . .

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD THE EXPRESSION: “GOD IS LOVE”? 

I BELIEVE THAT ALTHOUGH THE TRIBULATION IS TERRIBLE, IT IS ACTUALLY EVIDENCE SUPPORTING A VERY LONG ACCOUNT OF GOD’S LOVING PURSUIT OF ALL PEOPLE AND HIS SAVING GRACE. THE BIBLE TELLS US ABOUT THIS LOVE STORY FROM COVER TO COVER. . .
Why is this even happening?
CHAPTER TWO:
CliffsNotes to the
“WHY?”.
Everything we have studied so far of the future events of the world has come directly from the Bible. 2 Timothy 3:16 says that “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness . . .” The Bible is the infallible Word of God. God has a very high opinion of His Word. He inspired it perfectly, and He forbids anyone from polluting it by adding to or subtracting from it: “Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the Lord your God that I give you.” (Deuteronomy 4:2); (Revelation 22:18-19). God is very invested in making sure that every man, woman, and child who reads the Bible, reads the truth. His Word to us is ancient yet relevant today and is a progressive revelation of Himself and His will, written over many, many years. I am confident that as you see these events foretold in the Bible come to pass, you will come to know that the Bible is true (if the Rapture hasn’t already begun to convince you).

To find out why God would allow the Tribulation, we need to first understand Him and His character, since the “who” will ultimately dictate the “why”. Let’s dive in together and find out what the Bible says about the One who created us all.

From the very beginning, we see God as a Trinity. In the book of Genesis, the first book of the Bible, God says, “Let us make man in our image . . . male and female He (Jesus) created them.” You see here a mixture of plural and singular pronouns. You and I live in a three-dimensional world. All physical objects have a certain height, width, and depth. One person can look like someone else, or behave like someone else, or even sound like someone else but a person cannot actually be the same as another person. They are distinct individuals.

God, however, lives without the limitations of a three-dimensional universe. He is spirit, and infinitely more complex than we are. The Bible clearly speaks of God the Father, God the Son (Jesus) and God the Holy Spirit while emphasizing that there is only ONE God. God is a triune God.

And so, God is often referred to as the Holy Trinity. The term: “Tri” meaning three, and “Unity” meaning one, Tri+Unity = Trinity. God is three Persons who have the same essence of deity; each one an individual, yet the same.

Deuteronomy 6:4  “Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one!”

Matthew 3:16-17  And after being baptized, Jesus went up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon Him, and behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.”
God is also omniscient (all-knowing) and omnipresent (everywhere all at once, in time and space).

Isaiah 46:9-10 Remember the former things of old, for I Am God, and there is no other; I Am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure.'

God was never created. He has always existed.

Revelation 1:8 “I Am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,” says the Lord God. “I Am the God who is, and who was, and who will come. I Am the Mighty One.”

He alone is God: He is absolutely sovereign over everything.

Isaiah 44:6 “This is what the Lord says— Israel’s King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty: I Am the first and I Am the last; apart from Me there is no God.”

But what of His character: What is He like?

1 John 4:8 “…God is love.” Notice that it doesn’t say God is loving. It says He is Love. He is the personification of Love.

1 John 1:5 This the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all.

Isaiah 6:3 “And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory."

1 John 1:5 means that God never has a bad day; He never “kicks the cat” or wakes up on the “wrong side of the bed”. We can see from the above scriptures that God is Holy (sinless), He’s Light and He’s Love. In fact, it says in the Bible that “Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” (Hebrews 13:8)

Jesus, being Holy, and pure Love and Light, is the most stable and reliable person you could ever meet. He is reliably good, and that makes Him and His Word (the Bible), trustworthy.

Psalm 34:8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him.

Psalm 107:1 Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.
James 1:17  Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like the shifting shadows.

Psalm 145:9  The Lord is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made.

Numbers 23:19  "God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"

1 Samuel 15:29  "Also the Glory of Israel will not lie or change His mind; for He is not a man that He should change His mind."

Hebrews 6:18  . . . so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us.

Romans 10:11  As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in Him will never be put to shame."

There is no death in God. He is Life. He is the Creator and the giver of life here on earth, as well as eternal life. Life flows forth from Him.

| We depend on God for our existence. |

Genesis 2:7  Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

Job 33:4  “The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of the Almighty gives me life.”

Acts 17:25  . . . nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things;

Nehemiah 9:6  “You alone are the Lord You have made the heavens, the heaven of heavens with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to all of them and the heavenly host bows down before You.”

John 1:3-4  All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.

Job 10:12  “You have granted me life and lovingkindness; And Your care has preserved my spirit.”

Psalm 16:11  You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

Psalm 36:9  For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.

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God is loving and good \textit{all the time}. But what is love? Perhaps it would be wise to have a clear definition of what love actually is. Take your time to read this. Let the words really sink in.

\textit{1 Corinthians 13:4-7} Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

The Bible’s description of love is truly remarkable. What stands out the most in this passage is the theme of RESPECT. God is a very respectful person. He is kind and honourable. He is the perfect gentleman. He is a true friend. At this point though, it is important to note that it is because of \textit{who He is} that we, His creation, are shown this kind of respect, and \textit{not} because \textit{we deserve it}!

When God made the first humans (Adam and Eve), He respectfully created them with the power to choose. He made sentient beings with free will. This act of kindness towards us – His creation – coincides with everything we’ve learned about Him so far. He is in no way a dictator, a tyrant or a control-freak. He knows that love can only develop when there is the freedom to choose. He designed us to have a relationship with Him; a close friendship! He has always loved us, and He wants us to choose to get to know Him and love Him too.

So we were never made to be robots or puppets on a string . . .

What else does this description of love tell us? God is all about authenticity and nothing but an authentic relationship with us will suffice. He is a God of truth, who does not lie, and will not participate in anything counterfeit. Endowing people (and animals . . . just try telling your cat not to jump up on the kitchen counter!), with free will was a huge gift from God carrying a huge risk: we might rebel against Him, turn away and crown ourselves Ruler of our own lives. But His noble and generous character would have it no other way – even if faced with the possibility of rejection.
So does all this talk of Love mean that God is like big ol’ cuddly teddy-bear, all warm and fuzzy? Or does it mean that He’s a pushover, flaccid and weak; a doormat? Not at all. God is Love but He is also Holy and Just. He will - if need be - demand justice. He couldn’t be Good or Holy if He didn’t take care of an injustice. But in His love, we will see who He demands that justice from. We are going to see His strength of character played out. Last time I checked, rocks weren’t soft or flaccid. . .

Deuteronomy 32:4 He is the Rock, His works are perfect, and all His ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He.

True to His character, God also created His angels with free will. Angels are an entirely separate creature from humans. People do not become angels when they die. They are as different from us as we are from animals. Angels are highly intelligent beings (1 Peter 1:12), they are emotional beings (Luke 2:13; James 2:19; Rev. 12:17), and each has an individual personality and will (Luke 8:28-31; 2 Timothy 2:26; Jude 6). Angels are spirit beings (Heb. 1:14) and do not have physical bodies. Angels are not as powerful as God; they do not have limitless knowledge (Matt. 24:36) and they cannot be everywhere at once. However, angels are much more powerful than human beings and possess greater knowledge. Angels understand the Bible and the world, and they believe in the prophecies of God (James 2:19; Revelation 12:12). Even fallen angels, who hate God, are not atheists; they know that God exists and recognize Jesus for who He is (Matt. 8:29). Angels also understand humanity very well. They do not have to study the past, for they have experienced it.

The good angels are mobilized by God to come to the aid of believers (Heb. 1:14). They do many other things as well, including praising and worshipping God (Psalm 148:1-2; Isaiah 6:3; Heb. 1:6; Rev. 5:8-13). The angels rejoice in God’s works and they serve Him (Job 38:6-7; Psalm 103:20; Rev. 22:9). They stand before God in His presence (Job 1:6, 2:1). They proclaim God’s judgments (Rev. 7:1, 8:2). They minister to humans and sometimes bring answers to prayers (Acts 12:5-10, 8:26, 10:3). They witness Christians’ work and sufferings (1 Cor. 4:9, 11:10; Eph. 3:10; 1 Peter 1:12). They encourage (Acts 27:23-24), and they care for believers when they die (Luke 16:22).

Interestingly, the Bible never says that angels are created in God’s image, as humans are (Genesis 1:26), though it appears that they can take on our (and other types of) physical form (Genesis 6:4, 19:1).

The most important thing we can learn from the holy angels is their submission to God (1 Peter 3:22) and their correct view of Him (Isaiah 6:3).

But what of these unholy, or “fallen” angels? If God didn’t create them, then how did they come into existence? Let’s delve deeper into God’s Word and find out.
Don’t take it personally.

Just take it to heart:

The fool says in his heart,

"There is no God."

Psalm 14:1

It’s for your good that you have been warned.
There was an angel whose name was Lucifer and he was a magnificent being with a unique ministry in Heaven. Lucifer was one of the three archangels mentioned in Scripture. He was referred to as the ‘covering angel’, and was established by God to be the angel of worship; one whose ministry surrounded the heart of heaven. Lucifer was created by God to dwell eternally in the throne room of heaven, in the very presence of God (Ezekiel 28:14).

To dwell in the awesome presence of a perfect and holy God, Lucifer had to be “extra” perfect. There was nothing standard (for an angel), about his appearance. Adorned with gold and precious stones, he truly fit the meaning of his name ‘Son of the Morning’ or, ‘Morning Star’. He was a step above the other angels, not only in appearance but also in intellect. Lucifer’s wisdom far exceeded that of other angelic beings. He understood the ways of God.

**Ezekiel 28:13** “You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering: the sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created.”

But Lucifer’s splendour and beauty did not last forever. While ministering, he began to consider his own position of prominence. Lucifer became prideful, believing that he deserved more than what he already had. He began to desire for himself the honour and glory that belonged to God alone. He began to desire to become like the Most High.

**Ezekiel 28:17** “Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendour.”

Isaiah 14:2 tells us of Lucifer's choice: "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit on the mount of assembly on the heights of Zaphon; I will ascend to the tops of the clouds, I will make myself like the Most High." Did you notice in this passage all of the "I wills"? He said he would exalt his throne above the stars of God. The word "stars" here does not refer to what we see in the night sky. It refers to the angels of God. In other words, "I will take over heaven, I will be God." He did not want to be God's servant. He did not want to do what he was created to do.

This moment right here, shown in the above verse, represents the actual beginning of sin in the universe. Sin originated in the free will of Lucifer, in which – with a full understanding of what he was attempting – he chose to rebel against the Creator. God does not share His glory, nor does He permit another to receive worship. So before Lucifer had a chance to make his move, he was removed from the presence of God: “I threw you to the earth” (Ezekiel 28:17). Cast out of heaven like a bolt of
lightning, Lucifer was stripped of his beauty and being absolutely and completely cast out of God’s heavenly government, he lost his place of authority (Luke 10:18).

Even though he was banished from living in heaven, God still allowed Lucifer access to the throne room from time to time (Job 1:6-12; Zechariah 3:1-2).

Fallen and committed to his path of rebellion, Lucifer became corrupt and his power became completely perverted (Isaiah 14:12,16-17). His name was also changed to Satan (‘Adversary’); the Devil.

The Bible tells us that one-third of the angels rebelled with Satan and became demons.

Revelation 12:24 “His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to earth.”

Revelation 12:9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Hebrews 12:22 says that the number of angels is “innumerable” – so one third was a lot! Satan’s agenda ever since his fall, with the help of his demons, has always focused solely on opposing the mighty plans of God. At one point he even tried to tempt Jesus to sin, by enticing Jesus to worship him in exchange for earthly rewards (Matthew 4:1-11).

Despite every attempt to thwart God, the final destiny of Satan and his demons, following the Second Advent of Christ, is to be bound in a pit during Jesus’ 1000-Year Reign on the earth (Revelation 20:3), after which they, the “cursed” will be thrown into the Lake of Fire and remain there forever (Matthew 25:41).

2 Peter 2:4 “For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment (Great White Throne Judgment).”

God, always good, is a fair and just judge (Psalm 9:8; Jeremiah 11:20). He offered no second chance to Lucifer or to the fallen angels. Why? Perhaps because they were completely aware and culpable for their choices, being eternal beings, who had witnessed God’s glory and ‘seen it all’, as it were. They were by no means innocent. Lucifer tried to leave his post as the created, usurp his holy and perfect Creator and become God. He and his followers declared war against God. It was a plan born out of purely evil intentions and insanity. And God decided it was time for those mutineers to eternally ‘walk the plank’.

Isaiah 14:12 “How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low!”
Interestingly, Lucifer’s name, ‘Son of the Morning’, was given to a far more deserving individual: the Son of God. Jesus Christ is called the ‘Bright and Morning Star’ (Revelation 22:16). Today, Jesus is seated at the right hand of God (in God’s throne room), dwelling in the presence of the Almighty. Christ’s words hold true, even in the account of Satan: “Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” (Matthew 23:12)

Unwrapping the account of Lucifer’s fall and his transformation into Satan is one that coincides with the fall of evil earthly kings, as recorded in the Bible. In Isaiah 14:12-14, for example, the context of this passage is a referral to the king of Babylon as presented in his pride, splendour, and fall. However, it is the power behind the evil Babylonian king that this is actually being addressed. No mortal king would claim that his throne was above that of God or that he was like the Most High. The power behind the evil Babylonian king was Satan.

We also see this same motif in Ezekiel 28:11-13 “Moreover the word of the Lord came to me: Mortal, raise a lamentation over king of Tyre, and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord God: You were the signet of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect beauty. You were in the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering . . .’”

Again, this passage seems to be only addressing the “king of Tyre”, but in reality it points to a deeper meaning, illuminating the one who empowered the evil king. Verse 14 of Ezekiel chapter 28 says, “You were the anointed Cherub.”, confirming that this verse was not really about a human king. The word cherub is singular for cherubim and refers to a special type of angel. Symbolic of God’s Holy presence and His unapproachable majesty, these cherubim occupy a unique position and are known as the ‘anointed cherub who covers’. Satan was a cherub and he guarded/covered God’s throne. He held a position of the highest rank in God’s Kingdom which he despised and lost. We have here in Ezekiel 28 a picture of an angelic being, second only to God, perfect in wisdom, beautiful beyond description, a musician in charge of worship in Heaven’s throne room – having all of these wonderful attributes - along with the gift of free will. And on judgment day, because of his choice and the gifts he foolishly and irreverently squandered, God will say to him “Iniquity was found in you.”

Satan, who as head of the evil world-system, is the real (though invisible) power behind the successive rulers of Tyre, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, and all of those evil rulers that we have seen come and go in the history of the world. Take a look at this example in Daniel 10:12-13.

The account of Satan’s ‘birth’ is not a pleasant one but looked at in the light of God’s clear plan to save and redeem mankind, we are reminded of how very much God loves us and how precious we are to Him. He did not spare His own Son, Jesus Christ, for us. To us, He is abundantly more than the God of second chances. It also reminds us of God’s love for all His creation, since He enabled freewill despite all the risks.
When God made the universe, everything, including the earth, was perfect. The earth was a paradise; a playground! God had His own special plot on the earth called the Garden of Eden and He, along with Adam and Eve, hung-out there together. Both Adam and Eve enjoyed a death-free, vegan way of life. They were close with God, had all they could ever need and were peaceful. Made in the image of God, Adam and Eve were highly intelligent, perfectly formed humans. Their life was truly perfect and their nakedness represented their innocence, being that they were oblivious to evil and had no concept of darkness or suffering of any kind.

God loved and cared for Adam and Eve as His own children. In the Psalms, King David, who knew and loved God, also understood the sense of being God’s child: “Keep me as the apple of Your eye; hide me in the shadow of Your wings . . .” (Psalm 17:8). David understood how God felt about him. He knew that God cherished, protected and cared for him – even when he failed. The desire to be loved and treasured in this way came from God because He purposed to satisfy it in us; He made us so He could love us and that we would reciprocate, acknowledging and glorifying Him as God. Part of God’s design was to augment the love He showed His creation through parenthood and families: “God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply . . .” (Genesis 1:28).

Adam and Eve were (and still are today, just like The Church) the apple of God’s eye. And (like a good father), He wished to preserve and protect their innocence and keep them from ever having to suffer. But you see, now comes the risk that was mentioned earlier: God - being fair and just (and not a dictator) - knew that without an opportunity to choose, free will untested, could never be real, and neither could love.

There was a tree in the Garden that God forbade Adam and Eve to eat from. It was called the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Adam and Eve were presented with the choice to believe God and obey His command to them, or not. Aside from the fruit of the forbidden tree, everything else was available to them. The whole world, along with the Garden, was “their oyster”.
Meanwhile, back in the Garden, trouble started when there appeared an actual dictator, going by the name of Satan (a.k.a. The Devil, The Dragon, The Old Serpent, and The Accuser). He was in disguise, having taken on the form of a serpent. He went over to Eve and tempted her with a lie that if she ate the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge, then she would be like God. He tricked her into thinking that God was really just withholding good things from her by telling her not to eat it. Adam got pulled in, they both ate and the whole of creation came under a curse.

*Genesis 3 The Fall*

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

2 The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

4 “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. 5 “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as He was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?”

10 He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

11 And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

12 The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”
Before I go any further with this account, I’d like to address the ‘elephant in the room’ - the talking serpent. Yes, animals could talk before the curse. The curse ‘dumbed’ animals down (and us too!). If animals couldn’t talk, then we would have a very different account of this story. Eve would have been totally freaked out by a serpent suddenly coming up and speaking to her (just like we would be today), and she would have probably run away, screaming. Satan’s plot to tempt her would have failed then and there. Only God knows the details, but maybe she was already friends with a serpent or two in the Garden? We have great friendships with post-Fall animals today despite the communication barriers. Satan could have observed her for a while from a distance before cooking up this plan and changed himself into what might have looked like her snake-friend. It’s possible. Or perhaps he chose that form because “the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord had made.”, and this disguise just appealed to his sense of vanity and pride? Like I said, only God knows, but it is certainly possible that the Devil thought his disguise would enable him to slip on over to Eve right under God’s radar. But of course, God’s radar is always on and reaches everywhere. God was sovereign over the Fall.

God permitted Adam and Eve to be tested. He certainly did not encourage them to sin nor force them to sin but He allowed them room to choose. And we know, freedom of choice can go both ways - for right or for wrong. God doesn’t change, and His Word promises that: “No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can endure it” (1 Cor. 10:13). God was ‘waiting in the wings’ to help them to make the right decision. They could have resisted temptation if they so desired. Instead, they pushed God out and took things into their own hands. Many things changed because of their decision to disobey God’s warning. The first thing to happen was that they lost their innocence.

*Genesis 3:7* Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.
Did they become like God, just as the serpent promised? Nope. They lost their innocence and then death came. The immortal life God had granted them was lost. The whole universe was created to never crumble, decay or die! God’s design did not include death. Even worse, the introduction of death turned out to be a double-whammy because two types of death came: an immediate spiritual death (more on that later), and eventually, a physical one. All of God’s creation fell with them and became infected with the curse of their sin (their rebellion). The repercussions on the earth were huge. Animals changed. With death came predator and prey. The earth became a hard place to live in. Peace and harmony on earth were lost.

We see the dysfunction and misery of the sin-curse operating in the world every day. We’ve got death, disease, crime, greed, corruption, war, decay, sadness, depression, heartache, selfishness, addictions, loss, pain, natural disasters, betrayal, mistakes, lies, accidents, pollution, aging . . . The list goes on and on . . . and on. Even good things come with some kind of problem. Nothing is perfect. It’s a mess!

But it’s not all bad. We still have fun here on earth, don’t we? We still have blue skies, friends, ice cream . . . Why? Because God’s good presence is still on the earth with us. Do you remember that verse from earlier? “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like the shifting shadows” (James 1:17). What could some of those good gifts be? Music, art, medicine, laughter . . . anything that helps people or brings them joy and blesses their lives. True, the curse still affects even the good things, but the benefit to mankind remains – it hasn’t been taken away. This life is cursed, but it is not hell. Hell is the absence of anything good – therefore the absence of God.
God did not abandon the world He created, nor did He abandon Adam and Eve.

So what did God do? He told them the truth: that they were now under His holy wrath and the curse. Then He made a way out for them. He made a sacrifice of two animals on their behalf to cover their sin, and then He made clothes for them with the skins. This was the first mention of sacrifice in the Bible. Two innocent animals, (most likely lambs), lost their lives so that Adam and Eve could be forgiven.

**Genesis 3:21** The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.

Like it or not, God requires a blood sacrifice in order to forgive a person’s sins.

**Hebrews 9:22** “... without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.”

Sin always brings death: “the wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23). And death must be counteracted with life: “For the life of all flesh is in its blood.” (Leviticus 17:14). God could have killed and sacrificed Adam, but He used an animal instead. Unfortunately, the sacrifice of an animal would not provide lasting forgiveness. Humans would have to offer animal sacrifices for their sins yearly from that day forward. God’s holy wrath upon Adam and Eve was satisfied for the time being, but God didn’t stop there. Determined to rescue His beloved children, He made ready a plan to permanently take this burden from mankind once and for all and a clue to that plan was hidden in the sacrifice of those innocent lambs.

Sin is very serious to God. He won’t ‘sweep it under the carpet’ or ‘turn a blind eye’ to it because He is honest, just and upright. He won’t embrace it either, because He is holy. God’s wrath is an extension of His holiness in that He hates sin. He hates the hurt it inflicts and the damage it causes. He hates the death that it brings. He has righteous, wrathful anger toward sin. And yes, He would have also felt the pain of betrayal from Adam and Eve’s disobedience. But He did not hate them. He provided a way out. He provided mercy and atonement, immediately bridging the gap created by sin so their relationship with Him could be restored.

“The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy. The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works.”

*(Psalm 145:8-9)*
It was a terrible day, the day sin came to the world. Adam and Eve witnessed death for the very first time, and then they had to leave the Garden, never to return.

God would still be with them, but He could not allow them to remain in the Garden any longer. They were sent out for their own protection. There were two sacred trees in the Garden of Eden. One we already know, the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, and the second being the Tree of Life. God drove them out of the Garden, away from the Tree of Life. He then placed a guard at the Garden: So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the tree of life. (Genesis 3:24)

Banishment from the Garden was an act of God’s mercy. Eating from the tree wouldn’t have reversed the effects of their sin, nor solved their problem. It would have sealed their fate by dooming them to an eternal state of sin, with no possibility of redemption . . .

This is as far as we will go following the story of Adam and Eve. However, this end marks the beginning of an even greater story about a loving Creator’s pursuit of mankind to bring fallen people back in right standing with Himself once again - as it was at the dawn of creation.

But what happened to Satan, the serpent? God dealt swiftly with the serpent, cursing him. He then promised that from a woman the Messiah would come to rectify the sin-mess Satan had made: And I (God) will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers (Jesus); He (Jesus) will crush your (Satan’s) head, and you (Satan) will strike His (Jesus’) heel.” (Gen. 3:15). Jesus would one day be the final victor, striking the Enemy with a head-crushing blow. Yet in the meantime, the damage had been done and the lie Satan used to trick Eve had a motive behind it that ran deeper than either Adam or Eve could ever have imagined.

What did Satan lose that really stung him when he was kicked out of heaven? Authority. He wanted to be God, so authority was high on the list. Besides messing things up for God’s beloved creation - serving a ‘one-two punch’ in God’s direction - Satan couldn’t help but notice this pre-Fall decree:

Genesis 1:28  God blessed them (Adam & Eve), and said to them "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."
God bequeathed Adam and Eve the authority to rule over all the earth. He meant for all of mankind to be good caretakers of the earth; protecting all creatures, ecosystems, and environments . . . And Satan saw an opportunity.

Adam and Eve’s disobedience caused them to forfeit that God-given authority to rule over the earth.

And who seized it?

(Drumroll please . . .)

You guessed right: Satan, the Father of Lies; The Great Deceiver. **THE THIEF !!!!**

**BOOM!** The Devil robbed them blind.

He knew **exactly** what he was doing.

I can feel a scripture coming on . . .

*John 10:10* The thief (the Devil) comes only in order to steal, kill and destroy; I (Jesus) have come so that they may have life, life in its fullest measure.

Having seized this authority, Satan became known as the “Prince of the Power of the Air”, the god of this world, causing (natural and spiritual) havoc on the earth; establishing spiritual kingdoms of darkness throughout the whole world; enslaving people's hearts and minds with lies that would take them as far as possible from the knowledge of their own cursed state and their Creator who would save them from that curse.

The scripture below illustrates the contrast between those set free from the curse and those who are yet children of wrath and under the debt of their sin.

*Ephesians 2:1-3* And you He - (God) - made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

Have you ever considered yourself to be under the power of sin and death? A child of wrath?! It may seem insulting but the fact that you’ve even read this far tells me you are curious about the Bible and the truth in it, as shown by prophecies fulfilled. In the meantime, let’s revisit what lie Satan MIGHT try during these end-times to get people’s eyes off of looking to God. I wonder . . .?
PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR:

ABLE TO CHANGE FORM;

FATHER OF LIES.
The world is certainly ripe to believe and receive in an alien/otherworldly/"ancestral" visitation. A lot of work has gone into preparing people’s hearts over the years to accept this possibility and embrace the deception.

But if you look at the account of Creation in the Bible, we see that God took 6 days to make the heavens (universe), along with the earth and all of its creatures and plant life, culminating in the pinnacle of God’s creation: humans, made in His image.

We also know that there are angels. Trying to determine when God created the angels is somewhat tricky because anything God did “before the foundation of the world” puts the event outside of time itself. Time and space are characteristics of our world, not God’s. He is not limited by hours, days and years as we are. In fact, the Bible tells us that “with the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like a day.” (2 Peter 3:8)

We do know that God created the angels before He created the physical universe. The book of Job describes the angels worshipping God as He was creating the world: “Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone – while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?” (Job 38:4-7).

Sobering words from the Creator indeed!

If we consider the function of angels, we might conclude that God made the angels just prior to the creation of mankind because one of their duties is to be “ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation” (Hebrews 1:14). Because another function of angels is to worship God around His throne (Revelation 5:11-14), they may have been in existence millions of years – as we reckon time – before God created the world, worshipping Him and serving Him.

And of course we know from the Bible that fallen angels became demons – which can change their appearance. There is no account of anyone else in the Bible. Actual extraterrestrials didn’t make the list. Fair warning for the present time. Let’s take a moment to look a little deeper into this:
LUCIFER is helping Vatican astronomers look for extraterrestrials?

A new book claims that Vatican astronomers are looking for extraterrestrials. And they are using LUCIFER to do it. Although it shares the same name as Christianity’s fallen angel and the personification of evil, LUCIFER is an instrument attached to a telescope.

As *Popular Science* explains, LUCIFER is an acronym for the instrument’s lengthy title, “Large Binocular Telescope Near-infrared Utility with Camera and Integral Field Unit for Extragalactic Research.” This instrument is attached to the University of Arizona’s Large Binocular Telescope (LBT) located on Mt. Graham in southeastern Arizona. The Vatican-owned Vatican Advanced Technology Telescope (VATT) is right next door.

According to *EcumenicalNews.com*, authors of a new book assert that the Vatican astronomers are using both the VATT and the LBT’s LUCIFER instrument to watch for an alien saviour. Tom Horn and Christ Putnam, authors of “*Exo-Vaticana: Petrus Romanus, Project LUCIFER, and the Vatican’s astonishing plan for the arrival of an alien savior*” visited with the Jesuit astronomers at the VATT, including Guy Consolmagno.

The authors claim that Consolmagno revealed to them documents showing that the Vatican believes “that we are soon to be visited by an alien saviour from another world.”

Guy Consolmagno speaks regularly about science and religion. In a 2010 interview, he told The Guardian, “Any entity – no matter how many tentacles it has – has a soul.” He made headlines because of this interview, in which he said he would offer to baptize an extraterrestrial being if one requested.
Jesus answered: “Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and will deceive many. (Matthew 24:4)

The (Holy) Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. (1 Timothy 4:1-2)

"But evil people and impostors will flourish. They will deceive others and will themselves be deceived." (2 Timothy 3:13)

“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers are also transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.” (2 Corinthians 11:13-15)
We're very vulnerable to lies; our moral compass is broken because after the Fall, every single human - now under the curse - is born into sin, making us ‘children of wrath’ and enemies of God. This means that we now have a sinful/broken nature: we just sin naturally - without thinking - and are under the condemnation of God. Our view is darkened and distorted. Any good we do can’t fix our fallen nature – we need divine spiritual surgery to cut out and clean out the sin. We lean towards wanting our own way and God is instinctively not invited. If you look at a baby or a very young child, he or she is in many ways innocent and doesn’t necessarily comprehend or consciously think bad thoughts. But children, in amongst all the adorable things they do, will show all the signs of free will and wanting their own way (sometimes having a tantrum if they don’t get it). And the whole sin/rebellion problem is illustrated right there, in the middle of that hissy-fit.

Humans, now bent away from God (and inwards onto their fallen selves), progress to make more and more conscious choices to control their own lives as they grow older. Again, in our fallen ‘natural’ state, God doesn’t get a mention: “there is no one who seeks God. All have turned away. . .” (Rom. 3:11-12). This verse is saying that we as fallen humans are incapable of reaching God on our own. We need Jesus’ help and man-made religions and ‘spirituality’ have no place in this equation.

The Scriptures also say: But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). Another way to say this would be: ‘while in a sin-induced spiritual-coma (dead state), not giving a hoot about God or knowing the real danger we were in, Jesus came and made it possible for us to rouse, see and escape eternal death.’ Also: We love because He first loved us (1 John 4:19). We don’t find God. God finds us. He pursues us our whole lives. He reaches out for us because He loves us. The question is: are we open to Him, even a little? Adam and Eve weren’t when it really counted and look where it got them.

From the moment we’re born, we begin to struggle for independence; we start to crawl or take those first steps. God made us that way. We wouldn’t make it in this fallen world if we didn’t have this drive and in the original design were never created to be hopeless or helpless. It’s just that if we continue to live separately from Him, we miss out on the whole reason we were created – to know and love (glorify) our Creator and be loved by Him. Independence is not the same as indifference: we can be responsible and fruitful with our lives without leaving God out. He gave us all our talents and abilities. We who are capable honour God when we use and hone these gifts, whether we choose to acknowledge the truth of the origin of them or not, because “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows” (James 1:17).

This present time is special in the history of the world because God is going to have a big mention again, with the Two Witnesses, the 144,000 Jewish Evangelists and the Gospel Angel going throughout the world during the Tribulation. There’ll be a lot of ‘in-your-face’ reasons to recognize God for who He is, believe in Him and turn to Him.
The supernatural aside, God made it clear in the Bible that no one, throughout the history of the human race, will have an excuse for pushing Him out of their lives when they face Him one day. He gave us the Bible to read - to help us find the truth and get to know Him - plus the intricate design of our bodies, our many talents, our intellect and all the beauty, structure and order to the natural world (galaxies, habitats etc...) together testify to the existence of the Great Designer, our Creator (Romans 1:20).

It’s a real problem that we all became ‘children of wrath’ through the sin-curse because rebellion - indifference or opposition toward our Maker - leads to hell. But before you begin to protest, let me tell you that hell was never supposed to be a place for humans to go: “Then He will say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’” (Matthew 25:41)

Satan has known where he would end up the moment he was cast from heaven, and it’s been his sick plan to drag as many people as possible with him to that place. He can do that if a person refuses God’s help with their sin-nature. God doesn’t tell us that we are sinful to be an ass and make us feel like crap. He tells us so we can see our need and get on board with Him saving us from eternal death! Don’t you just hate it when no one cares enough to tell you that you have a piece of food stuck in your teeth and you’re about to have your picture taken?

If you look back at the start of this booklet (page 15), you will see that after Jesus’ 1000-Year Reign on the earth, He will remake the whole of creation, redeeming every living thing ever made. This will be the new, far bigger home for ALL of the saved human race, starting with Adam and Eve. It’ll be a fresh, clean, sinless world - just like before the Fall. Sin won’t be allowed to enter into this redeemed new world. Everyone will have had to have had their sins washed clean, and have been given a new nature from God to be permitted to enter. God is not going to have His world hurt again by sin, and all the people who end up there (The Church), will have already shown their desire to live with Him because they repented and accepted Christ. No one will be forced to hang with God in the afterlife if they don’t want to. God is not unreasonable nor is He a bully. He wants you there, but He won’t twist your arm.

Meanwhile, God is not pulling any punches. He has purposed to redeem His world, and He wants you to be a part of it. So it’s feather-ruffling time I’m afraid!

These statements about the sinful nature of fallen mankind are bold because they are based upon the Word of God. I am truth-telling. There is no ‘your truth’ or ‘my truth’. There is only THE TRUTH coming from the One who brought us into existence. You have a unique present-day viewpoint. You will see for yourself that the Bible is true as prophecy upon prophecy is fulfilled. The truth of what you see around you is anchored in every word in the Bible. And just as the Bible foretells future events, we can also use the Bible to look back in time to see the beginning and development of the progressive revelation of God’s plan to redeem the world, one soul at a time.
And they (angels) were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory."
(Isaiah 6:3)
For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities -- His eternal power and divine nature -- have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.
A little more (still relevant) history.
CHAPTER THREE: Then and Now.
The first five books of the Old Testament in the Bible are called “The Law” and are Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. Civil laws, ceremonial laws, and moral laws were recorded in these books. These books also include history from Creation to the arrival of the Israelites in Canaan (the Promised Land).

The book of Genesis in the Bible is all history - God creating the world, Adam and Eve’s sin and then a record of their descendants to Noah (chapters 1-5), and then the Flood (chapters 6-9). In the middle of chapter 11, God called a man named Abram (later renamed Abraham), to follow Him and promised Abraham that his obedience would result in the establishment of several nations. Abraham obeyed God by moving his family from Ur to Canaan (chapter 11-25). Abraham’s son Isaac had two sons, Esau and Jacob. Jacob was also called “Israel” and his descendants became the Israelites. Following God’s lead, after Adam and Eve sinned, Abraham’s early descendants performed sacrifices for their sins - simply, on piled-up stones.

With people being born into sin and having lost their connection with God that Adam and Eve once enjoyed, God first set out (into a sinful world, now savage and morally corrupted), to reconnect with and educate a people about Himself, their Creator. Starting with Abraham, God made Himself known to the Israelites. This people-group (called-out by God and set-apart for Him), was to be an example to the rest of the world of God’s existence and His ways. In particular: to accomplish His plan to redeem the entire world back to Himself.

The majority of the rest of the people on earth had turned to idol worship (the worship of false gods) and did not acknowledge their Creator. Idol worship was extremely barbaric (one’s own children were sacrificed) because essentially it glorified demons (who are themselves dark, depraved and totally savage). So, first on the agenda was for God to teach the Israelites about the dangers of worshipping and trusting in anything or anyone other than Himself. He alone was to have His rightful place with people again as God.

Psalm 135:15-18  The idols of the nations are silver and gold, made by human hands. They have mouths, but cannot speak, eyes, but cannot see. They have ears, but cannot hear, nor is there breath in their mouths. Those who make them will be like them, and so will all who trust in them.

Jonah 2:8  Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God’s love for them.
And so, when God made Moses a leader of the Israelites (Exodus), God gave him most of the Law (including the 10 Commandments – the moral law), while the Israelites were camped around Mt. Sinai. Here is an example of one of those laws:

Exodus 20:3-6  “You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them . . .”

God warned the Israelites (and us), not to worship anyone other than Himself because He alone is God and He deserves our reverent honour, homage, and praise. But the warning had another purpose . . .

There is a sobering account in the Bible about idol worship in the End-Times, showing the hardness of people’s hearts against God: 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 worshipping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk (Revelation 9:20). Remember, Satan is the one who wants to take people with him to his final destination – an eternity in hell. It’s not safe to even dabble in worship or belief in anyone other than our Creator, yet people will still resist acknowledging God even after the Rapture.

Humans, just like angels were designed to love, obey and worship God. That is the true meaning of life and how we find fulfillment. We can't help but worship; it’s woven into the very fabric of our being. We can worship (make an idol of . . .) ourselves and our accomplishments, or religion, or money, or human love, or our career. . . The point is that there is no middle-ground – no grey area. We either serve and worship God or we end up serving Satan. He is the ‘prince’ of the fallen world and the world is full of things designed to capture our heart’s desire. Does this mean that the good things we worship and put our trust in are actually bad? Of course not. It’s just that they should never be worshipped. False worship is just about putting something above God in your life. Is money (for example) evil? NO! When used properly it brings blessings to people. It is only when we desire it in lieu of God – above Him – that it becomes a problem and creates a trap, hurting ourselves and others. For example: “For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil . . .” (1 Timothy 6:10). The correct balance is God first and everything else, second. Following God’s direction always brings things into balance. People never find lasting happiness in creation to the exclusion of the Creator. “You cannot serve two masters at the same time. You will hate one and love the other, or you will be loyal to one and not care about the other. You cannot serve God and Money (for example) at the same time.” (Matthew 6:24-26)

Psalm 150:6  Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Ecclesiastes 12:13  After all this, there is only one thing to say: Have reverence for God, and obey His commands, because this is all that we were created for.
The first sacrifice for sins marked by a pile of stones was further developed when Moses made the ‘tent of witness’ (the Tabernacle) according to the pattern God had shown him. The Tabernacle was a precursor to the Temple that would one day stand in Jerusalem. It was a movable place of worship and sacrifice for the children of Israel. It was where God met with Moses and the people to reveal His will.

The Tabernacle was designed to help people see and understand the pattern of worship offerable to a Holy God, thereby enabling the people to approach Him. God also formally established the regulations for animal sacrifices during this time (Leviticus).

God also designed the Ark of the Covenant (Exodus 25:10) during Moses’ lifetime which played a key role in the forgiveness of sins.

The Ark was to be a symbol of the presence of God in the midst of His people. It was the only place where God manifested His presence on earth and it became the Israelites’ means of relating to Him.

Once a year on “Yom Kippur” - the Jewish Day of Atonement - God’s presence would manifest in the space between the two cherubim, known as the Mercy Seat. The high priest would access the Holy of Holies from behind the veil/curtain and sprinkle the blood of the sacrificed lamb on the Mercy Seat. Once received by God, the blood of the lamb atoned (covered) the sins of both the high priest and the entire nation of Israel. This ritual was performed continuously, year after year.

God’s love for people and His desire to be reconciled to them was shown through the Tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant.
At first glance, the blood sacrifices associated with the Ark of the Covenant may seem somewhat disturbing. Slaughtering animals and offering their blood on an altar begs of the occult. It is important to note, however, that these sacrifices were not intended to appease the wrath of a bloodthirsty deity. God does not desire the blood and suffering of helpless lambs, or any animal for that matter (Hebrews 10:8). Biblical text repeatedly shows that where there is sin, the unavoidable result is death. The sacrifice of the innocent lamb points to the severity of sin and in order for God to be just, sin must always be atoned for (Hebrews 9:22). God's compassion enabled the sins of Israel to be transferred upon the lamb: one, in place of many. More importantly, these sacrifices foreshadowed a greater sacrifice yet to take place -- the sacrifice of the Jewish Messiah, Jesus Christ. God knew that these continual sacrifices were only sufficient to pay for the sins of Israel, and not all the sins of the entire human race. Therefore, God provided Jesus Christ as the ultimate sacrificial lamb, which became the greatest act of love in all history. A Roman cross became the ark on which Christ was sacrificed. The blood of Christ, once and for all, atoned for the wrongs of all who would accept Him as their Saviour (1 John 1:7; 1 Peter 2:24; Isaiah 53:5; Hebrews 10:14).
Just as the yearly sacrifice in the Tabernacle pointed to Jesus (our better sacrifice), the 10 Commandments were designed to point people to their need for a saviour as well. By defining sin, God determined to educate everyone about the impossibly high standards (for a fallen people) to holiness, and in doing so, expose the world's inability to keep and follow the law perfectly and save themselves.

As the scriptures say, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all" (James 2:10).

During Jesus’ ministry on earth, He explained the law to even higher standards. For example, in Matthew 5:21-22, Jesus revealed that the command “You shall not murder” was violated when a person was unjustly angry at someone else. Despising or hating someone and calling them a ‘fool’ also broke the prohibition against murder.

Another example:

Matthew 5:27-28 “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I (Jesus) say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

Only God’s perfect Son could uphold and satisfy these standards for us - we needed a saviour . . .

Jesus was up for the task: “Do not think that I (Jesus) came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill.” (Matthew 5:17)
The gospel is not about a lifestyle that we live, it’s about the law-fulfilling life that Christ lived.

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Fulfillment of the Law meant *freedom from the Law*; freedom from God’s wrath and condemnation. That’s why God sent Jesus: because His Son could turn things around for all of us.

*Hebrews 10:1-4*  
For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things, can never, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make perfect those who draw near. Otherwise, would they have not ceased to be offered . . . But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year by year. For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

Jesus, who lived a sinless life, was the perfect, ultimate sacrifice for the world’s sin. He did not just cover our sins with His blood, He washed them away, taking them as far as the “east is from the west” (*Psalm 103:12*).

*Hebrews 10:10* . . . we (The Church) have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once and for all.

God’s preparation for the arrival of Christ in Israel was later marked by a more permanent structure - the Temple. The Temple was constructed after the same pattern as the Tabernacle and was its replacement. A total of two Temples were built over the course of Jewish history. The first was built in King Solomon’s time and was later destroyed many years later by the Babylonians in 586 B.C. The Second Temple was built around 516 B.C. and was around during Jesus’ time on earth. It was destroyed by the Roman Empire in 70 A.D. And as before, generation after generation of God’s chosen people were taught that Temple worship was given to show them that only a perfect sacrifice could take away sins. They were taught that they needed to be cleansed in order to approach a Holy God. They were taught that they needed a priest to represent them before God.

**Significant to our time now on earth, will be the construction of the Third Temple in Jerusalem.** Since orthodox Jews do not recognize Jesus and are still waiting for a Messiah, they have long desired to return to the old ways in order to be reconciled to God. Unfortunately, their refusal to accept Christ will cause them to be deceived into believing that the evil Antichrist is their long-awaited saviour. Yikes!
And so, all the rituals and laws pointed to the need for Jesus to be our complete and perfect sacrifice and eternal High Priest before God.

Jesus was (and is), the embodiment of God’s loving pursuit and plan to permanently reconcile fallen mankind to Himself. From the moment Adam and Eve sinned and were separated from Him, God sprung into action to rectify the separation, bridge the gap, and make a way for all of us to be close to Him once more (in the here and now, as well as in eternity).

The barrier of sin did not dampen God’s desire to be close to His chosen people and so the Tabernacle and Temple were constructed to temporarily deal with that barrier until that time that Christ could be sacrificed.

Exodus 25:1-8  Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Tell the sons of Israel to raise a contribution for Me; from every man whose heart moves him you shall raise My contribution . . . Let them construct a sanctuary (the Tabernacle) for Me, that I may dwell among them.”

It was a long-term plan - educating people on His holiness and the seriousness of sin – ending in Jesus Christ, God’s Son, being slain on our behalf to pay the sin-debt in full.

For approximately 400 years God revealed Himself in the Tabernacle (Exodus 25:8). For another approximate 400 years, God revealed Himself in the Temple (1 Kings 8:17-20). In both the Tabernacle and the Temple, God showed His abiding presence as a brilliant light or fire (Hebrew word: Shekinah). We would not know God had He not chosen to reveal Himself to us. We would not be able to approach God had He not come down to our level, communed and ‘worked things out’ with us. He sought people out because: “there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God” (Romans 3:11), and it wasn’t acceptable to Him to just leave things as they were: broken.
God spent two chapters on Creation and twelve chapters on the Tabernacle in the wilderness. Why? Because though the story of Creation is important, it pales in comparison to the story of Redemption. And Jesus is the central figure to it all.

The Old Testament of the Bible, from Genesis to Malachi, speaks of God’s salvation plan (Jesus concealed), in pictures and types. The Tabernacle exemplifies this:

1. The Tabernacle’s appearance – the tent was covered with plain, brown animal skins but underneath were beautiful royal curtains: Christ was both the son of man and the Son of God.

2. **The Tabernacle’s access – there was but one door into the tent and into the Holy of Holies:** Jesus said, “**I am the way, the truth and the life. No man comes to the Father but by me.**” (John 14:6)

3. The Tabernacle’s arrangement – it was always centered in the middle of the camp: where two or three are gathered in Christ’s name He is always there, the center and focus of His people (Matthew 18:20).

4. The Tabernacle in the wilderness – ‘wilderness’ typifying the desolate places of sin and the Tabernacle being God’s presence striving with us in the midst of our fallen state, culminating in the birth of Jesus Christ on earth: “**And the Word was made flesh and dwelt (tabernacled) among us**” (John 1:14)

Despite God’s teaching and co-labouring, the majority of the Jewish people’s hearts remained hard and continued to wander from Him. In the book by the prophet Ezekiel, we read that the “glory departed” from the people of Israel and never returned. For approximately 400 years the glory (Shekinah) of God never appeared. Sacrifices were offered and the people worshipped, but God’s presence was no longer in the Temple. The time was coming for God to move on to changing more than outward behaviour: He was going to give people a new heart (Ezek. 36:26). Jesus, no longer concealed in pictures and types, was to enter the scene – up close and personal.

Let me ask you something: Do you like religion? If your answer is no, then you and God have something in common. God wants you close and not at arm’s length: “**I (God) want you to show love, not offer sacrifices. I want you to know Me more than I want burnt offerings.**” (Hosea 6:6)

1 Samuel 15:22 But Samuel replied, "What is more pleasing to the Lord: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to His voice? Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams."

Psalm 51:16-17 For You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; You take no pleasure in burnt offerings. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

Mark 12:33 “. . . and to love Him with all your heart and with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, which is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”
YEP FOLKS, IT’S OFFICIAL . . .

CHRISTIANS ARE NARROW-MINDED.

ENTER THROUGH THE NARROW GATE. FOR WIDE IS THE GATE AND BROAD IS THE ROAD THAT LEADS TO DESTRUCTION, AND MANY ENTER THROUGH IT.

MATTHEW 7:13

THERE’S ONLY ONE DOOR.

1 TIMOTHY 2:5  For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus
On the night Christ was born, “the glory of God shone round about” (Luke 2:9). God’s manifest presence which once hovered above the Ark of the Covenant in the Holy of Holies, returned to us in the person of Jesus. Biblical scholars have estimated 4000 years between the creation of Adam and the birth of Christ.

As I told you earlier, God’s pursuit was a **progressive** revelation. It took some time.

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**And just as the Old Testament was about Jesus concealed – pointing to the coming Saviour - the New Testament focused on Jesus revealed, being born into the world to dwell among us.**

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At the age of 33, having led a totally sinless life and after an incredible ministry on earth (which included many miracles), Jesus was crucified on the cross. His sole mission in coming to earth was to reveal more of His Father – God Almighty - to people, and then deal with the sin-debt once and for all. He was not murdered. He gave His life willingly for us. He was the only One who could and did die on the cross for the sins of a lost world, “the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring you to God.” (1 Peter 3:18).

The moment He died on the cross, four phenomenal events took place that testified to Him being the Son of God:

**THE DARKNESS**

**What happened:** Jesus was placed on the cross at 9 a.m. (Mark 15:25), then “from noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over the whole land” (Matthew 27:45).

**The significance:** In the Old Testament, darkness is frequently a sign of judgment (see Amos 5:18; 8:9). Recall that the ninth plague of the Exodus event was darkness over the land of Egypt for a period of three days—a darkness that could be felt (Ex. 10:21-22). After the plague of darkness came the death of the firstborn sons (Ex. 11:4-5). Darkness preceded death.

Likewise, on the cross darkness preceded the death of God’s Son. The significance? On the cross, our sins were placed vicariously on the sinless Son and God poured out His judgment on Christ, our Substitute. Darkness as a sign of divine judgment highlights the substitutionary nature of Christ’s death. On the cross, Jesus endured the judgment of God for our sin (see Gal. 3:13; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet. 2:24).

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**Jesus suffered the darkness of death for us so we could live eternally in the light.**

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Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "**I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.**" (John 8:12)
In a time when no one knew the earth was a sphere; when no one knew about the poles to the north and south, God established an East/West continuum.

The altar of sacrifice was placed at the eastern end of the Temple in Jerusalem; the Holy of Holies on the far West side. On the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur), the High Priest would take the blood from the altar and walk the distance of the Temple to the Holy of Holies and sprinkle it there.

God knew the distance between the poles could be measured, and He also knew that no one could measure the distance between the east and the west.

The Hebrew word for East is kedem, which means: everlasting.

“He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear (honour and trust) Him; as far as the east is from the west so far has He removed our transgressions from us.” Psalm 103:10-12

That is why He uses “as far as the east is from the west” to describe how forgiven we are, and how far removed our sins are from us. We can’t see the beginning from the end. It's simply never-ending – just like His forgiveness made available to us!

This prophetic Psalm, which pointed to Christ’s First Advent, shows that God had already planned for you to have the opportunity to rest in Jesus’ payment and share in a relationship with Him long before His Son’s arrival on the earth.
**THE CURTAIN**

*What happened:* “The curtain of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom” (Matthew 27:51).

*The significance:* This was the curtain that separated the Holy of Holies from the other parts of the Temple. The Holy of Holies was associated with God’s presence. Worshippers could never enter the Holy of Holies — *“only the high priest, once a year”* (Leviticus 16).

The tearing of the Temple curtain signified that the way to God had been opened for all people through Christ. That the curtain was torn from top to bottom signified that this was the work of God, not of human effort (Heb. 9:12; 10:19-20).

**THE EARTHQUAKE**

*What happened:* “The earth quaked, and the rocks were split” (Matthew 27:51).

*The significance:* Earthquakes were common in Palestine, though there was nothing common about this one. The timing and accompanying events suggest this was a supernatural event.

Earthquakes in the Bible often accompanied divine revelation or a unique act of God. When God appeared to Moses on Sinai to give His law, “*the whole mountain shook violently*” (Ex. 19:18). The earthquake at Jesus’ death resonated with the Sinai event, suggesting that the earthquake at Calvary signified that the demands of the law were fulfilled in Christ.

**THE DEAD RAISED**

*What happened:* “The tombs were also opened and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised” (Matthew 27:52).

*The significance:* The opening of the tombs would likely have occurred as a result of the earthquake. The miracle was the raising of many saints from the dead. These would have been Old Testament saints.

*These resurrections demonstrated Jesus’ victory over death.* They are a foretaste of what will come at the end of time, the final resurrection (Rapture of the Church), of which Paul wrote in 1 Thessalonians 4:16: “*the dead in Christ will rise*” (see also 1 Cor. 15:20-23).

Because of the death and resurrection of Christ, the sin-debt was paid (abolishing the need for animal sacrifices), eternal-death was conquered, and it was made possible to once again have a personal relationship with God, without the burden of religious rituals . . . . . . One would only need to believe in what Jesus did for them. Jesus did all the heavy-lifting for us: so GREAT is His love for us.
The dividing barrier of sin that stood between God and man has been torn down, signified by the veil in the temple being torn in two. Mat 27:51; Mark 15:38; Luke 23:45
One of the criminals hanging beside Him scoffed, “So you’re the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you’re at it!”

But the other criminal protested, “Don’t you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn’t done anything wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.”

And Jesus replied, “I assure you, today you will be with Me in paradise.”

When a man or woman believes that Jesus can take away his/her sins and sincerely trusts in Him, that is, depends on Him to do that, then his/her sins are forgiven.
Psalm 103:11-13  For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His loving devotion for those who fear (reverence) Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him…

Hebrews 9:26  Otherwise, He would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But now He has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

Psalm 32:5  Then I acknowledged my sin to You and did not hide my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the guilt of my sin.

Isaiah 38:17  Surely, for my welfare I had such great anguish; but Your love has delivered me from the pit of oblivion, for You have cast all my sins behind Your back.

Isaiah 43:25  I, yes I, Am He who blot out your transgressions for My own sake and remembers your sins no more.

Zechariah 3:9  See the stone I have set before Joshua; on that one stone are seven eyes. Behold, I will engrave on it an inscription, 'declares the LORD of Hosts, 'and I will remove the iniquity of this land in a single day.'
Of the four phenomenal events at the cross, the tearing of the Temple curtain is one of the most significant and warrants closer investigation.

**The Curtain and the Separation**
God put the Temple curtain there for the safety of His people for no one could enter into the Holy of Holies and live: one born into sin cannot survive before a Holy God when operating under the Law – protocols must be adhered to. The curtain represented the separation of a Holy God from sinful mankind because sin separates us from God (Isaiah 59:2). The size and thickness of the curtain ensured that no one would accidentally fall into the Holy of Holies as the veil was 60 feet long, 30 feet wide, and was about one inch thick. It was so massive and heavy that it took 300 priests to manipulate it. There was no way that someone could inadvertently trip and stumble into the Holy of Holies and subsequently die as a result.

**The Tearing of His Body**
The Bible tells us that the Curtain/Veil in the Tabernacle and Temple represented the humanity of Jesus (Hebrews 10:19-20), which hid the inner glory of His deity: "In Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form" (Colossians 2:9).

Jesus’ own body was given as atonement for our sins and His death satisfied the wrath of God. He paid a debt He did not owe, for a debt we could never pay. The flesh of Jesus’ body was literally torn and as Isaiah wrote: “many were astonished at You — His appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and His form beyond that of the children of mankind" (Isaiah 52:14). The Romans were experts at scourging. They used a wooden rod that had several 18-24 inch long straps of leather attached to it and at the end of it were sharp, jagged pieces of metal, wire, glass, and fragments of bone which could cut deeply through the victim’s skin and into his flesh, shredding his muscles and sinews. This was so effective that much of the tissue was removed and often the spine itself was visible by the time they were finished. Jesus’ literal flesh was torn to shreds and the skin which protects the internal organs and bones was torn and fell away by the scouring. Hebrews 10:20 compares Jesus’ torn flesh to the torn curtain as if they were one. So as the curtain was torn in half, Jesus’ flesh was torn for each one of us that we through His shed blood can today receive salvation and direct access to God. The curtain to the Holy of Holies is a picture-to-person of the Messiah.

**The Tearing of the Curtain**
At the very moment that “Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit” (Matt. 27:50) “the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split” (Matt. 27:51). The curtain was torn at the exact moment of Jesus’ death because our separation from God by our sins had been paid for by Jesus on the cross. Notice that the Temple curtain was torn from the top down to the bottom indicating that it was torn from the top by God Himself. What no human could possibly tear by human strength, God did at the death of the Son of God. Now we (believers) have access to the Holy of Holies. Jesus’ sinless life, death,
and resurrection ended our separation from God. Today if you choose to believe in and trust in Jesus’ payment, you can “have confidence to enter the Holy Places by the blood of Jesus” (Hebrews 10:19). You can get close to God.

Just before Jesus died, He cried out “It is finished!”

The Old Testament was written in Hebrew and the New was written in Greek. "It is finished" is the English translation of the Greek word Tetelestai. This word comes from the verb teleo, which means "to bring to an end, to complete, to accomplish." It’s a crucial word because it signifies the successful end to a particular course of action. It means "I did exactly what I set out to do."

But there’s more here than the verb itself. Tetelestai is in the perfect tense in Greek. This speaks of an action that has been completed in the past with results continuing into the present. It’s different from the past tense which looks back to an event and says, “This happened.” The perfect tense adds the idea that "This happened and it is still in effect today."

When Jesus cried out "It is finished", He meant "It was finished in the past, it is still finished in the present, and it will remain finished in the future."

Note one other fact: He did not say, "I am finished," for that would imply that He died defeated and exhausted. Rather, He cried out "It is finished", meaning "I successfully completed the work I came to do." Tetelestai, then, is the Savior’s final cry of victory. When He died, He left no unfinished business behind. When He said, "It is finished", He was speaking the truth.

John 19:28-30 After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, “I thirst!”. Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

Dead and buried in a tomb for a period of 3 days, Jesus rose from the dead on the 3rd day. He met with his disciples and some others a few times after His resurrection, and then went up into the heavens to be with His Father, to sit down at the right hand of God’s throne. He is there today: The Bright and Morning Star.

But what was finished? What was His victory?

- He fulfilled the Law, paid our sin-debt and appeased God’s justice:
  “Do not think that I (Jesus) have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.”
  (Matthew 5:17-18)
• The sin-debt which brought separation from God and death – now paid - meant that spiritual death was conquered because Jesus reversed its effects by His resurrection to life again after 3 days: “Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man (Adam), and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned . . . For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!” (Romans 5:12;17). See also 1 Cor. 15:1-4.

1 Corinthians 15:55-57
“Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?”
The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Revelation 1:17-18 When I saw Him (Jesus), I fell down at His feet like a dead man. But He placed His right hand on me and said, “Stop being afraid! I am the First and the Last, the Living One. I was dead—but look!—I am alive forever and ever! I have the keys of Death and Hades.”

• He became the eternal High Priest for all who would believe in Him. When we accept Christ’s payment, God sees us THROUGH Jesus and we are declared righteous! Jesus’ death and resurrection made way for the dawning of the New Covenant that God set up between Himself and all of mankind:

Hebrews 4:14-16
Therefore, since we have a Great High Priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet He did not sin. Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus . . .

Remember the blood sacrifice of the first lamb given for Adam and Eve?

Christ became that lamb for all of us.

John 1:29 “. . . behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”
As mentioned earlier, the Bible is divided into two testaments: the Old and the New. The word "testament" however, also means "covenant" - a contract between two parties. The Old Testament was a foreshadowing of the New; a foundation for what was to come. The New Testament describes the fulfillment of God's promise/covenant through Jesus Christ.

**Old Covenant: Between God and Israel**

The Old Covenant was established between God and the people of Israel after God freed them from slavery in Egypt. Moses, who led the people out, served as the mediator of this contract, which was made at Mount Sinai.

God promised that the people of Israel would be His chosen people, and He would be their God (Exodus 6:7). God issued the Ten Commandments and the laws in Leviticus to be obeyed by the Hebrews. If they complied, He pledged prosperity and protection in the Promised Land. If not, there would be judgment.

Aside from the animal sacrifices that had to be made, there were 613 laws altogether, covering every aspect of human behavior. Males had to be circumcised, sabbaths had to be observed (God taught about having a day to just relax), and people were taught hundreds of dietary, social, and hygiene rules. All these regulations were intended to protect the Israelites from their neighbours’ pagan influences and keep them healthy and safe; it was for their flourishing. God basically put a knife and fork in the hands of the Israelites, lifted their faces off of the dinner plate and taught them some manners.

As practical and important as these laws were, they could not save the soul, because they only taught how to outwardly perform better. The root/heart of people’s sin-nature remained unchanged and so, the Old Testament is a record of the nation of Israel struggling and failing, to keep its covenant with God.

**A New Covenant: Between God and Christians**

The New Testament shows Jesus Christ keeping the covenant for us, doing what we could not do. A more familiar term for the comparison between the Old and the New, is “Works vs. Grace.” While God’s grace frequently broke through in the Old Testament, its presence overwhelms the New Testament. Grace, that free gift of salvation through Christ, is available to any person, not just Jews, and asks only that a person repent of their sins and believe in Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. It is a better covenant because:

- Jesus is superior to Moses as a mediator;
- Jesus is the eternal High Priest, always interceding for us, seated next to God in heaven;
- Jesus' sacrifice was once for all, perfecting believers for eternity.
- The Old Covenant was for a specific people in a specific place and time, but the New Covenant extends to the entire world.
In Genesis 15:6 the Bible says that Abraham believed God and righteousness was reckoned to him. Later, the Apostle Paul wrote that the Law, which came centuries after Abraham, did not nullify the promise of salvation by grace. Both the Old and New Testaments share the story of the same God heavily invested in redeeming all people back to Himself via the gift of salvation. The Pharisees and Sadducees of ancient Israel (a little like the Jewish Rabbis today), were super-spiritual, legalistic, absolutely fastidious ‘holy’ men who could not understand or recognize the gift of righteousness given by God to their forefather Abraham, because of his faith. It was formed in the mind of fallen humans that salvation would come through following the Law. This was never God’s idea.

And so there are two kinds of righteousness; as different as night and day. One is a righteousness that belongs to man, and the Apostle Paul calls it the righteousness of the Law; the other comes from God, and it is by faith. One is a flawed righteousness that is the product of our own works; the other is a perfect righteousness that is the product of what Christ has done. One is a righteousness we make for ourselves – that’s why we call it self-righteousness; the other is a righteousness that is imputed to us. One is the righteousness of human merit; the other is the righteousness of divine grace. One is our own righteousness; the other is God’s righteousness.

**The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the doctrine of justification by faith.**

This doctrine sets Christianity apart from every other religion known to man. Every religion you can name teaches that people must become righteous/enlightened/do ‘enough’ good, in order to be acceptable to God (or a ‘Higher Power’). Christianity alone teaches that God supplies on our behalf all the merit we need to please Him. The lowest sinner, a thief hanging on the cross, at the end of his life, was redeemed and restored to a right relationship with God all on the basis of a righteousness that was provided for him; all because he chose to believe (Luke 23:39-43).

In other words (Galatians 3), the Law was never intended to be a means of earning favour with God. The Law was given to underscore the hopelessness of salvation by works, to show us what righteousness looks like, not to give us a pattern for trying to concoct some phony kind of self-righteousness.

So, the Law was meant to keep us from trusting in our own righteousness by condemning us every time we sin. It is utterly inflexible and provides absolutely no ‘wriggle room’, bringing us to the end of ourselves and our own efforts.

Through our union with Christ, His righteousness justifies us. Christ’s righteousness is imputed to us. Paul says this expressly in Romans 4, verse 6, “God imputes righteousness to believers apart from any works.” And:

*Romans 4:5* “To the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness.”
With the New Covenant ratified by Jesus’ death and resurrection, it was time for Him to leave the earth and go back to His Father in heaven. But just before Jesus left the earth, He promised a Helper would come – the Holy Spirit. Jesus tenderly said, “I will not leave you as orphans.” (John 14:18). New Covenant believers would become the **living Temple of God** (doing away with the Temple building) and the Holy Spirit would reside permanently in each and every of the saved. In a physical body, Jesus could only be in one place at a time. But when the Holy Spirit came, believers had (and have) a closeness with God 24/7. The Holy Spirit, our closest Friend, slowly and gently transforms our hearts and minds from the inside out to be like Jesus (a.k.a: the very best pre-Fall versions of ourselves). FINALLY, the real transformation, the inward transformation, would begin.

Ezekiel 36:26  “I (God) will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.”

2 Corinthians 5:17  Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

Romans 6:6  For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body (the old sin-nature) ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—

Hebrews 10:15-17  The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First He says: “This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. “I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.” Then He adds: “Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.”

John 14:26  But the Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengthener, Standby), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My (Jesus’) name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will help you remember everything that I (Jesus) have told you.
Who Is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is probably the least understood person of the Trinity. Among the myths and the mistaken concepts that are shared, He has been described as a force, a ghost, and a second-class or replacement god.

**The Holy Spirit is a person.**

Being a person, the Holy Spirit has feelings. He can become sad or angry, and others can insult Him and blaspheme against Him.

Yet they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit. So He turned and became their enemy and He Himself fought against them. (Isaiah 63:10)

And so I tell you, every kind of sin and slander can be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. (Matthew 12:31)

“You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit! (Acts 7:51)

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. (Ephesians 4:30)

How much more severely do you think someone deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified them, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace? (Hebrews 10:29)

**He has intentions, shows willfulness and discretion, loves, communicates, testifies, teaches, and prays.**

You gave Your good Spirit to instruct them. You did not withhold Your manna from their mouths, and You gave them water for their thirst. (Nehemiah 9:20)

When the Advocate comes, whom I (Jesus) will send to you from the Father — the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father — He will testify about Me. (John 15:26)

While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” (Acts 13:2)

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God. (Romans 8:26-27)

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me. (Romans 15:30)

All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and He distributes them to each one, just as He determines. (1 Corinthians 12:11)
With the arrival of the Holy Spirit at the Day of Pentecost, the Church Age was born:

*Acts 2:1-5*  
When the day of Pentecost came, they (Jesus’ followers) were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Everything recorded in the Bible - the progressive revelation of God’s redemptive plan - led up to this: to win back, return and restore lost people to Himself through the free gift of salvation, giving them a redeemed heart, mind, and spirit as well as a whole new outlook on life and a secured eternal future.

God didn’t give up on people just because they betrayed Him, BECAUSE HE LOVES PEOPLE: *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life* (John 3:16). When things went pear-shaped in the Garden, He could have wiped the slate clean and started again, or just found something else to do. But He didn’t, because then you wouldn’t have been born. He knew you and loved you before you were conceived.

God loves YOU. Yes, if you were the only person on earth, Jesus would die for you and you alone to bring you back. The Bible proves that point: When God made His promise to rescue human beings from sin, there were only two people on earth. Right after Adam and Eve sinned, God promised to crush Satan’s head. He was talking about the victory Christ’s death on the cross would bring (*Genesis 3:15*). Now here’s where you come in. If you had been the one in the Garden of Eden—instead of Adam and Eve—you too would have disobeyed God (sad, but true). But you also would have received God’s great promise to save you. Guaranteed. You too are worth the death of His Son. In 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 it says: “You (the saved), do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price.”

Whether you choose to accept His payment on your behalf, or not, you remain precious and very valuable to your Maker.

**Did you know that Jesus had you on His mind when He went to the Cross?**  
**Christ Died for You.**

We live in a world that trivializes sin. The Cross exposes the true nature and ugliness of sin. Jesus became unrecognizable as a human when He took our sin. If you want to understand sin, then look at the torn body of Jesus; look at the agonized soul of Jesus drowned in blackness. We hear it as He cried out on our behalf from the Cross: “*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”* (Matthew 27: 46). It should have been you or me saying ‘my God, my God, why have you forsaken me forever?’ But He said it for
us. He suffered it for us. He jumped on the grenade. He threw himself in front of the train - to save me, to save you. Psalm 139 written by king David, is one of the most powerful psalms in the Bible. This psalm shows us that before we ever began to pursue God, God pursued us.

The beginning of this psalm tells us that God knows us even better than we know ourselves. **He knows the real you.**

**Psalm 139:1-4**  
*O Lord, You have examined my heart and know everything about me. You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I’m far away. You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord.*

Psalm 139 affirms God’s omniscience, but it seems like something deeper than omniscience is expressed in this passage. God truly understands you. He knows all your thoughts, all your history, all your fears, all your joys, and all your sorrows: “**You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in Your bottle. You have recorded each one in Your book**” (Psalm 56:8).

| God has always been at work in your life. |

God has been attentive to you, even before you were born.

**Psalm 139:13, 15-16**  
*You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb…You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in Your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.*

**Matthew 10:30**  
*And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.*

From conception to death, God has a plan for your life. God has put you on this earth to know Him, to honour Him, and to help others. And God has been pursuing you for your entire life. The clearest evidence is that He sent His son Jesus Christ to die for your sins on the cross. He did this so you could truly know Him.

**Psalm 139:17-18**  
*How precious are Your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! I can’t even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, You are still with me!*

There is nothing you could do to keep God from pursuing you. There is no sin too great, no distance you could run, that would discourage God from loving you. From the moment you were born God has been pursuing your heart. His greatest longing is for a relationship with you. Don’t let a wrong understanding of who God is cause you to reject Him. Don’t let your sin and failures get in the way of running to the open arms of your Creator.
Why not get to know Him for yourself?

Psalm 34:8  Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him.

God is closer to you than you realize (Psalm 139:7-8). “For in Him we live and move and have our being . . .” (Acts 17:28).

He’s sweetly knocking on the door of your heart that you might simply let Him in. More than He wants you to do something for Him today, He simply wants you to know He is with you and for you. Respond to God’s pursuit today by giving Him your heart.

How can we respond to such a wonderful message? Prayer is a great place to start.

If you so choose, may your time of prayer be marked by a revelation of His loving-kindness toward you.

“Your beauty and love chase after me every day of my life.”

Psalm 23:6

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

John 15:13

“We love because He first loved us.”

1 John 4:19

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and He with Me.”

Revelation 3:20
PRAYER.

IT’S JUST TALKING TO GOD.

Jeremiah 29:13 You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all of your heart.

Psalm 145:18 The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.

Matthew 7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you.
Lord Jesus,

You said you are the Way, the Truth and the Life. If what You claim is true, please guide me and open me to the reality of who You are. Grant me faith to believe Your Word and courage to follow You despite the cost. Give me a personal understanding of You that is coherent and convincing, and that leads to the life You promised.

Amen (so be it)
Lamentations 3:22-23

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
His mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is Your faithfulness.
The Law says: 

Be sin-conscious,
Forgive to be forgiven,
Give to be blessed,
Make promises to God,
Become holy,
Impress God with your sacrifices,
Sing to please God,
Get to work.

Faith says: 

Be Son-conscious,
Forgive as Christ forgave you,
Give because you are blessed
Trust His promises to you,
Be holy,
Be impressed with His sacrifice,
Sing because God is pleased,
It is finished.

The Church still loves the 10 Commandments because it is God’s wise guidance for our lives.

We follow the Law (often sincerely, but imperfectly), out of love and reverence for God, thankful to Him because He sent us Jesus, whose sacrifice set us free from the burden of keeping the Law, making us right with God apart from it.

_Romans 10:4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes._
Time for a change.
CHAPTER FOUR:

It’s Time.
The dawning of the New Covenant and the Church Age brought with it floods of God’s grace and mercy upon the earth. The Gospel of Salvation was given to be preached to all the world by new converts; the Good News for both Jews and non-Jews alike: “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9).

God had been wooing people to Himself since the Fall, but His advances towards mankind deepened when He gave us the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Patient and long-suffering, God has helped generations of people over thousands of years come to a place of repentance and reconciliation to Him where they would be safe from the horrors of suffering eternally in hell. Today, even though God remains to be one who is slow to anger and merciful, He has set a time limit on this period of grace. Being also just and wise, He cannot allow sinfulness and rebellion to continue indefinitely.

Because the Tribulation is the time of the pouring out of God’s wrath upon those who have rejected His grace, love, and mercy, Jesus said (1 Thessalonians 1:10) that He will “deliver” (Rapture) His Church “from the wrath to come.” 2 Thessalonians 2:6-7 says that the Antichrist cannot be revealed until the “restrainer” is “taken out of the way”. The restrainer is believed to be the Holy Spirit within The Church. Thus, with the removal of The Church and the Holy Spirit along with them, the Antichrist would be unleashed, and the Tribulation would begin.

The Tribulation is described as “the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell upon the earth.” (Revelation 3:10)

Know that if God was not bothered with the remaining unsaved people of the earth, then He wouldn’t take the time to test them. He would just annihilate them and be done with those who have rejected Him. Already having His Church, why wouldn’t He just cut His losses and move on??? His loving character opposes the very thought. People are so very precious to Him. God knows the nature of humans and He knows that trouble can bring repentance. If just one more person would turn to Him because of the Tribulation, then God would be willing to have it happen. God’s top priority and primary motive is to save - even when He pours out His wrath.

It is important to note that when God pours out His wrath, He does not always do so directly. One of His most common ways is to simply back away from the nation or person and lower the hedge of protection around them. This is clearly spelled out in Romans 1:18-32. This passage says that when people rebel against God to the point that they begin to worship the creation rather than the Creator, God “gives them over” to the evil in their hearts. In other words, He just steps back and lets evil multiply. The passage further states that if they still refuse to repent,
He steps back again and “gives them over to degrading passions.” And if they persist in their rebellion and sin, He finally “gives them over to a depraved mind” at which point the society destroys itself. Such destruction is the wrath of God working through Man. God continues to show respect for people’s choices – allowing them to find out for themselves - in their own way - what it means to rebel against Him; what it means to turn away from Goodness, Love, Light, and Life.

He holds the world - His world - with open Hands. This is very different from how the Prince of the Power of the Air desires and works to seize and rule it.

Today, God’s patience has been quenched, time is up and the day of reckoning is here. The Apostle Paul wrote: “He (God) has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness.” (Acts 17:31). The Tribulation is an act of God and it was foretold in both the Old and New Testaments. Isaiah wrote that it will be a day of “terror of the Lord” when “the pride of men will be abased” (Is. 2:10, 17, 19). Zephaniah proclaimed that it will be a “day of wrath”, “a day of trouble and distress,” and “a day of destruction and desolation” (Zeph. 1:15). Men will stumble around like they are blind and “their blood will be poured out like dust” (Zeph. 1:17). Jesus said it will be a time of tribulation “such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall” (Matthew 24:21). In fact, Jesus said it will be so terrible that if it were not stopped at the end of seven years, it would result in the destruction of all life (Matthew 24:22). The Apostle John states that the chaos will be so great that the leaders of the world will crawl into caves and cry out for the rocks of the mountains to fall upon them (Revelation 6:15-16).

The Tribulation is God’s response to a people unwilling to turn from their sin, who won’t acknowledge Him, and to those who believe they are “fine” without Jesus’ payment. It’s been said before but is worth saying again: God is God and He will not accept rebellion against Himself. He loves us but He is not a teddy-bear we can put on a shelf and forget. He wants you back /“in” but only if you let Him deal with your sin.

Psalm 5:4 For You are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with You.
Yes, He still loves people while He pours out His wrath and judgment upon the earth; God hasn’t ‘changed His tune’. He knows unpaid sin will send people to Hell – and He doesn’t want that. And so . . .

**The Tribulation is a wake-up call to repentance before eternity is upon mankind.**

Isaiah 26:9 explains it this way: “When the earth experiences Your judgments, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.”

The brutal fact is that God often has to hit us over the head with a two-by-four in order to get our attention and motivate us to repentance. The equally brutal fact is that some people will respond to such discipline by either cursing God or continuing to ignore Him (Revelation 9:20-21). But some will respond in humility and will be saved. As Billy Graham put it: “The same sun that melts butter, hardens the clay.”

When God’s wrath is poured out during the Tribulation, some hearts will melt and some will be hardened towards God. All should and need to actually melt, but won’t. This illustrates that nothing is as “deceitful” and “desperately sick” as the heart of fallen Man (Jeremiah 17:9). Man is frivolous about sin. God is serious. The Tribulation will be a graphic expression of how seriously God takes mankind’s rebellion against Him.

The people whom God will punish are described as people who were aware of both God and truth, yet chose unrighteousness instead (Romans 1:18-32).

Jesus pronounced woe on the Scribes and Pharisees of Jerusalem because they were unwilling to do what He wanted them to do (Matthew 23:32-37). Note that Jesus did not suggest they were unable, but rather that they were unwilling: "The pharisees and the experts in law rejected God’s purpose for themselves, not having been baptized by John" (Luke 7:29-30).

As we have studied before and often observe in daily life, the Bible confirms over and over that man can choose to reject God’s will and do the wrong thing.

The Bible teaches that God is righteous, perfect, upright and faithful in everything. He is a righteous judge who is always just and fair:

God is "One who impartially judges" (1Peter 1:17).

Psalms 89:14  "Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Thy throne"

Isaiah 30:18 Therefore the Lord longs to be gracious to you, And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you for the Lord is a God of justice; how blessed are all those who long for Him.

Deuteronomy 32:4 The Rock! His work is perfect, for all His ways are just; a God of faithfulness and without injustice, righteous and upright is He.
It’s time to wake up.

There’s no God …
No afterlife …
There’s just the here and now …
Psalm 9:7-8  But the Lord abides forever; He has established His throne for judgment, and He will judge the world in righteousness; He will execute judgment for the peoples with equity.

Deuteronomy 10:18  He executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and shows His love for the alien (foreigner) by giving him food and clothing.

2 Chronicles 19:7  Now then let the fear (reverence) of the Lord be upon you; be very careful what you do, for the Lord our God will have no part in unrighteousness or partiality or the taking of a bribe.

Proverbs 11:1  A false balance is an abomination to the Lord, but a just weight is His delight.

Jesus claims, "My judgment is just because I seek not My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me" (John 5:30). Jesus clearly regards His Father's will as upholding justice.

We see from these scriptures that God is upright and just, but not without mercy and kindness. Equal to His justice is His love. The Father loves people as much as He loves Jesus (John 3:16), and God is not willing that any person would miss out on the offer of eternal life (2 Peter 3:9).

**God has a righteous purpose for the Great Tribulation.**

God’s purpose in judgment is to turn people’s focus away from their idols and the things they have trusted in instead of Him. This earth-shattering event will yield the highest number of saved souls in the end. God intends to test people one last time by using the Tribulation to separate the sheep (the willing) from the goats (the unwilling) within every walk of life. During the Tribulation, the Two Witnesses, 144,000 and the Gospel Angel will proclaim God's truth. It will cut like a two-edged sword, separating those who would turn to God from the people who would not. The primary purpose of the Great Tribulation is to save each person who will put their faith in God. Every infrastructure will collapse: God will be the constant. The Bible says the harvest of saved souls will be so great it will be numberless! (Revelation 7:14). People are so comatose and comfortable in their sin that it will take a Great Tribulation to rouse them and produce this kind of harvest.

When the Tribulation begins, God knows He will be grossly misunderstood. However, a day is coming when everyone will understand why this time on earth was an absolute necessity. It will reach people from all walks of life, diverse religions and beliefs, resulting in a numberless multitude of redeemed people who will sing praises to God throughout eternity for His generous ways and incomprehensible love (Revelation 7:9-17). Even the unrepentant (the goats; the eternally lost) will confess at the end of the 1000 years that God was fair and righteous in all that He has done (Isaiah 45:23-24).
Matthew 23:37

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let Me.”

Consider the hard-heartedness of a world that will not acknowledge their Creator, and the lengths to which God must go - even bringing a time of Tribulation - to cause people to return back to safety. . back to Him.
Will you be a part of those who choose to repent?

1 John 1:8  If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Do you recognize sin in your own life?

More importantly, do you acknowledge it? That is the beginning of repentance, and it is called confession. And repentance is the beginning of true freedom.

Psalm 118:5  “In my anguish I cried to the Lord, and He answered by setting me free.”

When we look at King David’s prayer in Psalm 51, we see that repentance is a turning away from sin and a turning toward God.

Jesus began His ministry with a call to repentance, “Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” (Matthew 4:17). This had to be Jesus’ key message because, without repentance, no one could be saved. Repentance may be difficult for us, but it is a momentary pain that brings about much good, for we have a merciful God who willingly hears our confessions, who forgives and restores us to Himself and to His kingdom. He gladly and wholeheartedly adopts us into His family when we repent. Everything Jesus calls us to do is for our blessing. Jesus lived and died to free us from our bondage to sin and self. It is through our sincere repentance that we are freed, exchanging reliance on ourselves for obedience and faith in God.

In the Hebrew language, the root of the word ‘forgiveness’ means to lift or to carry away. In Greek, it means to release, to send away or to 'loose'. When we receive God’s forgiveness, the burden of our weakness or woundedness is lifted from us and we experience freedom and healing.

Jesus declared, “there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” (Luke 15:7,10). Angels rejoice because they know that repentant sinners experience the freedom and blessing of God’s forgiveness.

Proverbs 28:13-14  “He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy. Blessed is the man who always fears (honours) the Lord, but he who hardens his heart falls into trouble.”

“So if the Son sets you free, you shall be free indeed.”

John 8:36
King David wrote that true repentance is not a joyless, wallowing-in-sorrow repentance. It’s a process that can start with grief and guilt but always ends with forgiveness and deep joy. If we come to God with a heart that is broken over our sin, He “will not despise it” (Psalm 51:17). He will accept it and us because of Christ’s sacrifice on our behalf. In Christ, we are assured of forgiveness. So we don’t need to deny, cover or make excuses for our sin – we just need to take it to the cross and experience the joy of repentance.

In the Old Testament, people commonly expressed great grief and anguish by tearing their cloaks. But more than caring about the proper ‘signs’ of being upset about their sin, God – authentic to the core – cared that they actually grieved over them in their hearts so that they would be open to letting go and being set free from them.

Joel 2:12-13 . . . the Lord calls to Israel, “return to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.”

Again, in his famous Psalm of repentance, David reminds us that God does not delight so much in the outward signs of repentance (which include making a sacrifice), but “the sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise” (Psalm 51:17).

This is not about the shame or condemnation Satan wants to heap on us in an effort to break and destroy us. It is a brokenness before God to admit that we need His help and forgiveness.

If we struggle with the idea of repentance, we simply need to ask for understanding. True repentance, like all good things, is a gift from God (2 Timothy 2:25).

Mark 2:17 When Jesus heard this, He told them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor - sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners."

Repentance (Greek: metanoia) is not self-flagellation. It is just a change of mind; a change of direction.
God’s Word promises the following if we turn to Him:

**1 John 1:9**
If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Hebrews 7:25**
Consequently, He (Jesus) is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession (High Priest duties) for them.

**Romans 8:1-2**
Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in (saved by) Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the (Holy) Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

**Romans 8:15**
The (Holy) Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by Him we cry, "Abba, Father."

*Abba,* translated from Greek, is a way to address God with reverence and confidence; familiarity and respect. It is an affectionate, tender name for our Heavenly Father.
I URGE you to reach out and grasp eternal life by making Jesus Christ your personal saviour.

*John 3:16-17* For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believes in Him (Jesus) will not perish, but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him (Jesus Christ).

**Cause God’s angels to rejoice over you!**

Dear Lord God, Creator of all things, I humble myself before You. Please forgive me, because of my unwillingness to subject myself to You I have missed the Rapture. I thank you so much for sparing my life in the chaos of the Tribulation and for giving me an opportunity to repent. I know I have sinned in my thoughts, words, and deeds and am not worthy to enter Heaven based on my own righteousness or worthiness. I ask your forgiveness for all my sins. I accept your Son Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour. I acknowledge that He died on the cross for my sins and rose to life on the third day. From this point on God, please guide and direct my life since I am now living in the period of the earth’s last years. Guard my mind from the deceptions and lies that will try to discredit my relationship with you Lord. Again thank you for Your mercy, love and Your forgiveness. Thank you for not abandoning me to my mistakes, but for reaching out instead to bring me home.

In Jesus’ name I pray, Amen.

If you just prayed the above, you have received the greatest gift ever given to any one person and though you have missed the Rapture you have reserved your spot in heaven. Know that God loves you and honours your prayer. Because of that step of faith by accepting Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Saviour, no matter what happens in these last years of earth, know that you have the assurance that God is there with you, to help you, guide you, give you wisdom and all strength necessary.

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.” *(Deut. 31:6)*
Romans 10:9-13

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. 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. As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in Him will never be put to shame.” For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on Him, for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

I think at this stage I will just let the invitation to pray the salvation prayer to “percolate” a little in your heart and mind. I do hope and pray that if you haven’t already done so, you will pray the prayer soon.

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Enough said.

Moving forward . . .
WATCHING FOR THE SIGNS:
Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

Titus 2:13

Have you been wondering what led up to the Rapture of The Church and the start of the Tribulation?

ISRAEL: God’s Chosen Nation

Let’s look at the prophesying-power of the Bible in action, once again.

Jesus said to the Church: “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.”

Matthew 24:42
Hold fast.

Storm a-brewin’ . . .
CHAPTER FIVE:
Hold Onto Your Hats!
Pre) End-Time Signs AT A GLANCE: Watching.

Knowing our Creator’s schedule is crucial when on the lookout for the dark times looming ahead, and much of it is closely linked with Israel - God’s timepiece.

Jesus told Christians to be alert and watch for the signs: “For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will.” (Matthew 24:43-44). He also said that the end-times will be “as in the days of Noah” (Matthew 24:37-39).

Let’s take a look at some of the main signs:

a) ISRAEL:

1. The Jewish people will be regathered from the four corners of the earth (Isaiah 11:11-12). Fulfillment: 20th Century and continuing.

   Ezekiel 36:24. “For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land.”

2. The state of Israel will be re-established (Isaiah 66:7-8; Ezekiel 37:21-22). Fulfillment: May 14, 1948.

3. The Jews will once again re-occupy the city of Jerusalem (Zechariah 8:4-8). Fulfillment: June 7, 1967.

4. The land of Israel will be reclaimed from its desolation, becoming once again a land of agricultural abundance fortified by great walls (Ezekiel 36:34-35). Fulfillment: 20th Century and continuing.

5. The Hebrew language will be revived from the dead (Zephaniah 3:9). Fulfillment: 19th and 20th Centuries.

6. All the nations of the world will come together against Israel over the issue of the control of Jerusalem (Zechariah 12:1-3). Fulfillment: Currently occurring.

God’s prophecy often manifests in a cyclical capacity, meaning that it can take effect many times over. The exact timing and order of all prophecies is not always known – which is why we must keep watch for the signs.
INCREASED TENSIONS SURROUNDING ISRAEL: ALIGNMENT IN THE GEOPOLITICAL FOR BIBLICAL PROPHECIES TO BE FULFILLED.

THE DOMINOS ARE STACKED.

Pre-Tribulation events according to the Bible can be summarised as follows:

1. An alliance of nations will form that will come against Israel as described in the Gog-Magog war in Ezekiel 38:

   - WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST/WWW III - “Ezekiel’s War” (page 27-28): The coalition of nations mentioned in the Bible that will come against Israel - directly from its north - have already formed alliances with each other. Here is a reminder, listed in their modern and ancient Hebrew names right out of Ezekiel, chapter 38: Russia (Magog) – Turkey (was divided into four parts making up Asia Minor: Meshech, Tubal, Gomer & Togarmah) - Afghanistan, Pakistan & Iran (Persia) – Sudan, Ethiopia & Somalia (Cush) – Libya (Put).
   - Daniel 11:40-45 also mentions Syria (“the king of the north”) and Egypt (“the king of the south”); Psalm 83:6-7 mentions: Saudi Arabia (Ishmaelites) and Lebanon (Tyre). *Syria might not make the cut in this war because of Isaiah 17.

   The Watcher Observes:

   Russia and Iran have shared infrastructure, banking and military since 2015.

   - 22nd November, 2017: The Leaders of Russia, Iran, and Turkey stood up together in Sochi (Russia) and shook hands, forming the prophesied alliance.

   - Russia IS Syria’s strongest ally,

   - Russia, Turkey, and Iran have a BIG influence in Syria,

   - Russia heavily influences and supports Sudan; Turkey’s role is in the same sense for Libya – ALL OF WHOM are represented in Syria.

   - Despite this formidable alliance, Israel will not be destroyed (Zech. 12).

   But WHY has this Gog-Magog coalition even formed? God tells us in Ezekiel 38:4 “I will turn you around, put hooks in your jaws and bring you out with your whole army . . .”. The ‘hook’ is Israel’s booming economy, seaports, and rich oil & gas reserves. Israel is coveted land.
The Ezekiel War IS COMING and Damascus will be completely destroyed according to the Isaiah 17 prophesy:

- To date, approximately 75% of Damascus is already in ruins. The Bible foretells that it will one day be razed to the ground; obliterated and made utterly uninhabitable.

The Watcher Observes:

- Among many missiles shot back and forth in the region, Israel (IDF) attacked Iranian military targets and their proxies in Damascus (January, 2019),

- 25th March, 2019, U.S. President Donald Trump signed a proclamation officially recognizing Israel’s sovereignty over the coveted Golan Heights (rich in natural gas and oil), reversing more than a half-century of U.S. policy in the Middle East. Syria nor its foreign military presence (Iran, Hezbollah: Lebanon, Hamas: Palestine, Turkey, China, and Russia), are happy with this decision,

- Trump also recently called Iran’s Revolutionary Guard a ‘Foreign Terrorist Organization’.

Tensions continue to increase between these key nations of prophecy. Possible triggers for war could be by either a direct U.S./Israeli attack on Damascus or invasion into Iran.

The U.S.A., prophetically known as ‘Babylon’, continues to be blessed simply because the nation stands behind Israel: “I will bless those who bless you (Israel), and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” (Genesis 12:3)

The Watcher Observes:

- ISRAEL’S CLAIMS SUPPORTED: (1) December 6th, 2017, Trump announced the United States’ recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and ordered the planning of the relocation of the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem; (2) Golan Heights.

- However the Trump ‘Deal of the Century’ Middle East Peace Plan will likely call for a two-state solution in Israel, and if agreed upon will most likely lead to immediate retribution upon the U.S. from God (more on page 128): [also see Rev. 18; Zech. 5]
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DANIEL 9:27 PEACE COVENANT PRECURSOR:

• Tribulation starts when the Antichrist confirms a peace agreement with Israel and the Middle East (page 20).

- Jared Kushner, President Trump’s son-in-law, has been working on a peace treaty - “the deal of the century” - for the Middle East: “Kushner Readies for Spring Launch of US Middle East Peace Plan” [CNN Politics: Updated 0615 GMT (1415 HKT) February 16, 2019].

- 2019 is prophetically a “Long Year” as it corresponds to Psalm 119 in the Bible which speaks of delays and a longing to see progress: 11th April, 2019, Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu’s recent re-election and subsequent failure to form his government has resulted in the unprecedented event of a second election to be held September 17, 2019. Meanwhile, Trump’s Peace Treaty reveal continues to stall despite Kushner’s hectic diplomatic efforts in the Middle East . . .

The Watcher Ponders and Observes:

- Dead in the water?: It is speculated that this peace treaty (in all of its phases), could be temporarily rejected and a possible war in the Middle East could set the scene for the Antichrist to come in and ‘save the day’. He is said to ‘strengthen’ or ‘make better’ the peace plan already prepared beforehand, “confirming it with many” (“Daniel 9:27 “N.B. prophetic terminology: 1 day = 1 year). Keep your eyes open! Either way it plays out, the Antichrist’s confirmation of a peace covenant with Israel will be the beginning of the end. Interestingly, President Emmanuel Macron of the French Republic has stated that he also has a peace plan ready to propose should Trump’s fail. The E.U. has also mentioned it is ‘ready to work’ with the U.S. on its peace plan as long as it aims for a two-state solution in Israel.

- June 25-26, 2019: Kushner held a “Peace to Prosperity Summit” in Bahrain, revealing the first phase of the Trump Peace Plan. Possible Antichrist Alert: Kushner is certainly someone to watch closely in the coming months/years . . . as well as Macron.

(5) PREPARATION FOR THE FALSE MESSIAH - THE ANTICHRIST:

• THIRD TEMPLE: Israel’s Orthodox Jewish Community has already prepared everything necessary to start sacrifices again in anticipation of the building of the 3rd Temple. The timing of this is no coincidence! Once the Antichrist has established the 7-year peace covenant and everything seems ‘peachy’, 3.5 years in, He will suddenly betray the treaty with Israel, stop all sacrifices in the Temple, sit himself down in it and declare himself to be God (Daniel 9:27; Matthew 24:15-21; 2 Thess. 2:1-4). Also, see page 27.

- (1) “The Temple Vessels Are Ready for the Rebuilding of Jerusalem’s Third Temple” (https://free.messianicbible.com Messianic Jewish Bible Society);

“They have said, ‘Come, and let us wipe them out as a nation, that the name of Israel be remembered no more” (Psalm 83:4).

WHY are the Jews so hated?

Because Satan hates anything or anyone that God loves: Look at Hitler! Who inspired this evil dictator? And yet despite this, God has promised to protect Israel from being snuffed out – a tiny nation, the belly button of the world, surrounded by enemies. Israel’s flourishing is a testament to God’s existence as His mighty hand continues to cover and keep the nation: “…for you are a people holy to the Lord your God. Out of all the peoples on the face of the earth, the Lord has chosen you to be His treasured possession” (Deuteronomy 14:2).

Think about it.
b) **TROUBLED INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS:** Jesus said the whole earth will have more and more trouble: “You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom . . .” (Matthew 24:6-7). More recent examples include:

- Arab-Israeli conflict.  
- Wars in the Middle East; Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria.  
- Trouble from North Korea; Kim Jong-un.  
- *U.S. and Venezuela.*  
- U.S. and Russia.  
- India and Pakistan.

- Russia, China, N. Korea, Turkey & Iran vs. USA, Israel & Brazil: ‘Gog and Magog' war alert (p.27/28)

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c) **ABNORMAL & UNEXPECTED DISRUPTION TO THE BALANCE IN THE NATURAL REALM / INCREASE OF NATURAL DISASTERS:** “. . .There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.” (Matthew 24:7-8)

Romans 8:22-24. “We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.”

- Crumbling earth: quakes, volcanic erruptions, tsunamis, fires, sinkholes, landslides,
- Strange weather/freak storms (floods, droughts, heatwaves, extreme cold, terrible hailstorms, tornadoes, etc . . .),
- Mass deaths of wildlife (whole flocks of birds dropping dead out of the sky, whales beaching themselves . . .). Google it.

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d) **CASHLESS SOCIETY:** Beginnings and progression towards this, which will pave the way for acceptance of the Mark of the Beast: It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name (Revelation 13:16-17).

- Bank/ATM card payment with signature/PIN (personal identification number),
- Contactless PayWave/PayPass, mobile wallet, and internet payment,
- Biometric payments “Apple Pay”/ “Selfie Pay”, Cryptocurrency (electronic/digital cash), Social Credit Scoring System (China) and RFID microchip implant.

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e) **INCREASE IN EVIL AND LAWLESSNESS:** “But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God -- having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.” (2 Timothy 3:1-5).

Matthew 24:12 Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold. . .
Some Examples Of End-Time WARNING SIGNS
In The Heavens And On Earth, Heralding Christ’s Soon Return.

"There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea.” (Luke 21:25)

The colour red in Scripture lends itself to symbolically meaning sin and sinfulness (Isaiah 1:18), Godly vengeance against sinners (Psalm 75:8, Isaiah 63:2), bloodshed and war (2 Kings 3:22, Nahum 2:3, Zechariah 1:8; 6:2, Revelation 6:4, 12:3), as well as the temptation to sin (Proverbs 23:31). The Red Horse of Revelation 6, symbolizing war and bloodshed, appears when one of the prophetic end-time seals is opened (see Glossary p. 239). The fiery red Dragon of Revelation 9 and 12 represents Satan and his resolute plan to bring bloodshed and death to all, signaling the beginning of the Great Tribulation.

A Russian Soyuz-2-1b rocket was struck by lightning on the 27th of May 2019, just seconds after liftoff.

The sky turned red over the U.K. as Hurricane Ophelia – the most powerful cyclone to strike the British Isles in 56 years – made landfall (Oct. ’17)

Hurricanes, cyclones, and tsunamis.

The 2011 Tohoku Tsunami Disaster: the costliest natural disaster of any kind in human history.
Sunday, November 12, 2017: **Massive Earthquake Strikes Iraq As Star Of Bethlehem Rises Over Israel.**

A 7.3 magnitude earthquake struck Halabjah, Iraq, just miles from the Iraqi/Iranian border as the long-expected Jupiter-Venus conjunction rose over Israel and the Middle East. It was the most powerful earthquake in the entire Middle East in five years, and the most powerful earthquake in Iraq in recorded history. The Jupiter-Venus conjunction which occurred early Monday morning follows a number of amazing astronomical occurrences that led up to what many have come to call the Revelation 12 Sign and is reminiscent of a similar conjunction of Jupiter and Venus in 2 BC that many scholars contend was the single best candidate for the Star of Bethlehem at the birth of Christ.

4 hours and 5 minutes after the earthquake in Iraq, a large 5.8 magnitude earthquake struck Japan, which was followed 4 hours and 4 minutes later by an even larger 6.5 magnitude quake in Jaco, Costa Rica. These are just a few examples taken from the great number and frequency of earthquakes taking place all over the world in recent years.

July 2\(^{nd}\), 2019 a total eclipse of the sun blanketed a large swath of South America in darkness. This was the first total solar eclipse since the Great American Eclipse on August 21, 2017, which occurred the very day the U.S. government began its peace plan push in the Middle East—the diplomatic bargain soon to be unveiled, now known as "The Deal of the Century."

From mid-March to April 2019 widespread flash flooding affected large parts of Iran, most severely in Golestan, Fars, Khuzestan, Lorestan, and other provinces. There has also been much flooding in other parts of the world. For example: Columbia (Apr. ’17), 6 states flood USA (Aug. ’16), Northern Italy (Nov.’16) . . .

Devastating locust plagues turn sky black: Saudi Arabia and Iran (May ’19), Italian island of Sardinia (June ’19).

Jan. ’19 rivers turn blood-red in Malawi, Africa & Indonesia; May ’19 blood-red water around Iranian Island of Hormuz . . .
Isaiah’s Prophecy Appears in Sahara as Snow Falls in World’s Hottest Desert

By Adam Eliyahu Berkowitz January 15, 2018, 4:43 pm

“The arid desert shall be glad, The wilderness shall rejoice And shall blossom like a rose.” (Isaiah 35:1)

The people of Ain Sefra were greeted by a strange sight when they woke up last Sunday: 4-12 inches of snow had fallen overnight in the northern Algerian town known as “the Gateway to the Desert”, situated between the Sahara Desert and the Atlas Mountains. This is only the third time in the last 40 years that the Sahara’s dunes have been coated with snow. The Sahara is one of the hottest places on the planet but strangely, it snowed there last year as well. Before that, it had been 37 years since Ain Sefra’s last snowfall.

The Sahara is the largest and hottest desert in the world, covering 3.5 million square miles, an area approximately the size of the continental US. In 1922, a temperature of 136° Fahrenheit, the highest land surface temperature ever recorded, was set in the Sahara at El Azizia, Libya.

The prophet Isaiah speaks of deserts blooming repeatedly in his description of the end-of-days.

I am about to do something new; Even now it shall come to pass, Suddenly you shall perceive it: I will make a road through the wilderness And rivers in the desert. (Isaiah 43:19)
Ezekiel’s End-of-Days Vision Revealed: Dead Sea Coming to Life

By Eliana Rudee  October 4, 2018 , 12:11 pm

And it shall come to pass that fishers shall stand by it from En-gedi even unto En-eglaim; there shall be a place for the spreading of nets; their fish shall be after their kinds as the fish of the Great Sea exceeding many.

Ezekiel 47:10

For those who have visited the lowest point on the face of the earth, Ezekiel’s end-of-days prophecy of the Dead Sea coming to life seems impossible, yet recently, scientists have been shocked to discover that the sinkholes appearing around the sea are quickly filling up with fish and other forms of life previously unseen in the inhospitable region.

On the shores of the Dead Sea – more than 400 meters below sea level – are freshwater sinkholes, created as a result of dropping water levels. These large sinkholes were discovered in 2011, carpeted with microorganisms and on the sea’s shores – fish and algae. “One hundred and sixty researchers and almost every university has something to say about saving the Dead Sea,” said Jackie Ben Zaken, Dead Sea guide and expert on the Dead Sea ecosystem. Sinkholes, he said, are caused by “fresh water running under the ground, meeting the sediment layers and melting them . . . As a result of these sinkholes, we see habitats with less than 1.5% salinity – water you could drink – surrounded by salt water as well as minerals like bromium, magnesium, and potassium,” he told Breaking Israel News.

But this is no scientific miracle – it’s Biblical prophecy coming to fruition.

According to the Bible, the landscape changed with the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, which turned the valley into a wasteland. The Bible also describes the area as fertile and well-watered in its narrative of Lot looking out onto the valley where the Dead Sea is now: And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of the Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere, before Hashem destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, like the garden of Hashem. (Genesis 13:10). A place that was once cursed in Biblical times, now you can come here to the Dead Sea, explore the sinkholes and see fish where the water has receded – fulfilling prophecies from Ezekiel who talked about the land flourishing and blooming when the Jews return.

Indeed, Biblical prophecy also holds that water will flow east from Jerusalem into the Dead Sea, filling it up with fish and the surrounding desert with life: “Then said he unto me: ‘These waters issue forth toward the eastern region and shall go down into the Arabah; and when they shall enter into the sea of the putrid waters the waters shall be healed. And it shall come to pass that every living creature wherewith it swarmeth whithersoever the rivers shall come shall live; and there shall be a very great multitude of fish; for these waters are come thither that all things be healed and may live whithersoever the river cometh.” (Ezekiel 47:8-9)

The curse is over, and this place and its minerals are now bringing life to people around the world.
f) **ONE WORLD RELIGION:** First steps towards many bowing down to the Antichrist as god? Formally unite all religions against the idea that Jesus Christ is the only way to the Creator.

**17-19 September 2014, World Alliance of Religions’ Peace** - The world’s political leaders recognized the need for an international legal instrument that ensures peace and promised to cooperate with such work. They signed the Agreement to Propose the Enactment of International Law for the Cessation of Wars and World Peace. Religious leaders promised to become one according to the 'teachings of God' through the WARP Offices and contribute to the work of peace. They signed the World Peace and the World Alliance of Religions Agreement.


It sounds good, right? Peace to everyone! But there will never be real peace when Jesus Christ, our Maker, is rejected. WARP is opening the door to that evil dictator the Antichrist and the result won’t be pretty. Interesting that the acronym for this organization spells 'warp'. Hmmmmm . . . Well, God will take a step back and ‘give the people what they want.’ Meanwhile, take a look at this:

**The Peace Sign And Satanism:** Before you raise your hands in protest, PEACE is not being called Satanic, but the world’s sign for peace is. Although it seems good, this sign has its history steeped in the occult and is the polar opposite of the true peace found only through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. The following merely exemplifies how this broken world is actually saturated in Satan's dark workmanship.

The signal "actually began as a symbol of Satanic benediction during the rituals." This sign has been used by Yasser Arafat, Richard Nixon, Winston Churchill, and Stewart Meacham, Co-Chairman of Reds’ New Mobilisation Committee." Churchill said that the sign stood for victory, but remember that Churchill was one of the insider "elite" and a Mason. He most likely knew the evil significance of this symbol but tried to give it a facelift.

The "v sign" has a colourful history. "V" is the Roman sign for the number five and Adam Weishaupt used it in the Illuminati to symbolize the "Law of Fives," but there's more. In the Cabala: "the meaning for the Hebrew letter for V (Van) is 'Nail.' Now, 'The Nail' is one of the secret titles of Satan within the Brotherhood of Satanism. Satan is letting us know that this is one of his favourite signs. Why else does he like the PENTA-gram (Penta = five!) and the FIVE-fold salute used in Masonry and Witchcraft?" Furthermore: "The Leftists,
radicals, and Satanists who have popularised that sign...know its ancient significance very well. In fact, that 'V' sign is now used extensively by such Communist organizations as the Young Socialist Alliance, Vets for Peace in Vietnam, and the Students for a Democratic Society."

Known as the 'peace sign' throughout the 1960s and into the present day, this symbol is the Teutonic rune of death. 1950's peace advocate Gerald Holtom may have been commissioned by communist sympathizer Bertrand Russell to design a symbol to unite leftist peace marchers in 1958. It is clear that either Holtom or Russell deemed the Teutonic (Neronic) cross as the appropriate symbol for their cause.

Throughout the last 2,000 years this symbol has designated hatred of Christians. Nero, who despised Christians, crucified the Apostle Peter on a cross head downward. This hideous event resembled the Teutonic cross and became a popular pagan insignia of the day. Thereafter, this sign became known as the 'Neronic cross.' The symbol's origin in history proves it to be the visual mystic character for 'Aum' (the split 'Y'). This is the sacred word to the Hindu. Chanting 'Aum' is supposed to help awaken 'the serpent power of Brahma' at the base of the human spine. Occultist Albert Pike also identifies this symbol as mystical in his book on Freemasonry Morals and Dogma.

The peace symbol (also called the "broken cross," "crow's foot," "witch's foot," "Nero Cross," "sign of the 'broken Jew,'" and the "symbol of the anti-Christ") is actually a cross with the arms broken. It also signifies the "gesture of despair," and the "death of man."

The Germanic tribes who used it attributed strange and mystical properties to the sign. Such a 'rune' is said to have been used by 'black magicians' in pagan incantations and condemnations. To this very day, the inverted broken cross--identical to the socialists' 'peace' symbol--is known in Germany as a 'todesrune,' or death rune. Not only was it ordered by Hitler's National Socialists that it must appear on German death notices, but it was part of the official inscription prescribed for the gravestones of Nazi officers of the dread SS. The symbol suited Nazi emphasis on pagan mysticism."

With the arms of the cross raised in an upright position, it is "a Pythagorean emblem of the course of life, in the form of a rising path with fork roads to Good and Evil." It also signifies fertility, but with the arms pointing downward, it denotes evil and death.

In fact, the inverted 'Man-rune'--the figure encircled in the common sign which the Communists tell us means 'peace'--has for centuries been a favourite sign of Satanists." Anton LaVey, the founder of the Church of Satan, used the peace symbol as the backdrop for his altar.
One former witch makes the following comment about the peace symbol: “It is an ancient and powerful symbol of Antichrist. During the dark ages, it was used in Druid Witchcraft, and by Satanists of all sorts during the initiation of a new member to their order. They would draw the magic circle and give the initiate a cross. The initiate would then lift the cross and turn it upside down. He would then renounce Christianity in all three dimensions of time (past, present, and future) and break the horizontal pieces downward forming the design of the 'Raven's Foot.' This ugly symbol is nothing short of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. For one to wear or display this symbol is to announce either knowingly or unknowingly that you have rejected Christ. Remember, symbolism is a picture language, and a picture is worth a thousand words.”

Here are a few examples of the other ways the peace symbol is being used:
Another hand signal is the Vulcan peace sign. It is supposed to mean "Live Long and Prosper," and can be seen in Star Trek.

Vulcan was a sun deity who was associated with fire, thunderbolts, and light. The festival in honour of him was called the Vulcania in which human sacrifices were offered. "According to Diel, he bears a family relationship to the Christian devil." It is fascinating to know that he married Venus, another name for Lucifer or the devil. What is even more interesting is that Vulcan is adored in Masonry under the name of Tubal Cain. In the Masonic Quiz Book, the question is asked: "Who was Tubal Cain?" The answer is: "He is the Vulcan of the pagans." In Masonry, Tubal Cain is the name of the password for the Master Mason (or third) degree.

Listen to what occultist and Mason, Manly Palmer Hall, has to say: "When the Mason learns that the key to the warrior on the block is the proper application of the dynamo of living power, he has learned the mastery of his craft. The seething energies of Lucifer are in his hands and before he may step onward and upward, he must prove his ability to properly apply energy. He must follow in the footsteps of his forefather, Tubal-Cain, who with the mighty strength of the war god hammered his sword into a ploughshare."

There is also a sexual connotation associated with Vulcan and Tubal Cain. Former Mason, Bill Schnoebelen, explains: "For Masons who wish to conceal their membership from non-Masons, but still advertise it to their Lodge brothers, there is a special pin (or tie tack) they can wear. It looks like an upside-down golf club with two balls near the top. Many people assume the person is a golfing enthusiast, but it is actually a visual Masonic pun. This is called the 'Two Ball Cane,' and is a pun on the secret password of a Master Mason, 'Tubalcain.'

The Bible warns us about false peace in the end-times:

1 Thessalonians 5:2-3  For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night. While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape.
WARNING SIGNS:

Tyranny and chaos fast approaching under the guise of ‘peace and security’.

Macron Congratulates Netanyahu On Election Win, Says He Hopes PM Will Seek Peace

By TOI STAFF 19 April 2019, 1:23 pm [www.timesofisrael.com]

French President Emmanuel Macron sent a letter to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday congratulating him on his election victory and saying that he hoped the next Israeli government “will make it possible to decisively revive the Middle East peace process and to achieve a two-state solution.”

“France also hopes that the formation of a new government will make it possible to decisively revive the Middle East peace process and to achieve a two-State solution, with Israel and Palestine living side by side in peace and security, in accordance with internationally agreed parameters,” Macron said.

Question:
Why is the annexation of Israeli-occupied territory NOT going to bring “peace and safety”?
Because . . .
God gave the land to Israel. It’s not up for grabs.

God promised the land to His chosen nation (eg: Genesis 12:7; 15:18; 17:8; Exodus 6:8).

A creepy mockery of when Jesus, the true saviour, walked on water. And whose upturned feet are those???

It’s worth noting that Macron has formed and launched a 10-Nation Military Coalition* (Nov. 2018), to reduce dependence on the U.S. and deter nationalism in some countries . . .
ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT PRECURSOR (*see page 26)
Petrus Romanus Calls For New Globalist ‘Supranational’ Authorities To Rule Countries And Enforce UN Goals

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Pope Francis made a strong new push for globalism on Thursday, calling for a supranational, legally constituted body to enforce United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals and implement “climate change” policies. In other words, Pope Francis is looking for the tyrannical dictator of the World to emerge, a.k.a. the “Antichrist.”

Oi Pope! Did You Not Know??! The Bible says that God is the one who establishes nations and defines their boundaries (Acts 17:24-26). When political leaders decide to transcend those boundaries to establish multinational or international organizations, they put themselves in direct defiance of God’s will. God’s response to the attempt early in Mankind’s history to unite all nations into one at Babylon (Tower of Babel), should make it clear what our Creator thinks of such misguided efforts (Genesis 11:1-9). He changed their language and scattered them all over the world. The reason God resists all such efforts to unite people across the national boundaries is because such efforts always end up with Man exalting himself rather than God.

Just WHO is this man and WHAT does he really represent?

For those familiar with a 12th-century prophecy, Pope Benedict XVI announcement of his resignation brought with it thoughts that turned to the possibility that Judgment Day is fast approaching.

The “Prophecy of the Popes” is attributed to St. Malachy, an Irish archbishop who was canonized a saint in 1190. In his prediction dated 1139, Malachy prophesied that there would be 112 more popes before Judgment Day. Benedict is supposedly the 111th pope, making Pope Francis the 112th: The Last Pope.

Pope Francis has publicly disrespected God, his own professed faith and profession by saying:

- Jesus’ death at the cross was a failure,
- Jesus sinned and needed forgiveness,
- Evolution was how God made the earth,
- Atheists just need to be good to get to heaven, etc, etc ….

Whether you believe in the Christian faith or not – recognize a disloyal, untrustworthy, forked-tongued snake when you see one. Don’t give any weight to his words. He has no honour or credibility. Even his own clergy have called for his resignation. I, for one, smell a False Prophet. Block your ears and run for the hills!
Bible Prophecy: 10 NATIONS OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE WILL RISE AGAIN

The Bible warns the final “Empire” on Earth will be a “re-united” Roman Empire. This coming Roman Empire will include both strong and weak nations …

“Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of clay and partly of iron, the kingdom (Rome) shall be divided …And as the toes and feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the (re-united) kingdom (Roman Empire) shall be partly strong and partly fragile.” (Daniel 9:41-43)

This will be the “kingdom” of the Antichrist.

“Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a Beast (Satan’s Antichrist) rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name …The dragon (Satan) gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.” (Revelation 13:1,2)

These “seven heads” represent the seven great empires that have ruled over Israel: Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, and finally a revised Roman Empire.

The Bible clearly says “in the last days” 10 Nations will rise out of the ancient Roman Empire. They could all rise out of the Western (European) half of the Roman Empire, as we now see “strong mixed with weak” nations of Europe re-uniting into a powerful European Union federation. Or, since the Antichrist is also called the “Assyrian,” these 10 Nations may rise out of the Eastern leg of the Roman Empire which was based out of Constantinople (Turkey). It is also possible these 10 Nations will be split between the Western and Eastern legs of the ancient Roman Empire. Others have suggested the 10 nations may rise out of trading blocs of nations, or the United Nations, or even NATO. The ten horns from the scripture on the next page represent leaders of these 10 nations, and we are told the “11th” horn will be the coming Antichrist. It is worth noting that over recent years the leaders of France, Italy, Germany, and England have ALL called for the need of a “powerful leader” to lead the European Union.
Hmmmm . . . No one is claiming to know who the Antichrist is right now . . . Just keeping a lookout . . .

Daniel’s End-Time Dream of Four Beasts (Daniel 7:1; 7-8; 23-25)

7 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream, and visions passed through his mind as he was lying in bed. He wrote down the substance of his dream . . . 7 “After that, in my vision at night I looked, and there before me was a fourth beast—terrifying and frightening and very powerful. It had large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. It was different from all the former beasts, and it had ten horns. 8 “While I was thinking about the horns, there before me was another horn, a little one, which came up among them; and three of the first horns were uprooted before it. This horn had eyes like the eyes of a human being and a mouth that spoke boastfully . . . 23 “He gave me this explanation: ‘The fourth beast is a fourth kingdom that will appear on earth. It will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth, trampling it down and crushing it. 24 The ten horns are ten kings who will come from this kingdom. After them another king will arise, different from the earlier ones; he will subdue three kings. 25 He will speak against the Most High and oppress His holy people and try to change the set times and the laws. The holy people will be delivered into his hands for a time, times and half a time.” (p.22)

French President Emmanuel Macron has shot to political stardom. The young, charismatic politician emerged victorious from the French presidential elections, leaving far-right candidate Marine Le Pen in the dust. He has also succeeded in reforming the French labor market — an impressive feat given the fierce opposition he faced. A confident leader on the world stage: Macron has also shown himself to be a confident leader when it comes to world affairs.

Emmanuel Macron has declared he will govern France like Jupiter, the Roman king of the gods, shortly after officials told the media his thought process was “too complex” for journalists to understand. Summoning over 900 politicians from both houses of the French parliament to a rare Congress at the palace of Louis XIV – the ‘Sun King’ – in Versailles, he threatened to overrule lawmakers with a referendum if they try to frustrate the “reforms” he wishes to impose on the legislature. Such assemblies are usually reserved for times of national crisis. Reuters reports him as saying he desires to reign as a “Jupiterian” president – “a remote, dignified figure, like the Roman god of gods, who weighs his rare pronouncements carefully”.

https://www.unsealed.org/2017/07/emmanuel-macron-consolidates-power.html

Illuminati Alert: Jupiter is connected to the deification of Illuminati – transhumanism, and immortality.

WHAT’S IN A NAME?

“The virgin (Mary) will conceive and give birth to a son (Jesus), and they will call Him Immanuel (which means “God with us”)” (Matthew 1:23)

g) **FORERUNNER TO THE CREATION OF THE 200 MILLION MAN ARMY** (page 27): Founded in Shanghai in 2001, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) is an intergovernmental organization composed of China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. Originally organized as the Shanghai Five in 1996, the organization renamed itself after adding Uzbekistan in 2001. Originally formed as a confidence-building forum to demilitarize borders, the organization’s goals and agenda have since broadened to include increased military and counterterrorism cooperation and intelligence sharing.

The six-member states occupy territory that accounts for three-fifths of the Eurasian continent and has a population of 1.5 billion, a quarter of the world’s population. In addition to the six-member states, the SCO has two new acceding members, Indian and Pakistan, four observer nations, and six dialogue partners.

“The Shanghai Cooperation Organization’s latest meeting is leading to the fulfillment of Bible prophecy.” (May 1, 2018), by Jeremiah Jacques  
https://www.thetrumpet.com

Literature: “Russia and China in Prophecy”  
https://www.thetrumpet.com/literature/books_and_booklets/2705

h) **NEW WORLD ORDER/ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT/DARK KINGDOM:** Preparation for the unveiling of the Antichrist.

There is a tyrannical thread being woven into the fabric of society that started out hair-thin and is now thick, fibrous and prominent . . . but very few complain! The god of this world has been preparing his appearance on the world’s stage by using predictive programing as a subtle form of psychological conditioning through the multiple facets of the media in order to equip the public with planned societal changes currently underway, or to be implemented in the future. The fact that some people are already receiving a microchip implant into their hands to open locked doors and access work computers is a clear sign of programing and desensitization to this technology, paving the way for The Mark. Once implemented, the public will have already been familiarised with these changes and find them easy to accept. Deemed by most as
progress, the chances of resistance are significantly lessened. **Significantly lessened** but not stopped altogether, because Satan cannot override a person’s free will. **This gift from God is also a form of protection.** The Bible tells us in 1 Peter 5:8 that “Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour” and that we are to “Be alert and of sober mind.” He **roams around looking** because he can’t just take anyone out whenever he wants. He’s got to search out people who are open to his deceptions; who are willing. He’s not been given permission to just walk all over God’s image-bearers. He has to seek out an opening in a person’s life. So if you feel in your gut that something is not right with all that’s going on in the world, go with it and tell the devil to take a hike in Jesus’ name!

The truth is that there are two kingdoms at work on this earth:
1. The Kingdom of God, our Creator — The Kingdom of Light.
2. The kingdom of the world; of Satan — The kingdom of Darkness.

Since the day Adam and Eve sinned, there has been a battle going on between these two kingdoms for the eternal destination of every living soul. Those who refuse the Lordship and saving power of Jesus Christ are described in the following passage:

*This is the verdict: Light (Jesus) has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil* (John 3:19).

Satan uses lies and deception as his main tools to stop people from accepting Christ. He often takes a kernel of truth and then subtly twists it so that it becomes a believable lie. His original sin was that He wanted to usurp God, become God and be worshipped. Corrupting and warping God’s original designs, he - the created, and not the Creator – mimics and mocks the sacred blueprint God gave for His image-bearers.

**A big part of Satan’s work to enslave the world today has come through the Illuminati and Freemasonry (via media: world leaders/celebrities/entertainment).**

**Let’s break it down:**
“Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven” (Matthew 6:10)

Baphomet: Androgynous Masonic deity “as above, so below”

God, the Father  God, the Son  God, the Holy Spirit

Baphomet  Antichrist  False Prophet

God made man and woman (Gen. 2:4-25)

Gender fluidity - Transgender
This is just the tip of the iceberg of the Transgender movement:

“If a person identifies themselves as an amputee and wants an arm removed they would be considered delusional but if they want their genitals removed there is an entire industry who will help them.”
The Transgender Agenda & “Community Children” of the New World Order:
Baphomet, the Illuminati-Masonic goat-god is pansexual, combining male and female in the same body. The Illuminati promotes the Satanic doctrine “do what thou wilt” which is hailed as the path to find true freedom. Unbeknownst to many, the prescribed treatment for Gender Dysphoria (previously known as Gender Identity Disorder) is actually a fruit of this doctrine. In a nutshell, those diagnosed with G.D. are prescribed hormones - with the future possibility of gender reassignment surgery – because they feel (for example), that they are a male in a female body. Some as young as 3 years old are being started on hormone treatments to restore their ‘identified gender’.

Intersex, on the other hand, is when an individual presents abnormalities in either the chromosomes / hormones / the internal gonadal structures (the ovaries or testes), or in the external genitalia. Intersex is due to a physical / biochemical / hormonal / structural abnormality and there are effectual treatment pathways established to deal with each type of abnormality. Gender Dysphoria is totally different as all areas in the body that would cause a person to be Intersex, are normal. Current treatment practices for those with G.D. are radical and potentially damaging for someone actually showing signs of a mental health issue rather than a physical one. Even though G.D. is very real to the person who is experiencing it (and they should always be treated with great care and respect), hormone therapy and gender reassignment are extreme responses to this problem which can have far-reaching, possibly devastating consequences for the individual. Take a look at these articles:


“Why ‘sex change surgeries’ are making things worse for transgender people” (3rd August 2017) by Chad Felix Greene [www.lifesitenews.com]

Another aspect of the Transgender Agenda today is that parents are fighting for their rights over their own children. Those pushing this agenda do not care for the (God-given) rights of parents to find the best care for their kids:

- There are schools who are teaching gender fluidity to kids (as young as kindergarteners) without parental consent: search ‘SOGI Curriculum’.

- There is a push in places for birth certificates and identification cards to remain genderless. Here is an example in the following article:

New Jersey Has Officially Added A ‘Gender Neutral’ Option To Birth Certificates (3rd February 2019) by Cassandra Stone [www.scarymommy.com]

- There is also an ideology connected to this agenda coming to the fore that says “our children are not our own, but belong to the greater community”, again pushing to undermine parents’ rights over their children.
According to the article “Understanding the Teen Brain” posted on the University of Rochester Medical Center website, “The rational part of a teen’s brain isn’t fully developed and won’t be until age 25 or so.” [https://www.urmc.rochester.edu]

There are many articles and studies which validate this statement. Here are just a couple:

“At What Age Is The Brain Fully Developed?” [https://mentalhealthdaily.com]

“The age your brain matures at everything — it isn’t even fully developed until age 25” (8 November 2017) by Erin Brodwin [https://www.businessinsider.sg]


Age aside, there are also concerns for G.D. sufferers that the problems they are facing go far deeper than the actual disphoria itself: ”Most children and teens with Gender Dysphoria also have multiple other psychological issues” (17 January 2018) by Alex Fradera [https://digest.bps.org.uk]

What is particularly alarming is that parents are more and more frequently being ousted from the decision-making process as to whether there will be a “yay” or “nay” verdict for starting hormonal treatment (or even gender reassignment surgery, in some cases) on the G.D. diagnosed child in question. What’s worse is that studies which attest to the fact that over 80% of kids who do not do anything about their gender confusion, eventually grow out of it – are being completely ignored.

So why are medical ‘professionals’ pushing so hard for young people to land on the operating tables? Who’s driving this agenda to maul the bodies of these kids, whose brains aren’t even close to having the maturity to make these life-altering decisions – and who could actually be suffering from serious psychological problems?

G.D. is mutating into just another branch of the creation-warping-agenda that we have seen before:
One of the first branches: Plastic surgery, can be a tremendous blessing! But when it interferes with the image the Creator bestowed us with, then things can start to unravel fast. So go get your extra-large breasts reduced if it helps you – you don’t need the backache later in life. We aren’t born perfect in this world and sometimes we need a little help. But later on, take care not to be tempted into getting those reduced, perfectly-sized bosoms fashioned into the shape of two corkscrews just so you could do a party trick and open wine bottles with them. That would be crazy.

Here’s an article from a group of concerned parents dealing with kids with G.D. and all the craziness that surrounds this issue: **In Their Own Words: Parents of Kids Who Think They Are Trans Speak Out** (26 February 2019) by Five Anonymous Moms

*Parents like us must remain anonymous to maintain our children’s privacy, and because we face legal repercussions if our names are revealed. Parents who do not support their child’s gender identity risk being reported to Child Protective Services and losing custody of their children.*

When a child says he is transgender, we are expected nowadays to accept and celebrate this announcement. But there are many parents who are not celebrating. They are suffering in silence. They know their children were not born in the wrong bodies and that hormones and surgeries are not the answers to their discomfort and confusion. Their stories are heartbreaking. Here they are, in their own words.

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I was shocked when my thirteen-year-old daughter told me she was really my transgender son. She had no masculine interests and hated all sports. But as a smart, quirky teen on the autism spectrum, she had a long history of not fitting in with girls. Where did she get the idea she was transgender? From a school presentation—at a school where over 5 percent of the student body called themselves trans or nonbinary, and where several students were already on hormones, and one had a mastectomy at the age of sixteen. In my daughter’s world—in real life and online—transgender identities are common, and hormones and surgeries are no big deal.

I took her to a gender clinician seeking expert guidance. Instead, he accepted her new identity and told me I must refer to my daughter with masculine pronouns, call her by a masculine name, and buy her a binder to flatten her breasts. He recommended no therapy, and there was no consideration of the social factors that obviously affected her thinking. I was directed to put her on puberty-blocking drugs. I was falsely assured that these drugs were well-studied and that they were a perfectly safe way for her to “explore gender.” I was told that if I did not comply, she would be at higher risk of suicide.

I have nowhere to go for proper help. Therapists are actively trained and socially pressured not to question these increasingly common identities. In Washington, DC, and many states with so-called conversion therapy bans, questioning a child’s belief that she is of the opposite sex is against the law.

I have been living this nightmare for over four years. And despite my best efforts, my daughter plans to medically transition when she turns eighteen later this year.
Parents like me must remain anonymous to maintain our children’s privacy, and because we face legal repercussions if our names are revealed. Parents who do not support their child’s gender identity risk being reported to Child Protective Services and losing custody of their children. In New Jersey, the Department of Education officially encourages schools to report such parents. Meanwhile, the media glamorize and celebrate trans-identified children while ignoring stories like mine. I have written to well over 100 journalists, begging them to write about what is happening to kids. I wrote to my representative and senators, but have been ignored by their staff. My online posts about my daughter’s story have been deleted and I have been permanently banned in an online forum. As a lifelong Democrat, I am outraged by my former party and find it ironic that only conservative news outlets have reported my story without bias or censorship.

We parents are ignored and vilified, while our children are suffering in the name of inclusivity and acceptance. I hope that some open-minded Democratic lawmakers will wake up to the fact that they are complicit in harming vulnerable kids. I hope that they ask themselves this question: Why are physicians medicalizing children in the name of an unproven, malleable gender identity? And why are lawmakers enshrining “gender identity” into state and federal laws?

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My daughter, at age fourteen, spontaneously decided that she is actually a male. After suffering multiple traumatic events in her life and spending a large amount of time on the internet, she announced that she was “trans.” Her personality changed almost overnight, and she went from being a sweet, loving girl to a foul-mouthed, hateful “pansexual male.” At first, I thought she was just going through a phase. But the more I tried to reason with her, the more she dug her heels in. Around this time, she was diagnosed with ADHD, depression, and anxiety. But mental health professionals seemed mainly interested in helping her process her new identity as a male and convincing me to accept the notion that my daughter is actually my son.

At age sixteen, my daughter ran away and reported to the Department of Child Services that she felt unsafe living with me because I refused to refer to her using male pronouns or her chosen male name. Although the Department investigated and found she was well cared for, they forced me to meet with a trans-identified person to “educate” me on these issues. Soon after, without my knowledge, a pediatric endocrinologist taught my daughter—a minor—to inject herself with testosterone. My daughter then ran away to Oregon where state law allowed her—at the age of seventeen, without my knowledge or consent—to change her name and legal gender in court and to undergo a double mastectomy and a radical hysterectomy.

My once beautiful daughter is now nineteen years old, homeless, bearded, in extreme poverty, sterilized, not receiving mental health services, extremely mentally ill, and planning a radial forearm phalloplasty (a surgical procedure that removes part of her arm to construct a fake penis).

The level of heartbreak and rage I am experiencing, as a mother, is indescribable.

Why does Oregon law allow children to make life-altering medical decisions? As a
society, we are rightly outraged about “female circumcision.” Why are doctors, who took an oath to first do no harm, allowed to sterilize and surgically mutilate mentally ill, delusional children?

In August of 2017, our seventh-grade daughter came home from sleepaway camp believing she was a boy. She had a new vocabulary and a strong desire to change her name and pronouns. We never anticipated that we needed to ask the camp if she was going to be in a cabin with girls who were socially transitioning to live as boys. We suspect that our daughter assumed that since my wife and I are lesbians, and liberal in our politics, we would support this new identity. We may be lesbians, but we are not confused about biology. She tried to convince us with a very scripted explanation that she had always “felt” like a boy. But we had never once seen or heard from her any evidence of this “feeling.” We listened to her, gave her the space to talk about her feelings, and tried hard not to convey to her that we were utterly horrified by this revelation.

As we began to try to find information to make sense of this, we found evidence of a social contagion all over the internet. YouTube, Instagram, Twitter, and Reddit supplied a how-to guide and handbook on transitioning, complete with trans stars like Jazz Jennings and Riley J. Dennis, many with thousands of followers. We are in no way out of the woods. Some parents dealing with this issue view us as lucky because she is so young, giving us and her more time to work through her discomfort. Maybe we will be, but we are facing this ever-growing storm of a social contagion without any help from the mainstream media or the negligent FDA, not to mention the pathetic capitulation of our physicians and mental health professionals.

My daughter spent her childhood happily engaging in what one would call typical, girly activities, with no gender-stereotyping encouragement from us at all. Everything changed after she went to college. The environment of her new city and university celebrated transgender identities. She began speaking to us by phone of being “non-binary,” which I naïvely took to mean something like bisexual. Anxiety and depression then overwhelmed her. She dropped out and moved back to our home town, where she resumed psychiatric care for preexisting mental health conditions. Her appearance, always feminine, changed dramatically. A shaved head, boys’ clothes, and obvious unhappiness were now her camouflage from the world. She went from non-binary to claiming that she was really a boy. She parroted online advice: “I always knew something was wrong but didn’t have words for it until I started watching videos on Tumblr and YouTube. When I was little, I was afraid to tell you that I didn’t feel right.” This narrative matched nothing about her past—but I was still naïve. Because her psychiatrist did not consider her to be transgender, I assumed she would be unable to get a referral for the testosterone she was determined to start. I was wrong. In only one visit, and with just a little bit of blood work, Planned Parenthood will cheerfully enable young women and men to pursue their “authentic”
selves through cross-sex hormones. All that’s needed is a few bucks and signing a form that the risks have been disclosed and understood. That is the route my daughter took at the tender age of twenty, bypassing her psychiatrist altogether. My husband wrote to Planned Parenthood, explaining her mental-health history and providing her doctor’s name and telephone number. Planned Parenthood’s lawyer wrote back curtly that they presume anyone over eighteen is capable of giving informed consent. No matter what anyone thinks of Planned Parenthood’s other services, the fact that they will instantly prescribe powerful hormones with many unknown long-term effects—especially to people with underlying mental-health issues—should shock one’s conscience. People need to know that this is Planned Parenthood’s new line of business.

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At the age of seventeen, after immersion on Tumblr and after two of her oldest and closest friends in high school declared themselves transgender, our daughter told us that she is “really a guy.” Her therapist diagnosed her as high-functioning on the autism spectrum. The therapist was also quite clear that we would “lose all control over the medicalization” once our daughter turned eighteen.

As a federal employee, I could not find health insurance that does not cover hormones for self-declared gender dysphoria. My daughter is now twenty, has been on testosterone for a year, and has made an appointment for a consult about a double mastectomy—all this, even though she can’t legally buy an alcoholic drink. I can’t get any answers from doctors in response to my questions and concerns about the risks of these “treatments.” I get no answers from mental health professionals about what makes this treatment appropriate . . . or what makes my daughter different from those young women who are “no longer trans” and have de-transitioned, sometimes after being on hormones for years. Having to watch these adults enable my daughter to do this with no medical science to back it up is a scenario that I never dreamed any parent would have to face, at least not in the United States. But this is our reality now—a reality that the mainstream media won’t touch.

[www.thepublicdiscourse.com]

But there’s more! Again, these expressions of warping God’s design are just the tip of the iceberg because we haven’t even touched upon the genetic manipulation taking place right now, merging animals with humans! https://www.nytimes.com/2017/01/26/science/chimera-stemcells-organs.html Wake up people! You have an enemy of your soul – OF YOUR VERY IMAGE - who wants to destroy and devour you! WAKE UP! Faith in Christ and submitting to His way is not a noose. It’s a life jacket!
WARNING SIGNS:

“Losing the plot” - God’s plot; tyranny and chaos on the horizon.

U.S. Equality Act: Introduced in House (03/13/2019)

This bill prohibits discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity in areas including public accommodations and facilities, education, federal funding, employment, housing, credit, and the jury system. Specifically, the bill defines and includes sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity among the prohibited categories of discrimination or segregation.

The bill expands the definition of public accommodations to include places or establishments that provide (1) exhibitions, recreation, exercise, amusement, gatherings, or displays; (2) goods, services, or programs; and (3) transportation services.

The bill allows the Department of Justice to intervene in equal protection actions in federal court on account of sexual orientation or gender identity.

The bill prohibits an individual from being denied access to a shared facility, including a restroom, a locker room, and a dressing room, that is in accordance with the individual's gender identity.

'No' on the 'Equality Act'

by Washington Examiner
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You might wonder how or why it will affect you if a biological man dresses like or identifies as a woman. And you’re probably thinking it won’t. After all, if you’re the sort of person to stare at strangers’ body parts, then you have much bigger problems unrelated to politics.
But even non-mathematicians would be affected if the government forces everyone to accept that 2+2 is 5, and to live their lives as if it were true. And unfortunately, Congress is considering a bill to do just that.

The Equality Act, which has 237 Democratic co-sponsors in the U.S. House, would formally recognize gender identity ideology in law for the first time. Every lawmaker will soon have to confront this bill and its biological denialism, so they would all be well-served to read and carefully understand its consequences.

We hope and believe that all Americans will show compassion and genuine love for the transgendered persons they know or meet. It is wrong to mock or belittle people for being different.

That said, biology is what it is, and our laws and policies have to be based on reality, not personal friendships or feelings. Sex, which is determined at conception by specialized chromosomes, is the meaningful distinction that forms the basis for a myriad of biological and legal realities. It forms the biological basis of sexual attraction, including opposite and same-sex attraction, and it is ultimately required for the propagation of the human species.

There is a great deal of government policy that hinges directly on the sex of individuals involved, extending from the federal level all the way down to your local school district. All of this policy will lose its tether from reality and will lose its rational basis if gender ideology is forced upon Americans through a misguided federal law like this one.

This issue goes well beyond bathrooms, but bathrooms play a bigger role than the average biological male is likely to understand. As Julia Beck, a self-described radical lesbian feminist, testified this month before the House Judiciary Committee, the bill will cause girls to "stay home from school when they have their periods to avoid harassment by boys in mixed-sex toilets." This is a controversial thing to say, if only because gender ideology would have everyone pretend that menstruation is not a particularly female phenomenon. Still, it must be said. This law would harm girls.

Beck, who served on Baltimore’s LGBTQ Commission until she was kicked off it for refusing to participate in biological denialism, also discussed other less common but equally harmful side-effects the Equality Act could have on various biological women.

For example, when seeking a caregiver, it would become discriminatory even for a disabled or elderly woman to request a biological female, not just someone who officially identifies as female.

Female athletes would see their sports dominated by stronger and faster biological males. Female business owners would have to compete with biological males for specially earmarked federal loans.
And women’s-only spaces would effectively be abolished. This has not worked well for women’s prisons in the U.K. But when it comes to protecting women who have not committed crimes, “female survivors of rape will be unable to contest male presence in women’s shelters,” Beck noted.

Beck added one other important criticism of gender ideology — that it reduces the entire concept of womanhood to stereotypes about women’s feelings or behavior.

“The concept of gender identity, she said, “suggests that there is an essentially female personality or feeling that a person can have, but no such thing as a female body. Making gender identity the law, will in fact, mandate a belief in a female penis, or female testes.”

Beck is right to look biological denialism in the face. As controversial as it has become to say this, we will affirm here that women do not possess penises or testes.

Meanwhile, 2+2 still does not equal 5. If your congressman is trying to force you to say it does, then you need a new congressman.

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**The Equality Act:**

**How Could Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Laws Affect You?**

On Wednesday, March 13, Nancy Pelosi introduced the so-called Equality Act, a bill that would add “sexual orientation” and “gender identity” as protected classes under federal civil rights law.

Where the original Civil Rights Act of 1964 furthered equality by ensuring that African-Americans had equal access to public accommodations and material goods, the Equality Act would further *inequality* by penalizing everyday Americans for their beliefs about marriage and biological sex. Similar sexual orientation and gender identity laws at the state and local level have already been used in this way.

Here are 5 groups who would be harmed if the Equality Act becomes law:

**Employers and Workers**

The Equality Act would force employers and workers to conform to new sexual norms or else lose their businesses and jobs. This is already happening on the state and local level.
The most high profile example involves Colorado baker Jack Phillips, whose case went all the way to the Supreme Court after the Colorado Civil Rights Commission accused him of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation when he declined to create a custom cake for a same-sex wedding.

He is not the only victim. Other cases involving disagreement over the meaning of marriage, feature florists, bakers, photographers, wedding venue owners, videographers, web designers, calligraphers, and public servants. Now citizens are being punished for their views on biological sex.

Shortly after the Supreme Court ruling, Jack Phillips found himself in court again after an activist attorney who identifies as transgender, requested that Masterpiece Cakeshop create a “gender transition celebration” cake.

After the Colorado Civil Rights Commission found probable cause that Phillips had discriminated on the basis of gender identity, he sued the Commission for targeting him for his Christian beliefs. Ultimately, the Commission dropped the case, and Phillips agreed to drop his own lawsuit against the agency.

Even when victims win legal battles like Jack Phillips, conflicts like these have a chilling effect. They discourage people from opening new businesses or entering into certain fields entirely.

A federal sexual orientation and gender identity law would preclude compromise of any kind on disagreements about marriage and sexuality.

Take Peter Vlaming. This high school French teacher was dismissed under the school’s anti-discrimination policy after he refused to comply with administrators’ orders to use a female student’s preferred masculine pronouns. Vlaming had tried to accommodate the student by avoiding pronouns altogether and addressing the student by their preferred masculine name, but this was deemed insufficient by the school board.

The Equality Act would increase conflicts like these and put people out of work for their beliefs.

**Medical Professionals**

The Equality Act would force hospitals and insurers to provide and pay for these therapies against any moral or medical objections. It would politicize medicine by forcing professionals to act against their best medical judgment and provide transition-affirming therapies.

The fight is already here. Catholic hospitals in California and New Jersey have been sued for declining to perform hysterectomies on otherwise healthy women who want to
become male. A third Catholic hospital in Washington settled out of court when the ACLU sued them for declining to perform a double mastectomy on a gender dysphoric sixteen-year-old girl.

These cases would multiply under the Equality Act. This bill would politicize medicine by forcing doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals to offer drastic procedures—not in view of new scientific discoveries, but by ideological fiat.

**Parents and Children**

This politicization of medicine would ultimately harm families by normalizing hormonal and surgical interventions for gender dysphoric children as well as ideological “education” in schools and other public venues.

80 to 95 percent of children with gender dysphoria no longer feel distressed by their bodies after puberty. Yet activists continue to push their own radical protocol: social transition as young as 4, puberty-blocking drugs as young as 9, cross-sex hormones as young as 14, and surgery by 18 (or, in some cases, *even younger*).

This protocol could become mandatory in the future. The latest issue of the American Journal of Bioethics includes an article arguing that the state should overrule the parents of gender dysphoric children who do not consent to giving them puberty-blocking drugs.

By silencing the scientific debate on transgender-affirming therapies through the politicization of medicine, the Equality Act would further normalize this radical protocol and create an expectation that parents comply.

In fact, parents in Ohio lost custody of their seventeen-year-old daughter because they declined to put her on testosterone supplements.

It is no secret that radical gender ideology has found its way into our schools. This bill would stigmatize any and all opposition to such indoctrination.

The Equality Act would put parental rights to make decisions about their children’s medical treatment and education at risk.

**Women**

The Equality Act would ultimately lead to the erasure of women by dismantling sex-specific facilities, sports, and other female-only spaces.

Sexual orientation and gender identity laws that open up sex-specific facilities like bathrooms, locker rooms, etc. to members of the opposite sex enable sexual assault.
For example, Pascha Thomas was forced to remove her child from school after a male classmate assaulted her five-year-old daughter in the girls’ restroom. The boy had access to the girls’ restroom because of the school’s policy that grants students access to private facilities on the basis of self-identified gender identity. Administrators refused to change the policy despite Thomas’ complaints. Federal authorities are now investigating the incident.

The concern with these policies is that predators will take advantage of the law to gain access to victims. Policies like these make women less likely to report incidents and law enforcement less likely to get involved, for fear of being accused of discrimination.

These policies also leave women at a disadvantage in sex-specific sports and other activities.

Two biological males who identify and compete as women easily took first and second place at the Connecticut State Track Championships.

Selina Soule, a female runner, lost the race—and the chance to be scouted by college coaches and selected for athletic scholarships. “We all know the outcome of the race before it even starts,” she said. “It’s demoralizing.”

Females of all ages can expect to lose more and more opportunities like these to biological males who have a natural advantage in sports and physical activities. The Equality Act would defeat the entire purpose of Title IX, which was meant to ensure that women would have the same opportunities as men including in sports, and would leave women vulnerable to sexual assault.

**Non-Profits and Volunteers**

The Equality Act would also hurt charities, volunteers, and the populations they serve.

State and local sexual orientation and gender identity laws have shut down numerous faith-based adoption and foster care agencies across the country, in Pennsylvania, New York, Illinois, California, Massachusetts, and the District of Columbia.

These states wrongly treated the belief that children do best with both a mother and a father as discriminatory, and kids are the ones who are paying the price. With 438,000 children languishing in foster care nationwide, we need more agencies working to help kids find homes, not fewer.

Now charities that admit to the reality of biological sex are under attack too.

In Anchorage, Alaska, a biological male twice tried to gain access to the city’s Downtown Hope Center, a shelter for homeless, abused, and trafficked women. In response, the individual sued the center for alleged “gender identity discrimination.”
A federal sexual orientation and gender identity law could force any charity to open up private facilities—including sex-specific bathrooms, showers, and sleeping areas—to members of the opposite sex.

The Equality Act would cost our country countless charitable organizations, which means fewer institutions would be available to serve populations in need.

The Equality Act actually furthers inequality, especially for women and girls, by punishing anyone who affirms the traditional viewpoint of marriage and biological sex.

A federal sexual orientation and gender identity law would empower the government to interfere in how regular Americans think, speak, and act at home, at school, at work, and at play. Any bill promoting such authoritarianism is a danger to our freedoms.

The Equality Act is just the beginning. Have you heard about the Trans-Age movement? Did you know that there is a push to decriminalize and redefine paedophilia as ‘Minor Sex Attraction’?


https://www.telegraph.co.uk/comment/10948796/Paedophilia-is-natural-and-normal-for-males.html


But back to G.D. . . . Apart from the parents who are pushed to the sidelines, what is it about the blossoming transgender issue that aligns itself with a dictatorship? Foisted upon society, it discriminates against all who don’t feel comfortable with it. It infringes upon the rights of those people - for example - who only want to use same-sex bathrooms. And if a person were to dare say “no”, their personal choice reduces them to being labelled a bigot, a transphobic or a hate-speech speaker; students have even been threatened with expulsion from school if they would not comply to the “new order”. This is not God’s way. It is the LGBTQ community who are often bullying those that don’t agree with them. But let’s not forget that they have been bullied too. That is exactly why Jesus said: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.” (Mark 12:30-31)

The bottom line is that the Satanic New (Age) World Order ideology based upon “do what you want; do what you feel” brings chaos, and people always get hurt when there is chaos. Gender Dysphoria is a brokenness experienced as a result of the Fall and deserves deep compassion, but the rights and feelings of those outside of this condition matter too. Jesus sees us all. He reminds us that we all are worthy of love and belonging as human beings and image-bearers of the Creator. He welcomes all people and invites them to come to Him, just as they are, and find peace in walking with Him. Jesus brings order because He created it in the first place.

Jesus is the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6) and promises everyone freedom from turmoil if they come to Him: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28). We are all broken and the thing that matters most is that we get saved. Everything else is secondary. The devil would have us distracted, fighting over secondary things.

The Bible also says: “. . . for God is not a God of confusion but of peace,” (1 Corinthians 14:33). Chaos and confusion are replaced with peace when we get saved and receive the Holy Spirit: “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” (2 Timothy 1:7)

When we stray from the foundational truths of our Creator and the order He has created for us, chaos and lawlessness ensue. But when we submit to His gentle Lordship, we receive love, clarity and a sound mind. It is when we return to the One who made us and follow His design that we find peace and a secure anchor for our souls. Jesus is more than able to calm any storm going on in our lives.

“He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.” (Mark 4:39)
Jesus is the Prince of Peace.

“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

John 14:27

Turn to Him,

“. . . and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:7
WHO ARE WE REALLY?

Question: Did God create us unable to keep His law?

Answer: No, God created man good and in His own image that we might know, love and glorify our Creator, but because of the disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, all of creation is fallen; we are all born in sin, corrupt in our nature and unable to keep God’s law.

We confess that so often in our struggle against sin, we buy into the lie that our corrupted nature is our true self because sinning feels so natural, so innate and so intrinsic to who we are and our hearts become hardened against God, begrudging Him for denying us our fleshly pleasure and instincts; from being ‘ourselves’. In fact, we sometimes don’t even acknowledge that we need deliverance from these sinful instincts, but we celebrate them as who we are.

But God wants to remind us that while our nature is corrupted by sin and we are born with it, that is not our truest nature. That is not the final word on who we are. Our Maker reminds us that He created us good, in His image, to know and love and to trust and to glorify Him. That when we are in Christ, obeying and trusting Him, we are our truest selves. That is where we find deepest joy and satisfaction. We can thank God that precisely because we are unable to keep His laws in our own strength, He sent His Son to pay the price for us so that we are forgiven and reconciled back to Him, that He may begin to redeem our nature to what He created us to be.

A Prayer: So God in our battle with sin today, we ask the Spirit to help us to cling to this truth. We ask that You come into our lives and destroy what enslaves us, and what keeps us from our true identity. And finally, we battle sin, not ultimately defined by our wretched depravity, but we do so, knowing who YOU say we are today, that we can proclaim with confidence according to Scripture that “to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the authority to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God” (John 1:12-13). So help us to walk no longer in darkness, but as Children of Light.

All Jesus has ever wanted was to see you home: safe in the Light with Him as He always meant you to be. That’s why He took the punishment for your sins.
AND WHAT IS SIN?

The Greek word for “sin” is \textit{hamartia}, an archery term for “missing the mark.” We could say that sin is not just making an error in judgment in a particular case, but missing the whole point of human life; not just the violation of a law, but an insult to a relationship with the One to whom we owe everything; not just a servant's failure to carry out a master's orders, but the ingratitude of a child to its parent. It means "to turn aside, to wander, to err, to make a mistake, to miss the mark." The person misses the real objective in life, which is to obey God and to be holy as He is holy. We are created in His image and are to emulate Him.

BUT THEN THE FREEDOM-FIGHTING LORD JESUS CAME.

\textit{2 Corinthians 5:21} God made Him (Jesus) who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

\textbf{HE HIT THAT BULLSEYE FOR US}
Satan, shrouded in darkness, is very, very real and is at war to stop us from ever finding True Peace, Light, and Freedom from our sins. There are many who know this for themselves (occultists, for example), and yet would follow this fallen one – even to hell. These worshippers of Satan are utterly deceived about how terrible hell will be for them. Satan worship is not only real (because he is real), it is also deeply rooted in Freemasonry, the Illuminati, and the Roman Catholic Church. This is not to say that all Catholics, Roman or otherwise, are Satanists! Nothing could be further from the truth. God alone knows a person’s heart. However . . .

Those in allegiance with the secret societies of the god of this world like to show it. They are proud of it. They unabashedly flaunt signs and symbols right under our very noses. Satan’s workmanship can be seen all around as his followers dabble in and display his darkness.

Without further ado, let’s take a long hard look at just some of the trademark signs of darkness from the god of this world that are going on today, “hidden in plain sight”. Hold on to your hats. You might need a stiff drink to get through this:

“ALL YOU PEOPLE OUT THERE SATAN IS MY MASTER HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN” -JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE

The Righteous Catchmen Ministry.
The ‘face’ of the occult movement: Aleister Crowley. Egyptian Mysticism, OTO, “Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the law.”

I was directed & commanded by another power. The power of darkness. That a lot of people don’t believe exists. The power of the devil satan.”

Little Richard
The ‘Devil Horns’, or ‘Horned Salute’.
**WATAIN**: Not just your average heavy metal band. These Black Metal ambassadors are as contrarian as the genre flag they fly, with their theistic Satanism (actual devil worship, not taking the devil's name as symbolism) and **live blood-dousing rituals** putting those qualities at the forefront.

"Britain is ready for a fascist leader... I think Britain could benefit from a fascist leader. After all, fascism is really nationalism... I believe very strongly in fascism, people have always responded with greater efficiency under a regimental leadership... Adolf Hitler was one of the first rock stars... You've got to have an extreme right front come up and sweep everything off its feet and tidy everything up."

- David Bowie

Infamous Fascist Leader: Benito Mussolini. Hitler looked up to Mussolini; they were close friends.

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Freemasonry was created by the Knights of Templars of the Roman Catholic Church and works under instructions from the General of the Jesuits (ie: the Black Pope)

The Freemasons have a secret sign called "Sign of the Master of the 2nd Veil". This sign is a mockery of when God asked Moses to put his hand in his bosom and bring it out again (Exodus 4:6-7).
The ‘All-Seeing Eye’; ‘Eye of Horus’; ‘Eye of Lucifer’.
666
Allegiance to the Devil
THE Sign of the Illuminati: Pyramid

Up is down, pleasure is pain, darkness is light, slavery is freedom, madness is sanity...

Anton Szandor LaVey: author of the Satanic Bible.
Prime Minister of Great Britain: Theresa May

Federal Chancellor of Germany: Angela Merkel
Lady Gaga shown flaunting the 666 hand gesture over her eye on her music album cover entitled "Born this way" meaning she is telling you she was born of the Serpent Seed; born a child of the Devil.

And the ‘SSSSHHHHHHHHHH’ over her mouth? It’s because only the Satanist & ‘awakened’ know while the rest of the world is oblivious to what is transpiring right in front of their faces. They are ‘WOKE’. 
Most of Hollywood celebrities and music stars are members of a little known satanic cult group called ‘Ordo Templi Orientis’, or simply ‘OTO’.

Cults within cults: Scientology, Freemasonry, OTO, KKK, Illuminati . . . It’s all Satan worship.

WOE to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. (Isaiah 5:20)
Nimrod of Ancient Babylon was said to have been reincarnated into a giant fish in the sea. Dagon means “fish” in Hebrew and the Papacy to this day wears the same “Dagon-fish mitre” to show that they are portraying the ancient priesthood of “Dagon the fish-god.”
WARNING: Baphomet Ideology Ahead.

As Above, So Below
- Duality -
Good and Evil Are One.

It doesn’t matter if you’re male or female.
It doesn’t matter if you like the light or the dark.
It’s all the same.

Wen Tzu: Taoist.
“Life and death are one. Right and wrong are the same.”
(1992)

And the judgment is based on this fact: God’s light (Jesus) came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. (John 3:19)
Don’t Get Pulled Down By The Lies.

Accept The Truth & Choose Life Instead.
The Illuminati and Freemasonry ideologies connect back to the ancient world when Nimrod ruled the Babylonians, to Egyptian Mystery Schools, Gnosticism and Theosophy (to name a few). Being the brain-child of Satan, it is associated with:

- paedophilia & child sex-trafficking,
- child sacrifices,
- human blood-drinking,
- cannibalism, spirit cooking and,
- MK Ultra mind control.

Many world leaders are said to be deeply involved and it is believed that any who have tried to get out of the Satanic cult have been disposed of. This evil organization – for the Illuminati and Freemasonry are one and the same – is a true dictatorship. Since his fall from heaven, Satan has wanted nothing more than to be worshipped by his own personal slaves. He, once in charge of worship in heaven, now uses music (God’s gift to people) to influence and entice the world to himself. The entertainment business is rife with Satan’s dark workmanship for the most part.

In these end-times, evil has increased on the earth. It has come out from the shadows and now expresses itself blatantly – one need only to keep half an eye out (no pun intended). Typical of the tyrannical rule of a dictator, it is becoming increasingly difficult to share an opinion or have a point of view; the rancid demonic cloth that works to stifle freedom of speech under the guise of political correctness makes sure of that. Society is fast losing its point of reference as truth means “whatever you want it to be . . . as long as it’s *P.C.*” The world, ever more topsy-turvy is spinning out of control because we have looked to ourselves - the creation - instead of the Creator. We’ve allowed the most Evil Being of all time to waltz right into our homes and slap his muddy hooves on our coffee tables. But there is still time to change our minds. There is still hope.

*P.C. = Politically Correct*
Former U.S. President Kennedy was right. But the plot he discovered in the 1960’s goes far beyond the shores of the United States. It has infected the entire world we live in and reaches far back in history, predating the beginning of the world. The Illuminati is an expression of dictatorship from the master puppeteer, “that old serpent who deceived the whole world” (Rev. 20:2:9). Satan is the author and invisible totalitarian leader of the evil world-system. He fosters the sinful notion in man to reject the Creator and ‘be your own god’ and make your own rules. Evil dictators, murderers, hate-mongers and liars are born and wars are waged. People become hypnotized by the lies of this Tyrant who fuels and feeds the ideals of a popular culture that rejects Christ. The battle for the eternal destiny of your soul is more real than this book that you have in front of you.

Ephesians 6:12  For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

But there is still hope. Mercifully, the battle for every person’s soul has already been won in Jesus Christ. He has crushed the serpent’s head for us and offers us freedom from the Devil along with eternal sanctuary with Him in heaven. Know that your enemy is not Christ!
Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:

though your sins are like scarlet,

they shall be as white as snow;

though they are red like crimson,

they shall become like wool.”

The birth of Christ brought God to people; the Cross of Christ brings people to God.
God’s truth sets us free.

Telling us what we want to hear, doesn’t.

The Bible tells us that without Christ we are spiritually impoverished, broken, and ensnared in darkness (lies).

God is honest like that – for good reason.

*The Spirit of the Lord GOD is on Me (Jesus), because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners . . .

Isaiah 61:1
(Prophecy about the 1st Advent of the Messiah)
Let’s reason together.
CHAPTER SIX:

Q & A

FREEDOM OF SPEECH
‘MYTHS’ that are TRUE and
‘TRUTHS’ that are MYTHS

1. “Born-Again” mumbo-jumbo and the happy-clappy (creepy) Christian:

Ok, so I’m not even going to attempt to touch upon the whole ‘creepy’ thing. If you’re of that opinion, then you are entitled to it – just don’t let it mar your opinion of God! Christians are just fallen humans who are saved, not ‘goody-two-shoe’ humans. God is the only one who is good.

TRUTH! The Bible is clear about the need to be Born-Again:

*John 3:1-7*  Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’

*Titus 3:5*  . . . He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit . . .

This all comes back to Adam and Eve. God made everything eternal like Himself, but sin brought two types of death to Adam and Eve: physical and spiritual. We already know about the eventual decay and death of the body. The spirit however, remained eternal but became ‘dead’, meaning that after the physical death of the body, it was now destined for hell (eternal death). Sin disconnected the spirit to the source of Life . . . God.

Adam and Eve were the crowning glory of God’s earthly creative works. When God made them in His image, that image was not just limited to physical appearances. Just as God is Three in One, we bear a reflection of that image having:

1. Body,
2. Soul (comprising of the mind, emotions and will), and
When we accept Jesus, we become the Temple of God and the Holy Spirit resides in our spirit. He “re-births” our dead spirit and brings it back to life. Jesus explains to the believer that “I am in you and you are in Me.” (John 14:20) and that nothing that is united to the Resurrection and Life can die. The newborn spirit of a believer, the “spirit” referred to by the Apostle Paul as the “inner self” (2 Corinthians 4:16), goes on to live eternally in Heaven after the body dies. This is why Paul says that to “be away from the body” is to be “at home with the Lord” (2 Corinthians 5:8).

Romans 8:9 You (The Church), however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.

You must have the spirit-reanimating power of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

And the ‘happy-clappy’ part? Well, honestly, The Church does get excited at times about being set free from eternal death and we like to show it. We love Jesus!

2. “Most of the Christians I’ve ever met were far from perfect. If what they claim about God and Jesus is true, aren’t they supposed to be better. . . ?”

TRUTH! If your experience with ‘churchies’ hasn’t been positive, then let me say I am sorry to hear that. We have our problems like everyone else, but we’re not all jerks. I’ve met them too and I’m sure I’ve been one of them as well (on occasion). I am the first to say “I ain’t perfect!” . . . and hopefully, when necessary . . . “I’m sorry!”

Moving on . . .

Upon our spiritual rebirth, Christians begin to have a closeness with God through the Holy Spirit. Our status as “saved” does not depend upon it, but through this new, open relationship with God, we can choose to walk side-by-side with Him through life. We can read His Word, talk with Him and invite Him into our daily lives; we can ask for His help and wisdom any time, day or night. The Spirit illuminates the Scriptures and helps us apply God’s timeless truths to our current situations.

In John 16, Jesus refers to the Spirit as the "Counselor" who guides us in our everyday lives. One way He guides us is by convicting us of sin (John 16:8). This doesn’t sound too appealing but it is actually a good thing: God wants us to get rid of the things that displease Him, hurt ourselves and hurt others. The Spirit works through our conscience to make us aware of sin in our lives. Romans 8 tells us the Spirit will help us to stop sinning and instead start doing the things that please God. He teaches us how to live right. This is called sanctification. The Holy Spirit empowers us to produce good for God, giving us access to the full gifts of God (Ephesians 1:3), He
helps us apply those gifts to our lives in an ever increasing manner throughout our lifetime.

All this given to us at our “spiritual fingertips” so-to-speak, by the gracious Holy Spirit is wonderful, but He can’t do all the work for us. The caveat is that we are still responsible to do our part and walk with God daily. How come? Because God respects our free will. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is not possession. He brings us companionship, protection, counsel and comfort – not control.

Walking with God puts us in a position to change for the better and become more like Jesus. We never lose who we are, we just become better versions of ourselves over the years – like the pre-Fall version God always intended. The process is slow and almost unnoticeable - but change does occur. The Holy Spirit is gentle and does not rush us. He carefully sets the pace that each individual can handle. And one day this process of sanctification will be completed when we find ourselves in heaven.

Sometimes when a person doesn’t walk as they ought, they are referred to as being “carnal Christians”. Bought with a high price and snatched from Satan’s snare, we are not to leave any space in our lives for Satan to enter: You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbour, for we are all members of one body. “In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. (Ephesians 4:22-27)

The Holy Spirit grieves when we rebel but He does not reject us. This incredible grace poured out on the redeemed is testament to God’s wonderful character as our salvation rests on who He is and what He did for us, rather than on what we do, or don’t do. Everyone who walks with the Lord goes through different stages, has ups and downs, set-backs and makes mistakes as we still live in a fallen world, with a fallen body and soul – “jars of clay”. The Holy Spirit gently convicts us to righteousness (reminds us of our true selves in Christ - which is very different from condemnation) and helps us to repent (turn away from sin). We say we’re sorry to God when we sin because we love Him and we have confidence that we are already forgiven. Through His power we are enabled to exercise control and say “no” to sin - eventually finding freedom from it. We are renewed in the spirit and set free when we have salvation in Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:7-9 But we have this treasure (the Holy Spirit) in jars of clay (our mortal, fallen bodies) to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.
In Christ we are perfect in position before a Holy God (saved and sealed in Him) because of the Blood of the Lamb, if not always perfect in performance in this life.

I love the Holy Spirit.

3. “I gotta clean up my act first before I can approach God . . .”

**MYTH!** Look at this scripture verse:

**Romans 5:8**  But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: **While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

In the above verse and in John 3:16, we find no conditions placed on God's love for us. God doesn't say, "as soon as you clean up your act, I'll love you"; nor does He say, "I'll sacrifice my Son if you promise to love Me." In fact, in Romans 5:8, we find just the opposite. God wants us to know that His love is unconditional, so He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for us while we were still telling God to ‘take a long walk off a short pier’. We didn't have to get clean, and we didn't have to make any promises to God before we could experience His love. His love for us has always existed, and because of that, He did all the giving and sacrificing long before we were even aware that we needed His love. There's really no need to try and run away from God because of our sin; God is near and always wants to help us.

We know that eventually God will quarantine evil from good when He creates the New Heaven and Earth (**Rev. 21**) and at that time, God will physically separate those who love Him from those who don't. Until then, God tolerates the presence of sin in order to accomplish His purposes with mankind. Thank goodness! If God truly could not be in the presence of sin, none of us would ever get saved.
4. Religion of any kind, including ‘Christian’ versions, is a trap.

**TRUTH!** WOAH. This statement requires some serious a), b), c) and d) study:

But before you light your torches and dust off your pitchforks, let me first say that I am in no way trying to be disrespectful to sincere followers of a given faith. However, the Bible is clear about the eternal ramifications of putting faith in anything or anyone other than Jesus Christ.

So . . .

a) Back to Adam and Eve . . .

Immediately after they disobeyed God's command they both realized they were guilty. Adam and Eve tried to cover their guilt and shame before God, but they chose a poor cover up (ie: fig leaves). Manmade solutions for sin and guilt never work: the “fig leaves” of religious works will never cover the guilty sinner and make him/her right with God.

The coats of skin with which the Lord clothed Adam and Eve represent righteousness provided by Him in which they could stand in His holy presence. These coats of skin are a type of what God provided for us in the imputation of His righteousness through Jesus Christ.

When you repent, God will forgive your sins and clothe you with the righteousness of Christ. Think of it as a business transaction. When you say "Yes" to Jesus, God will charge all of your sins to Jesus’ account - which is paid in full. But you, all paid up, are still spiritually naked (devoid of any righteousness). God then debits the account of Jesus, crediting your account with His righteousness. And so you’re now and forever clothed in the righteousness of Jesus Christ and are able to enjoy a meaningful, personal, relationship with Him.

Throughout the Scriptures, garments are symbols of righteousness; either God's all-sufficient righteousness or man's self-made righteousness.

God’s righteousness: "I will rejoice greatly in the Lord, my soul will exult in my God; for He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels." (Isaiah 61:10)

Mankind’s self-righteousness: “For all of us have become like one who is unclean, And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; And all of us wither like a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away” (Isaiah 64:6).

Jesus gives a clear warning to unsaved religious folk professing the Christian faith:

*Matthew 7:21-23*  “Not everyone who says to Me (Jesus), ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in
heaven. Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name and in Your name drive out demons and in Your name perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

What is God’s will? You know! Get Born-Again. Believe in Jesus.

John 6:40. “For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I (Jesus) will raise them up at the last day.”

Further warnings for all religious people: “Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.” (John 10:1)

Did you understand that? Jesus often refers to believers as His Flock and refers to Himself as the Good Shepherd. Anyone who attempts to enter into Heaven (the sheepfold), by human effort (works, sacraments, goodness, religious devotion, etc . . . ) is a THIEF and a ROBBER because they’re trying to get into Heaven without going through the Door: “I (Jesus) am the door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.” (John 10:9)

Satan has succeeded in blinding most people, especially religious people from accepting the saving power of Jesus Christ: “Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don’t believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don’t understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.” (2 Corinthians 4:4)

**Bottom-line: Salvation is not found in any religion; but rather, in a Person – The Lord Jesus Christ.**

And for the second part to the above statement:

b) **Pardon of sins:** Only God has the power and authority to forgive the sins - **never** put your faith in another human to do this.

God has actually said that it is an abomination for men to justify a sinner. It is equal to the injustice of declaring an innocent person guilty. In Proverbs 17:15, Scripture says, “He who justifies the wicked and he who condemns the righteous, both of them alike are an abomination to the Lord. It is an abomination for men to justify those who are wicked.” (ESV: English Standard Version)
Mark 2:1-12  A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that He had come home. They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and He preached the word to them. Some men came, bringing to Him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”

Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

Immediately Jesus knew in His spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and He said to them, “Why are you thinking these things? Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’?” But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So He said to the man, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

Scripture is very clear that only God can do this (Romans 4).

If a person claims Christianity as their faith, then they have a responsibility to learn what the Bible says for themselves. No one can stand before God and say, “The priest said so!”

And now for the third part:

c) Guilt: Religions – being man-made, but inspired by Satan - can have a lot of guilt packed into the product. Satan, who is the exact opposite of God in thought, word and deed, opposes the Gospel of Jesus Christ and is described as the ‘Accuser’.

Revelation 12:10  Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, ‘Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

Zechariah 3:1-7  Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him. And the Lord said to Satan, “The Lord rebuke you, Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?” Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel. Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, “Take away the filthy garments
from him.” And to him He said, “See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes.” And I said, “Let them put a clean turban on his head.” So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And the Angel of the Lord stood by.

Jesus fulfilled God’s Law at the cross, giving us freedom from it and from guilt. This is God’s tender mercy and grace shown towards us. Scripture is very clear, no matter how a person may feel at any given time, there is absolutely no condemnation to those who have put their trust in Christ:

**Romans 8:1-4** Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

So religious folk can either feel guilty and downtrodden a lot of the time, or super pleased with themselves (because they worked in the soup kitchen earlier that day) . . Yes, do good deeds and be kind to others, but don’t rely on it to save you. Embrace Jesus and ditch the the soul-crushing guilt. Jesus paid a terrible price to set you free of religion: take up His offer and get to know for yourself how kind-hearted He is!

Satan, the author of false belief systems is also known as the ‘Tempter’ *(Genesis 3:1-5; 1 Thessalonians 3:5; Mark 1:13; James 1:13-14)*. Satan tempts people to sin and then turns around and accuses them of their guilt a moment later! Scripture is clear that any belief that does not adhere to and uphold the testimony of Jesus Christ is from the devil: Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. *(1 John 4:1-3)*

**One other thing:** calling a priest ‘Father’ is a no-no. The Bible clearly tells us: But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers. And call no man your father (spiritual leader) on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ. *(Matthew 23:8-10)*

And **finally** the fourth part, **d) Baptism:** It’s so important to understand that child baptism doesn’t save a person. That is the real religious mumbo-jumbo! I’m sorry to
step on someone’s toes, but it’s the truth. Baptism (child or adult), is not a requirement of salvation. For someone to teach that faith + water baptism is a requirement for salvation, is to teach another gospel than was taught by the Apostle Paul (1 Cor. 15:1-4). Paul did not make water baptism a part of his gospel message and went so far as to say that Christ did not send him to baptize but only to spread the gospel message (1 Cor. 1:17). This would seem to be a major oversight if water baptism were indeed necessary, as no one would have been saved.

If in fact baptism were necessary for salvation, then how do you deal with the paralytic man (Matt. 9:2), the *penitent woman (Luke 7:37-50), the tax collector (Luke 18:13-14), and the thief on the cross (Luke 23:39-43)? Was Jesus just misleading them? Were they still lost in their sins since none were baptized?

But I hear you protest: what about "repent and be baptized" (Acts 2:38)? Does this not prove that baptism is necessary for salvation? Well no, it does not. Scripture has numerous texts that say forgiveness of sins is by faith alone (John 1:12; John 3:16; John 3:36; John 6:47; Rom. 10:9; Eph. 1:13; Eph. 2:8-9), to list just a few. Peter also gave us some of the clearest verses in this regard later in Acts (Acts 5:31; 10:43; 13:38-39; 16:31; 26:18). The weight of scripture points to faith (heartfelt, genuine belief) being the only requirement for salvation. This is further shown in the account given of the experience of the Gentiles (Acts 10:44-48), who received the indwelling of the Holy Spirit before water baptism.

Mark 16:16 says, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” This scripture shows us that believing (putting trust or faith in Jesus) is that crucial part and requires a conscious decision - one that a baby cannot make.

Salvation through belief is confirmed again in the account recorded in Luke 7:48-50, of the *penitent woman: Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

Baptism was and is not a condition for salvation, but it is an important step of obedience for a believing disciple after they had been born-again and received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:36-38; Acts 10:47-48). To be a disciple of Jesus, baptism is necessary simply because it is the mark of a disciple. In this way, baptism is like a wedding ring. We put on a wedding ring as a symbol of our commitment and devotion. In the same way baptism is a picture of devotion and commitment to Christ reminding us and others (as it’s a public declaration, with members of the church who are witnesses), that we are devoted to Christ and belong to Him.
Child baptism can be a very beautiful, sweet and sincere tradition - but it is nothing more than that. True Christianity is a personal relationship with Christ opened up through belief and repentance. Getting a child baptised “into the church” is often a check on the “to do” list of life without any authentic follow up. God is not fooled.

We will all have to give an account to our Creator one day. We are all liable for what we have chosen to believe. Don’t fall for the religious clap-trap of a pseudo-Christian faith. If you profess to be of the Christian faith, then please read your Bible! You’ve been left behind for a reason: you must be born-again. And for those who never gave a hoot about Christianity, I challenge you to give one, if just for the incredible and noble finished work of Jesus Christ on your behalf.

5. Christianity puts women down.

**MYTH!** Jesus gives women honour, value, dignity and respect. Oppression in all of its ugly forms originates from Satan.

The god of this world has ensured that history is replete with examples of men using their superior size and strength to intimidate, dominate and, at times, abuse women. Even today, there are some cultures and religions that still treat women on a level beneath men. But when Jesus walked the earth, He was a living example of how God’s image-bearers were to live, and one of His examples was shown in the way He treated women.

The cultural attitudes toward women in Jesus’ day were deplorable. There was no such thing as equal rights. Women were treated as second class citizens but Jesus’ interactions with women restored value to them.

Contrary to the values of the time He lived in, Jesus also showed respect to other women. The account of the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4:1-42 depicts this. No self-respecting Jewish Rabbi would give a woman - let alone a Samaritan woman with a coloured past like this one - the time of day. But Jesus did. He went out of His way to meet with her in the heat of the day at the well. Traditionally women went to get water in the cool of the early morning or at the end of the day. This woman was not very popular even amongst her own kind and so she went to get water at midday when no one would be around. The conversation that she had with Jesus was so profound, she forgot her water jar and ran back home to tell the townspeople all about it. Her genuine encounter with the Lord gave her such a convincing testimony that a crowd ended up following her back so they could meet Jesus for themselves.

*John 4:28-30* Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” They came out of the town and made their way toward Him.

He gave another woman a second chance at life. She was brought to Him after she was caught in the act of adultery. The Pharisees didn’t care about her. They only wanted to use her situation to trap Jesus. But they were no match for the love and grace of Jesus. He challenged them to be the first to throw a stone at her only if they were themselves without sin. Of course, no one could claim that, so they all, one by one, dropped their stones and left. When Jesus was all alone with the devastated woman, He gave her something no else would – grace, love, forgiveness and a second chance, “I’m not here to condemn you. Now go and leave your life of sin” (*John 8:1-11*).

Jesus didn’t judge or condemn these women. He treated them with respect.

The Bible teaches men how to treat their mothers and women in general. It teaches that a real man *never* intimidates, dominates or abuses any woman – ever! Peter instructs husbands to be considerate to and treat their wives with respect as co-heirs of the gracious gift of life found in Jesus. The Christian faith believes that God made men and women equal, with differences between the sexes that complement each other and these differences are celebrated. Christian fathers are to model for their sons how a real man treats a woman. He does that by example; by the way he
treats his mother, his wife, his sisters, his daughters and all women. He is to show his sons how a man protects and provides for his wife and daughters. And he must demonstrate how a man takes care of his mother and father in their old age. A real man holds high standards for the way his sons treat women. And a real man demonstrates the love of Christ in front of his boys. “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church, and gave himself up for her” (Ephesians 5:25). Jesus gave the highest value possible to women (and men) by laying down His life for them. He considered them worth dying for. There is no greater love, no higher value, no deeper respect than that. That is how husbands are to love their wives.

And let’s not forget the golden rule from Jesus which really says it all: Do to others as you would have them do to you (Luke 6:31).

6. God has a split personality. He’s a MEANIE in the Old Testament and a SOFTY in the New: Noah’s Flood proves it!

MYTH! Nothing could be further from the truth and the truth is definitely stranger than fiction. Time for some a) and b) study:

a) Ever hear of the Titans? Well, meet the Nephilim: And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually (Genesis 6:1-5).

This brief passage tells a very important origin story. A group of the “sons of God”, the Biblical name for angels, in rebellion against the Lord, came to earth and took human women as wives to have illicit relations. And their children, half-human, half-angelic hybrids, were the Nephilim giants. The idea of angels sleeping with women and having kids is not something that all Christians agree upon, know about or are even comfortable with. However, the truth of Christianity is based upon one source: God’s Word as revealed in the Holy Bible. And from a study of Scripture it becomes clear that this event did indeed happen.

Were the “Sons of God” Angels?
The Hebrew words for the “sons of God” are b’nai Ha Elohim. The term Elohim is the plural of ‘God’. And then we see the children of these sons of God and daughters of men were “mighty men” and of “renown.” They were also “giants.” Something in their genetics made them super-sized people. It was their fallen angelic parentage. We can search the Bible to be certain of meaning. The Bible is self-confirming; a
passage of Scripture can always be confirmed by another. The term “sons of God” was used elsewhere in the Bible, namely in the book of Job. Job chapter 1 reads: “Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them. And the LORD said unto Satan, ‘Whence comest thou?’ Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, ‘From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it’” (Job 1:6-7). The scene being described - where God met with the sons of God - took place in Heaven.

God will hold a Divine Council from time to time, where He meets with both good and evil angels to discuss affairs of the world (for more examples of these assemblies see 1 Kings 22 and Psalm 82).

Another Divine Council is called in Job Chapter 2. Verse 1 states: “Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.”

So again from the clear reading of the text, the “sons of God” are not human men but are in fact angels, who are meeting in Heaven with The Lord. And the Hebrew term is once again, b'nai ha Elohim.

The third reference to the sons of God in the Old Testament is again in Job, but this time in chapter 38. God who in this is posing questions to Job about the creation of the universe (to show Job how little understanding and knowledge he has compared to The Lord) says:

Job 38:4-7 “Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? Or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? Or who laid the corner stone thereof; when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?”

Not only were the sons of God again with God, they existed even before the earth itself was created. Every use of the term b'nai ha elohim in the Old Testament is a reference to angelic beings. In the Septuagint, the oldest form of the Old Testament today (and the version most quoted by Jesus and His disciples in the New Testament) the term 'sons of God' is not even used in these passages we just studied. It just reads “the angels of God.” Thus it can be concluded with certainty that the sons of God in Genesis 6 were in fact, angels.

Did Angels Really Have Sexual Relations With Human Women?
Job, written by the patriarch himself, is the oldest book of the Bible and was written close to the time of the flood. There is a passage not often cited in scripture that states directly that certain angels were indeed involved in illicit relations with human women. It occurs when Eliphas, one of Job’s friends who is consoling him over the loss of his family in a Satanically empowered hurricane, shares a Divine vision he had:
Job 4:13-18  Now a thing was secretly brought to me, and mine ear received a little thereof. In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falleth on men, fear came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones to shake. Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up: It stood still, but I could not discern the form thereof: an image was before mine eyes, there was silence, and I heard a voice, saying, “Shall mortal man be more just than God? Shall a man be more pure than his maker? Behold, He put no trust in His servants; and His angels He charged with folly . . .”

The word “folly” in the Old Testament is used to describe sexual sin. Once again, we will use Scripture to interpret Scripture. Here are several examples:

Genesis 34:1-2, 7  And Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land. And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and defiled her . . . And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard it: and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth, because he had wrought folly in Israel in lying with Jacob’s daughter: which thing ought not to be done.

2 Samuel 13:1-2; 11-12  And it came to pass after this, that Absalom the son of David had a fair sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her. And Amnon was so vexed, that he fell sick for his sister Tamar; for she was a virgin; and Amnon thought it hard for him to do anything to her . . . And when she had brought them unto him to eat, he took hold of her, and said unto her, “Come lie with me, my sister.” And she answered him, “Nay, my brother, do not force me; for no such thing ought to be done in Israel: do not thou this folly.”

So here we see that certain untrustworthy angels were charged with the sin of “folly” for sinful sexual acts. In the Septuagint, the verse from Job says: “He perceives perverseness in His angels” giving even more confirmation that there were sinful sexual acts committed by angels.

The books of 2 Peter and Jude detail the punishment of the angels who committed these sins: And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, He hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. (Jude 1:6-8)

Here we see a reference to angels who left their “habitation” and are reserved in chains until Judgment Day. This was the punishment for those angels who left their habitation of the spirit world to “go after strange flesh”, namely human women. Also note there is a reference to Sodom and Gomorrah, cities so steeped in sexual corruption that when two Godly angels came to visit the home of Lot to usher him and
his family out of the city, the men and boys came to Lot’s home demanding that the
angels be brought out so that they could “know them.”

Nephilim: Evil Giant Offspring
According to measurements in the Bible, the Nephilim were huge and dwarfed the
average man because their parentage was superhuman. Having been born of
corrupted Satanic angels, these giants were evil and they dominated the earth filling it
with violence. It is also interesting to note that the Bible calls them “men of renown.”
The Hebrew word here is shem, and refers to being famous or legendary. It is as if the
Bible is indicating that when the reader hears of the legends of “demigods”, titans or
legendary heroes who were part god, those “myths” were actually referring to the
Nephilim; the ‘men’ with superhuman ability and strength. In addition to causing
violence and sin in the world, the Nephilim were also corrupting the human bloodline.

Why Would Satan Do This?
After the sin of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden God pronounced a judgment on
Satan, the serpent: Then the Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done
this, you are cursed more than all animals, domestic and wild. You will crawl on your
belly, groveling in the dust as long as you live. And I will cause hostility between
you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He (Jesus)
will strike your head, and you will strike His heel.” (Genesis 3:14-15)

This pronouncement was historic. God proclaimed that the means by which Satan
would ultimately be punished and destroyed would be through the seed of a woman. A
human woman would give birth to a male child who would one day destroy the Devil.
This was the first prophecy of the coming Messiah, Jesus Christ. Satan was put on
notice. From then on he set out to corrupt or destroy any and every God-fearing child,
as that could potentially be the prophesied Redeemer.

As more God-fearing sons began to populate the Earth, Satan kicked his Nephilim plot
into action. By corrupting the seed of the woman, Satan thought to prevent the birth of
the Messiah, who of course, needed to be human and not part fallen angel. The
introduction of the Nephilim was an attempt to thwart God’s plan of salvation for
humanity. At every step, the Nephilim giants, via their evil angelic parentage, sought to
undermine or undo God’s plan to reconcile humanity to Him. They reproduced so
rapidly that they soon dominated the earth and God proclaimed that all flesh on the
earth had become corrupt. They influenced the world for sin and evil with war,
vioence, bloodshed and their pagan religions.
“God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.” (Gen. 6:5)

Humanity was on the verge of being wiped out with no hope of being saved from sin if every person born became part fallen angel. So God judged the earth with the flood.

The Ark, which protected Noah and his family from the wrath of God, is a picture of Jesus Christ.
(Old Testament = Jesus concealed)

Rather than being an act of cruelty, the Flood was God’s way of saving the last of humanity from complete destruction. Many pastors, Bible scholars, and Bible skeptics alike view the flood as God’s way of dealing with humanity because humanity was just sinning too much. However, with all due respect, this is a very simplistic way of looking at the flood. After all, today’s society is just as corrupt and depraved, if not far worse than any era before (more people have been killed in wars in the past century than in the prior 900 years).

So why would such a global judgment only happen in Noah’s day? The answer is that there were far more complex issues going on in the days of Noah than just humans sinning.

The flood served 3 chief purposes:
1) To destroy the Nephilim giants,
2) To punish the angels who committed the illicit relations with women and make an example of them so that no other angels would ever attempt this again, and
3) To save humanity from certain destruction.
THIS CONSPIRACY CLAIMS THE
SMITHSONIAN DESTROYS GIANT
SKELETONS


Around the turn of the 20th century, *The New York Times*, *London Globe*, and *Scientific American* published articles purporting the discovery of gigantic human skeletons, concluding that the remains were sent to the Smithsonian for further study. But the fact that this evidence was never again seen or reported, continues to elicit questions of whether the Smithsonian destroys giant skeletons in order to cover up an inconvenient anomaly in the archaeological narrative we’ve been told.

The question has been heatedly debated over the past century or more, with researchers finding what appears to be corroborating evidence, while skeptics say the bones were simply those of massive prehistoric animals, reclassified by the Smithsonian and displayed in museums to this day.

And while physical evidence remains tenuous, there is a seemingly endless trail of written and anecdotal testimonies that suggest a larger race of humans once walked the Earth.

Though it may not be immediately obvious, the Smithsonian Institution is an extension of the U.S. government with congressional members sitting on its Board of Regents. It was initially founded as “an establishment for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men,” at the endowment of philanthropist, chemist, and mineralogist James Smithson. And while it’s not a regulatory agency, it is so intrinsically tied to government that it claims immunity from state and local regulations, as well as immunity from lawsuits unless authorized by Congress.

The Smithsonian was established in 1846 and was tasked with the mission of organizing the anthropological history of the United States. It is sometimes referred to as “the nation’s attic,” as it has amassed somewhere in the range of 154 million items between its myriad museums, research centers, and various facilities. But with phrases like “diffusing knowledge,” coming from a government agency that’s been influencing the course of history since the Eurocentric days of manifest destiny, one might be skeptical about what kind of knowledge was spread and which powers it served.

Richard Dewhurst, author of *The Ancient Giants Who Ruled America*, points to a man named John Wesley Powell, the U.S. Director of Ethnology in 1879 who ran the Smithsonian in its nascent years. In his research, Dewhurst uncovered what he refers to as the Powell Doctrine—a paper issued on behalf of the Smithsonian, which issued a decree that no anthropological research should consider any talk of lost tribes henceforth, while also describing natives as uncultured, savage, and lacking signs of higher intellect. “Hence it will be seen that it is illegitimate to use any pictographic matter of a date anterior to the discovery of the continent by Columbus for historic purposes,” Powell wrote.

It’s unclear whether this was Powell’s decision or if it came from instructions on high, however, Dewhurst believes its clear manifest destiny tone led to the subsequent Smithsonian cover-up of an ancient race of giants who preceded Native Americans. Looking back at newspaper clippings dating from the late 1800s into the early 1900s, Dewhurst found a multitude of instances in which citizens from disparate areas of the country uncovered massive bones, of seemingly human origin. Upon reporting these discoveries to media outlets or authorities, Dewhurst said unsuspecting citizens would shortly receive a visit from members of the Smithsonian who wasted no time sequestering the bones—allegedly bringing them to a museum or research facility, but which were never seen again.

One could also find instances of giant skulls and skeletons in local papers with pictures to boot. Take for instance this photo from the San Antonio Press showing a giant skull next to two normal skulls for size comparison. It’s worth mentioning that the time period when these skeletal remains were found was drastically different from today—yellow journalism was rampant even for some of the publications we might consider more esteemed.

Religion was also a dominating factor in many people’s lives and attempts to find literal instances of biblical stories were highly sought after. This has become one of the primary arguments against these accounts, as naysayers believe people created counterfeit skeletons or confused the bones of prehistoric megafauna and large animals for...
humans, hoping they had found proof in the existence of the Nephilim of the Old Testament.

The U.S. is not the only country in which these alleged giants of antiquity are said to have been found. In fact, there are accounts dating back several millennia, which speak of encounters with living giants or the relics hinting at their existence. In the world’s largest prehistoric copper mine in Wales, there are accounts of the discovery of thousands of massive sledgehammers alleged to weigh somewhere in the range of 60 lbs. Whether there’s any validity to this assertion is debatable, though if true would require a larger-than-life human with incredible strength to have worked the mine and wielded such a tool – the average sledgehammer today rarely weighs more than 20 lbs. This repository, known as the Great Orme mine or the “Stonehenge of copper mining,” dates back some 3,500 years ago.

Another more well-known instance of alleged giants comes from the writings of Ferdinand Magellan’s chronicler Antonio Pigafetta, who wrote of a giant race upon discovering Patagonia. “One day we suddenly saw a naked man of giant stature on the shore of the port, dancing, singing, and throwing dust on his head.” Pigafetta wrote. “The captain-general sent one of our men to the giant so that he might perform the same actions as a sign of peace. Having done that, the man led the giant to an islet where the captain-general was waiting; When the giant was in the captain-general’s and our presence he marveled greatly and made signs with one finger raised upward, believing we had come from the sky. He was so tall that we reached only to his waist, and he was well proportioned.” According to the writings of Pigafetta, Magellan and crew attempted to return to Italy with two of the giants they had encountered, though they were unable to survive the long trip back across the Atlantic. Skeptics say the people referred to in these accounts were likely members of the Tehuelche – a native tribe that may have stood slightly larger in stature due to the strength required to survive in Patagonia’s harsh climate, though it’s questionable whether they were much larger in height than the average human. But there are in fact a number of photographs from the late 1800s showing members of the Ona tribe that inhabited the Tierra del Fuego region of Patagonia who clearly stood significantly taller than most humans – six-and-a-half-foot-tall women and men well over seven feet.

This account has also been called into question as some say it may have simply been an instance of giantism, with subsequent reports embellished as to make Magellan’s travels sound more exciting. However, this account was later confirmed by English explorer James Byron, whose story of encountering a race of 9-foot giants in Patagonia was published by the London Chronicle. Other writings from the expeditions of Sir Francis Drake, Francis Fletcher, and Sir Thomas Cavendish also reported towering Patagonians and their deceased bodies.

Could these native tribes corroborate the questionable stories of ancient European explorers?

If the Smithsonian Institution has in fact been destroying skeletal evidence of ancient giants, then why? What could be the underlying motive for this? Certainly, hard evidence for the existence of Nephilim would blow Evolution out of the water and point back to the Bible, Creation and to God. It is well known that this institution uses tax money to promote Evolution as a scientific fact: https://www.nytimes.com/1978/04/12/archives/smithsonian-is-sued-over-evolution-exhibit.html
an ARK, Noah...
I said an ARK!!!
Before God sent the Flood, He gave mankind 120 years to repent (Genesis 6:1-3). The Bible records over and over that before God brings judgment, He always gives fair warning of what it is to come. As Noah built the Ark over a period of around 100 years, people were reminded daily of the coming judgment. Noah was also commanded by God to speak up and warn people. He was called “a preacher of righteousness” (2 Peter 2:5).

But the Ark did not just testify to wrath. It was also a testimony of God’s provision for escape should people turn to Him. The Ark pointed to God’s mercy.

**God never brings judgment without first providing people (who would want it) with a way out.**

But who listened back then and who is listening now? **Matthew 24:37** “For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. **Matthew 24:38-39** “For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark; and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.”
Much more than the “over-reaction by an angry God” as skeptics like to paint it, the Flood was God’s way of preserving the human race and its bloodline, before it became completely corrupted by the Nephilim giants. This is an important point: many people today point to the flood as “proof” that God is cruel and angry with humanity all the time, and willing to just kill millions of people in genocide on a whim. However, the Biblical truth is that God sent the Flood to preserve humanity and to make sure we could still receive the promised Redeemer who could save our souls. Without Jesus Christ, there is no hope. There is no future. There is no forgiveness, meaning every person would spend Eternity in hell. The Flood was God’s way to keep that hope for all people.

And then there was Noah: But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God (Genesis 6:8-9). Noah was chosen to carry on and re-start humanity after the flood because he was a believer in God. Additionally, he was “perfect in his generations” which meant that his genetic bloodline and ancestry were 100% human. Noah had not been a part of the Nephilim hybridization that was plaguing humanity. The Hebrew word for “perfect” in that verse is tamiym, which means “complete, whole” with reference to health and physical condition. This is the same word used to describe the condition of animal sacrifices to the Lord:

Leviticus 22:21 And when anyone offers a sacrifice of peace offerings to the Lord to fulfill a vow or as a freewill offering from the herd or from the flock, to be accepted it must be perfect; there shall be no blemish in it.

Thus Noah, his three sons, and their wives were able to survive the flood and re-start humanity. But unfortunately, the Nephilim giants returned.

Nephilim Giants After The Flood

Noah and his family survived the flood. But the Nephilim gene came with them. “There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that…” (Genesis 6:4) The verse above makes it clear that Nephilim giants returned after the flood. Now nowhere in scripture is it again written that angels ever cohabited and/or had relations with human women after the flood. Genesis 6 was the only instance of this. So how did the Nephilim return? How could this have happened? The Bible holds the answer:

Genesis 7:6-7 And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth. And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons’ wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.

While Noah and his sons were 100% human, we are not told the same about the wives of his 3 sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. What is clear is that one or more of these women were carrying the Nephilim gene. This is the source of the post-flood Nephilim. Nowhere in the Bible is it ever stated that angels once again cohabited with
human women.

The first time Nephilim giants are mentioned by name after the flood is in Numbers 13 after the Exodus in which Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt to go to God’s designated Promised Land (Canaan). Moses sent twelve spies to scout out the land in advance. Two of the spies, Caleb and Joshua, spoke of the land in glowing terms and urged the Israelites to enter and rightfully claim the land God had promised them. But the other ten spies had a different opinion:

*Numbers 13:31-33* And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. But the men that went up with him said, “We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.” And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, “The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants (cannibalism) thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature. And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.”

We will discuss this extremely important passage in much more detail below but a few things should be noted. First off the giants living there were descendants of a specific person named Anak. This description, where a Nephilim is referred to as “sons of Anak”, being born of the giants, shows that the Nephilim hybrids after the flood were the offspring of other giants and not angels.
Numbers 13:33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.
These giants were so large that the Israelite spies were like insects to them. Additionally, these giants had special agricultural knowledge that they knew how to grow grapes so large that it took two Israelite men using poles to carry a cluster! So how did the giants return and how was it that they knew to be in the exact place that God was going to send His chosen people to, namely the land of Canaan? The answer starts with the lineage after the flood.

**The Bloodlines of the Nephilim**

The Bible provides a specific genealogy and bloodline of the Nephilim giants after the flood that can be traced back to Noah’s own sons. What seems to be consistent with the presence of the Nephilim gene was an affinity for evil, due to their fallen angelic parentage. Among Noah’s sons, Ham was by far the most wicked:

**Genesis 9:18**  And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan.

From the first time Ham is introduced, he is described as “the father of Canaan.” Notice none of his brothers get any similar distinction. Whenever special descriptions are included in a genealogy in Scripture it is the Bible’s way of saying something significant happened with this particular event. And the student of the Bible should search the Scriptures to find out what that event could be. In this case, it is clear that Canaan carried the Nephilim gene. This could only happen through his mother, Ham’s wife, having the Nephilim gene herself, since we know Noah in all his generations was 100% human. If Ham was wicked and not a follower of God, the odds of him taking a wife who was a part of the Nephilim hybrid pagan culture was much higher. It’s worth noting at this point that throughout Scripture, men who fell into sin often ended up marrying wives who worshipped false gods; for example, Solomon or King Ahab. And from what the Bible details, Ham was no follower of God. In fact, he was involved in an inappropriate incident with Noah that led to a curse: And Noah began to be a husbandman, and he planted a vineyard: And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent. And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without. And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father’s nakedness. And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him. And he said, “Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.” And he said, “Blessed be the LORD God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.” (Genesis 9:20-26)

The details of this incident are somewhat vague but going by Scripture alone, it can be concluded that Ham, out of evil intent, looked at his father’s nakedness and then made it public. The Hebrew term for “without”, chwuts, means “outside, in the street.”
At first the concept appears good, but is soon discovered to be the opposite.
The evil of this sexually immoral act is again repeated by the Lord as a general principle for all to follow:

**Habukkuk 2:15-16** Woe to him who gives drink to his neighbors, pouring it from the wineskin till they are drunk, so that he can gaze on their naked bodies!

Shem and Japeth, righteous children of Noah, show a contrast as they seek to respect their father’s dignity by not looking upon him and carefully covering him. Ham’s sin was so severe that it resulted in his youngest son Canaan becoming the second person in the Bible record to be cursed (the first being Cain, the wicked son of Adam and Eve).

That Ham was wicked (there is no record of him ever repenting for this sin) would make it more likely that he would marry a woman from a pagan family who would be carrying the Nephilim gene.

**Why Would God Allow Nephilim DNA to Make It Through the Flood?**
The reason why God permitted the Nephilim gene to make it on to the Ark is because of human sin. We can never forget the role we play in human affairs. If humans sin, they will be judged. If they do not follow God’s ways, they invite sin and its inevitable destructive force. Ham was not a follower of God and he was judged for his sinful rebellion via his wife. The Nephilim nations after the flood were at various times used by God as a judgment against the Israelites for their disobedience. We are all responsible for our choices before God. Fair warning.

The pre-flood world was a very unique place. There were giants walking around the Earth warring with nations, angels openly being revealed and being worshipped as gods and all sorts of supernatural activity taking place. Noah’s family was well aware that the root of all of this activity was satanic and Noah was against it, hence Noah being a “preacher of righteousness.” Ham rejected God’s righteousness and God’s ways to forge his own. This was solely Ham’s fault. James chapter 1 outlines the process of sin in one’s heart:

**James 1:12-15** Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth He any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Ham was drawn by his own lusts to the pagan, sinful world. He knew the right way to live because he heard his father preach. Noah and his family were witnesses to the Nephilim-hybridization taking place and they clearly made efforts to live separate from this. Despite having (literally) the holiest man on the planet as is his father, Ham had no faith in God. Ham had a choice and he chose to reject God.
There are many examples of this in scripture. Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt and right up to the Promised Land but could not enter. Why not? Because of his sin. King David brought the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem where it was supposed to be all along but could not build the temple for it. Why not? Sin. King Solomon had the most prosperous reign in all of Israel and yet it led to the nation dividing and ultimately being conquered. Why? Sin. Sin provides the backdoor for Satan to enter and execute his next move in the chess match between himself and God. Let this be a lesson to the reader: Satan is relentless in his quest to corrupt and destroy you. And if he cannot get to you, he will happily enter your life through a child or family member.

Satan entered the space of the Ark because Ham invited him.

**The Curse of Canaan**

What is interesting is that of Ham’s three sons, Canaan was the one cursed. Why? Why is Ham distinguished as “the father of Canaan”? Is it possible that Canaan was already showing the appearance of being part Nephilim? This is not stated in Scripture, but we will see a similar distinction made for another infamous hybrid being below. What we can know with certainty that it is from the line of Ham that we find the resurgence of the Nephilim giants.

By comparing Scripture with Scripture, the lineage of the post-flood giants can be traced specifically to three of Ham’s sons, Cush, Mizraim and Canaan. The first grandson of Ham who receives special designation in the lineage is Nimrod (a.k.a: Gilgamesh).

*Genesis 10:6-12* And the sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan. And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabtechah: and the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan. And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD. And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. Out of that land went forth Asshur, and builded Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth, and Calah, and Resen between Nineveh and Calah: the same is a great city.

Just as Ham and Canaan received a special distinction in their genealogy, Nimrod got several extra verses. Clearly, this was someone of special significance. Nimrod was the first murderer and conqueror in the post-flood world. He was the founder of the city of Babylon, which became a center of pagan, satanic idolatry, also having various versions of Nimrod himself being worshipped as a god. His name, which means “to rebel” or “let us rebel” indicates his disposition. He was an enemy of God and at the time was Satan’s main servant on earth. He is credited for leading the effort to build the tower of Babel, a religious temple used to access the angelic realm through pagan ritual.
Nimrod led the tower of Babel rebellion. He determined to enable man to reach the spiritual realm and “godhood” without The Lord.

God swiftly responded by destroying the tower, confusing the languages of all the people of the world and scattering them all over the earth.

So was this grandson of Ham possibly a Nephilim? It is interesting to note that verse 9 states that Nimrod “began to be a mighty one in the earth.” The term “mighty one” (gibborim), is the same Hebrew phrase used to describe the Nephilim giants in Chapter 6 of Genesis who were “mighty men”. It is also the same term used to describe the giant Goliath in 1 Samuel 17:51. In mythology, Nimrod is known by many names, among them being Gilgamesh and Osiris, who were worshipped as gods. In Sumerian texts, he is described as “2/3 god, 1/3 man.” The Hebrew word for “began” in the verse is chalal, which means, “to profane, desecrate or pollute oneself, begin, ritually or sexually”.

Matthew Henry’s Bible commentary on this passage states: That which is observable and improvable in these verses is the account here given of Nimrod, v. 8-10. He is here represented as a great man in his day: He began to be a mighty one in the earth, that is, whereas those that went before him were content to stand upon the same level with their neighbours, and though every man bore rule in his own house yet no man pretended any further, Nimrod’s aspiring mind could not rest here; he was resolved to tower above his neighbours, not only to be eminent among them, but to lord it over them. The same spirit that actuated the giants before the flood (who became mighty men, and men of renown, ch. 6:4), now revived in him, so soon was that tremendous judgment which the pride and tyranny of those mighty men brought upon the world forgotten.

The final piece of evidence to consider is that in the Septuagint, the same verse from Genesis reads:

And [Cush] begot [Nimrod]: he began to be a giant upon the earth. He was a giant hunter before the Lord God; therefore they say, As [Nimrod] the giant hunter before the Lord. (Genesis 10:8,9)
Nimrod (Gilgamesh) worshipped Anu
“The most high – Elyown El”
who was known as the
“Father of the gods” and founder of the
religions (false belief systems) of the world.
Does “Anu” look familiar?

Father of the gods?

Father of Lies.

Fallen angel.

Lucifer.

Satan.
The original imitation and mockery of the Holy Trinity:
So from just the text of scripture, it appears that through some form of defilement and/or occult ritual, Nimrod, the grandson of Ham, was transformed into a giant. This would not be the only time a human king was transformed into a different creature.

In Daniel 4, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon was literally transformed into a “beast” and lived as an animal for seven years.

Casluhim and Capthor

And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim, and Pathrusim, and Casluhim, (out of whom came Philistim,) and Captorim (Genesis 10:13-14).

Ham's son Mizraim also contributed to the Nephilim lineage. In verse 14 we have the first mention of the Philistines (whose forefather was Phillistim), the nation of the giant Goliath. Calshuhim was the father of Phillistim and his family later resided in Capthor in the Promised Land. So we see the direct origins of the Philistines, one of the most hated enemies of the Israelites, also carried the Nephilim gene. In fact, as will be shown, the Philistine nation was the final “hideout” for the remnant of the Nephilim giants. And they can be traced back to Casluhim, the son of Mizraim and grandson of the evil Ham.

Canaan

The name of Canaan should be the most familiar as it was the land that bore his name and was the Promised Land that The Lord had reserved for the Israelites after He brought them out of Egypt. The fact that Nephilim were in the Promised Land the Israelites were supposed to inhabit was no coincidence! The Philistines were worshippers of demons, fallen angels and Satan, and the Nephilim giants were among those that sought to attack God’s chosen people. Canaan’s line contains many of the enemies of God:


The Jebusites, the Amorites, and Girgashites, all cousins of Nimrod, are mentioned time and time again with reference to the Israelites capturing the Promised Land. These families were usurpers in the Promised Land and carried the Nephilim gene.

This is once again why God had to deal mercilessly with these nations. It cannot be stressed enough that the Nephilim threatened not only the existence of the human race itself but the ability of an all-human Messiah to eventually be born as well.
Note God’s instructions to Moses on how to battle against these children of the cursed Canaan:

*Deuteronomy 7:1-3*  
*When the Lord your God brings you into the land you are entering to possess and drives out before you many nations—the Hittites, Gergashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites, seven nations larger and stronger than you—and when the Lord your God has delivered them over to you and you have defeated them, then you must destroy them totally. Make no treaty with them, and show them no mercy. Do not intermarry with them. Do not give your daughters to their sons or take their daughters for your sons, . . .

Notice that God described these nations as “larger and stronger than you” to the Israelites. The physical and military advantage was clearly on the side of the enemies of God — the nations that were home to the Nephilim giants. But what gave the Israelites the ultimate edge was that The Lord Himself was going to supernaturally intervene early on in the conflict to deliver the enemies of Israel so they could be defeated. This point is not discussed enough: God fought against and defeated the early post-flood Nephilim. This shows the severity of the matter. The Lord was no longer allowing these superhuman, powerful hybrids to dominate humanity. Not only did He say to wipe out these nations but He also made a specific point of prohibiting any marriage with them. God was bringing the spread of the Nephilim genes to an end.

Giants did indeed exist and in great numbers. Skeletons have even been found and dug up today. Satan, who has constantly sought to stop God’s plans and destroy the souls of humanity, used a select group of angels to interbreed with human women and try to corrupt human DNA. By altering humanity from being no longer fully human, Satan attempted to ensure that a pure human Messiah would never be born. To counter Satan’s offensive, God sent the global flood judgment to punish those angels who committed folly, destroy the Nephilim, and save the existence of the human race. The flood ensured the Messianic bloodline was preserved so that we could have a chance to go to heaven. It was as an act of love of mercy on God’s part to save a people that had rejected Him to follow Satan’s minions with their god-like powers. *(beginningandend.com)*

The Nephilim were referred to as the Titans in the Greek world. The Nephilim also appeared in the traditions of the Indo-Aryan people from India through to Asia, and of the Indian world as Rakshasas (giants) and they were seen to be in conflict with men. The Talmud and Quran also reference Nephilim. The Nephilim are linked to the building of the Pyramids, the Easter Island Statues, Stonehenge, etc . . .
Signs of the Times . . .

A smaller version of this statue currently stands in front of “Brotzeit”, Raffles City Shopping Centre, Singapore.
Approach to the topic

TV Pop Culture Ploys: Desensitizing the Masses.

Signs of the Times . . .

Just to name a few for your viewing pleasure. . . More of the same ilk are sure to follow!

Now, who said Satan wasn’t real?!?

It remains to be seen as to whether their genetic line is truly gone will be resurrected (through cloning?), and as to whether the Mark of the Beast will be something that enables some kind of gene manipulation and hybridization to take place in the host... “as it was in the days of Noah”.

It could be true or it could be bunkum. Either way, it's worth being awake to the possibilities in the end-times.

“TOMB OF GILGAMESH FOUND IN URUK! BY WIKIPEDIA DAMNED EUHEMERISM VINDICATED AGAIN!” (18 August 2017) by Paradise Post [https://ancientpatriarchs.wordpress.com]

“Tomb of Nimrod Discovered” (29th December 2012) [hurriyetdailynews.net]

“NIMROD’S TOMB FOUND: CLONING OF NIMROD AND OSIRIS UNDERWAY” (26th February 2016) by Blogman – Blacksmith of Truth [auricmedia.net]

b) How do you explain Deuteronomy 13:6-11 which refers to ‘stoning’ your children in the Bible? Firstly, children weren’t stoned. EVER.

Let’s take a look at this verse first:

Deuteronomy 13:6-11 If your very own brother, or your son or daughter, or the wife you love, or your closest friend secretly entices you, saying, “Let us go and worship other gods” (gods that neither you nor your ancestors have known, gods of the peoples around you, whether near or far, from one end of the land to the other), do not yield to them or listen to them. Show them no pity. Do not spare them or shield them. You must certainly put them to death. Your hand must be the first in putting them to death, and then the hands of all the people. Stone them to death, because they tried to turn you away from the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. Then all Israel will hear and be afraid, and no one among you will do such an evil thing again.

This seems ‘a little harsh’ from a God of love. If we look at the previous chapter, we can see why God set up these laws that may seem harsh to us.

Deuteronomy 12:29-32 The Lord your God will cut off before you the nations you are about to invade and dispossess. But when you have driven them out and settled in their land, and after they have been destroyed before you, be careful not to be ensnared by inquiring about their gods, saying, “How do these nations serve their gods? We will do the same.” You must not worship the Lord your God in their way, because in worshiping their gods, they do all kinds of detestable things the Lord hates. They even burn their sons and daughters in the fire as sacrifices to their gods. See that you do all I command you; do not add to it or take away from it.
This is the reason God made such harsh, serious and very strict laws regarding the nations (the Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites), that were in the land of Canaan when Israel first arrived. As we have already discovered, these nations weren’t normal people who worked and had families and spent time with friends and had fun hobbies. They were not regular folk just living out their daily lives. These were utterly depraved savages. So much so, (and it centered around their heathen worship rituals, their false gods and the fact that they were Satan’s spawn – Nephilim), that they would perform human sacrifice - even sacrificing their own children. Jesus did not want His people - who were the oracles of His truth, and through which He would take human form and be born to accomplish the salvation of the world – to be drawn away and be pulled into this wickedness.

God, knowing the end from the beginning, could see that if they started hanging out with these people, mixing with them and intermarrying with them and started messing with their idols and gods, then all of Israel would eventually be polluted, affecting the Messianic line.

Was God overreacting? We find the answer in Psalm 106:34-41:

*They (the Israelites) did not destroy the peoples as the Lord had commanded them, but they mingled with the nations and adopted their customs. They worshipped their idols, which became a snare to them. They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to false gods. They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan, and the land was desecrated by their blood. They defiled themselves by what they did; by their deeds they prostituted themselves. Therefore the Lord was angry with His people and abhorred His inheritance. He gave them into the hands of the nations, and their foes ruled over them.*

Just as God had predicted back in Deuteronomy, Israel was indeed drawn away and ensnared by the works of Satan, even to the point of giving over to the practice of sacrificing their children just like the barbaric, soulless Nephilim beasts.

What can be gained from this account? Those facing the Tribulation can trust God’s word on how it will turn out because He is omniscient; He sees the end from the beginning and His word is true. He knew the consequences of the Israelites’ actions. He gave them good direction, they ignored it and trouble came. God warned them for their own good. He gave them a cheat-sheet for the test, so-to-speak, but they were stubborn and refused to obey.

**God has perfect fore-knowledge: fair warning to everyone facing the time of Tribulation. Run to God!**

Stoning happened very rarely and occurred only under extreme circumstances involving the elders of the town and witnesses. Children were not stoned, but adult
sons or daughters could be tried for this: If someone has a stubborn and rebellious son who does not obey his father and mother and will not listen to them when they discipline him, his father and mother shall take hold of him and bring him to the elders at the gate of his town. They shall say to the elders, “This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious. He will not obey us. He is a glutton and a drunkard.” Then all the men of his town are to stone him to death. You must purge the evil from among you. All Israel will hear of it and be afraid. (Deuteronomy 21:18-21).

This probable adult son in question had to have been living a sinful lifestyle for an extended period of time, perhaps years, having not heeded multiple warnings, and continued to go against the authority of his parents and God. He had consciously, unrepentantly turned away and rebelled from God. His heart was hard, his neck was stiff and his mind was set. His attitude brought lawlessness and depravity into the camp of the Israelites. Again, this type of lifestyle mirrored that of the heathen nations that surrounded Israel. God would not accept a self-seeking, sinful, feral, Satanic lifestyle to pollute the land and the people, whom He called out of the world to be Holy like Himself. Let’s not forget that God is Good and Love but He is also Holy and Just. He is no teddy-bear. He is God Almighty. And when He says: “the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23), He’s not kidding around. Stoning shows the weight, the severity, the seriousness of sin. That’s why Jesus was sent: to die for our sins and satisfy God’s Holy Justice. Let’s also not forget that sinful people can be SO stubborn that they have to have fear as a motive to not do wrong. Even so, some are beyond fearing consequences and authority.

The 10 Commandments state that you should not murder. Murder is when an innocent person is killed: “shed innocent blood” (Psalm 106). But when, for example, war is waged, there are casualties (sadly), for the good of many: there is just no other way out of the situation. Sometimes you just have to fight back. We can see this in W.W. II when the world battled the evil Nazi Regime.

God is not sitting in an ivory tower, blowing pretty bubbles in the air with His cool new bubble-loop, eating Turkish Delight all day long. He knows what it takes for a sinful world to come to some kind of ‘peace’ between the nations. The fallen world has those types of people who want to dominate others. God knows this. He doesn’t want war or killing or death: but sometimes it’s necessary to fight for the good of many. Why does He allow any of this to go on at all? Because He is invested in the big picture of saving people eternally - not wiping us out of existence because we’re sinful and displeasing to Him. Jesus went into the trenches of this fallen world with us, to suffer a gruesome death for us so we could be eternally saved. He knows the horror of what we are being saved from. He’s realistic and sober-minded about the life we all live here on earth because He’s watched it from the beginning and He’s experienced it with us, here on earth in human form. And if someone were to say: “Why doesn’t God just intervene and stop the war?”, then I have to ask “WHO (the heck), is going to listen to
what He has to say about the matter and then submit to His way of doing things, \textit{willingly}?”. Wars are just another example of people doing things their own, sinful way. And if God \textit{were} to MAKE people submit, then He would be a dictator just like Hitler or Stalin or Mussolini. God does intervene and help out all the time. That’s why we as Christians pray; He responds to our prayers. But He still does things His way, because . . . He’s God. Thankfully, He’s also good, otherwise, we’d be in big trouble. Let’s not forget (as one example), that God hid and saved many Jewish people from the Nazis via willing, God-fearing men and women. Good things happen when people stop and ask God what He’d like them to do!

If you’re offended by the idea of stoning, God is much more offended by sin – and all the hurtful, damaging, destructive forces it brings with it. He sees the big picture.

Have you ever been angry for being treated unjustly? Have you had a righteous anger for wrongful treatment? God is with you on this. He’s felt this too. Over and over again people refuse to listen to Him and follow His direction on how to live right for the protection and peace of all. This passage comes right out of the Old Testament – you know, the ‘cruel, angry God’ part of the Bible:

\textbf{Zechariah 7:8-12, 14-17} Then this message came to Zechariah from the Lord: “This is what the Lord Almighty says: Judge fairly and honestly, and show mercy and kindness to one another. Do not oppress widows, orphans, foreigners, and poor people. And do not make evil plans to harm each other.

Your ancestors would not listen to this message. They turned stubbornly away and put their fingers in their ears to keep from hearing. They made their hearts as hard as stone, so they could not hear the law or the messages that the Lord Almighty had sent them by His Spirit through the earlier prophets. That is why the Lord Almighty was so angry with them.”

\textit{14}For this is what the Lord Almighty says: “I did not change My mind when your ancestors angered Me and I promised to punish them,” says the Lord Almighty. “Neither will I change My decision to bless Jerusalem and the people of Judah. So don’t be afraid. But this is what you must do: Tell the truth to each other. Render verdicts in your courts that are just and that lead to peace. Do not make evil plots to harm each other. And stop the habit of swearing to things that are false. I hate all these things”, says the Lord.

God is \textit{“the Rock, His works are perfect, and all His ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He”} (Deuteronomy 32:4).

If God rightly judges the capital punishment verdict on one of His creation, then who are we to judge Him in turn? I certainly won’t be challenging Him the day I meet Him face-to-face. I wouldn’t recommend you do either. He is God.

Moving on . . .
7. The Bible condones and endorses slavery.

**MYTH!** Whoah-there, Hey-there, Hi-there, Ho-there Partner! Let's take a calming breath and read the following: *Anyone who kidnaps someone is to be put to death, whether the victim has been sold or is still in the kidnapper's possession.* (Exodus 21:16)

God is in agreement with you should you believe that chattel slavery (over any race), is manifestly among the most despicable institutions ever to disgrace human civilization. So why is slavery mentioned in the Bible?

To address issues of this kind, we need to step back and ask three larger questions: What are the theological, political, and cultural contexts in which the Old Testament narrative unfolds, and how is the behaviour of God’s people in the Old Testament expected to be different from those of other cultures? Slavery in the Bible (slavery within Israel), was not the same as what we have often seen in recent history with the forced enslavement and oppression of the African people (for example).

As an example, on the way to Canaan, God tells His people through Moses that the alien, or foreigner among them should not be oppressed (Exodus 23:9). The reason given is fascinating: the people of Israel know in their hearts how it feels to be oppressed! The word translated “alien” is not the same as “slave”, but the experience of the Israelites in Egypt was certainly that of slaves. Thus, we see the first statement on human rights: the foreigner was to be treated as a citizen; in fact, he was to be loved as one of their own (Leviticus 19:33-34). This rule is akin to what Jesus said in the New Testament (Luke 6:31). Even when Hebrew law and custom shared in the common heritage of the ancient world, there is a unique care in God’s Name for those people who by status were not considered people — something that was absent from the codes of Babylon and Assyria.

In the Old Testament, Israelite regulations freed slaves every seventh year (Ex. 21:2), commanded the death penalty for manstealing (Deut. 24:7), and generally sought to limit the institution in protection of the slave. Further, slavery was generally not organized by race but by circumstance and economics (for example, foreigners, debtors, and so on). The Lord also set up The Year of Jubilee in the Jewish custom (Leviticus 25:1-4, 8-10).

The Greek word (*doulos*) can be translated “slave,” or sometimes “servant” or “bondservant,” and often referred to people who had a surprising level of legal and social status in the first-century Greco-Roman world. Most were not “slaves” from their birth, or for their whole life, or because of their race — for instance, the Roman jurist Gaius (second century) claimed that most slaves were prisoners of war who actually would have been slaughtered if they had not been made slaves.

To be clear, slavery in any sense perverts God’s created intention for human beings but there is a vast difference between the deplorable wickedness we see in a film...
like “12 Years a Slave” and, say, what the Apostle Paul is addressing in the first-century Ephesian church, or Abraham’s relationship with his top servant (Gen. 24:2-14).

This doesn’t settle the issue in question, but it does more accurately frame it.

In the New Testament epistles written by the very apostles of Jesus Christ we have the following:

- Ephesians 6:5: “Bondservants, obey your earthly masters.”
- Colossians 3:22: “Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters.”
- 1 Peter 2:18: “Servants, be subject to your masters.”

How do we deal with these and other verses on the subject of slavery?

**Consider the Whole Bible**

Progressive revelation simply means that God didn’t reveal His will and character to humanity all at once, but gradually over a long period of time. Thus, you have to look at the entire narrative of Biblical revelation to interpret it fairly, rather than just pull a verse from here or there.

Christians also believe God accommodates His revelation to particular historical contexts, and even to fallen social structures within them. This makes sense when you think about it — unless we require that God refrain from giving any instructions or laws to a particular people at a particular time until all societal evil has been removed. An ethical exhortation in an ad hoc document (like an epistle), then, may not tell you everything you need to know about God’s will and character. In fact, it will probably give you more of a picture of day-to-day life as a Christian in a certain context than the Bible’s overall ideal with respect to institutional and structural evil.

By analogy: I might say to my friend, “Go vote in the next election!” Does this mean my overall philosophy regards democracy as the ideal political system? Or what if I encourage a soldier on the battlefront to follow the orders of his commanding officers—does this reveal my complete perspective on the military, the war he is fighting in, or war itself? Not necessarily. You would need more information to determine that.

Similarly, practices like slavery, polygamy, and divorce were common in antiquity. Biblical *instruction* that allows for them in certain contexts isn’t necessarily biblical *approval*. We must interpret them in relation to everything else the Scriptures say.

The Pharisees tested Jesus on the subject of divorce (Matthew 19:1-9; Mark 10:2-9). He initially appeared to play into their hands, asking what Mosaic Law has to say on the subject. When they gleefully quoted the permission of Moses to divorce one’s wife,
Jesus lays down a method of interpretation that has to be taken very seriously. He made it clear that certain:

**Old Testament commandments were to be understood as concessions to the hardness of the human heart rather than as expressions of God’s holy character and will.**

Jesus then goes on to reference how this was not the state of affairs in the beginning—that is, before the Fall.

The regulation of slavery should therefore be seen as a practical step to deal with the realities of the day resulting from human fall. The aberrations that lead to alienation among individuals, races, and nations are the result of a fundamentally broken relationship between humankind and God. Within this tragic scenario, Scripture comes as a breath of fresh air as it seeks to redeem the situation and sets us on a path of ever-increasing amelioration of our predicament. While the Bible does not reject slavery outright, the conclusion that it actually favours slavery is patently wrong. Scripture does reveal that slavery is not ideal, both in Old Testament laws forbidding the enslavement of fellow Israelites, bringing the Law of Jubilee, along with the New Testament applications of Christ. In fact, the Bible teaches that the feeling of superiority in general is sin (Philippians 2:1-8). The abolition of slavery is thus not only permissible by Biblical standards, but demanded by Biblical principles. The pre-fall statement that should guide and ultimately abolish such (and any) practices of superiority is the declaration that all humans—men and women—are made in the image of God.

And so, two massive mountain peaks in Biblical revelation must be taken into account: *creation*, which tells us all humans are made equally in God’s image (Gen. 1:26–28, 5:1–3, 9:6), and the *gospel*, which tells us God has overcome racial/social/religious divisions at the cross (Eph. 2:11–22; Gal. 3:28), and will one day create a people “from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages” (Rev. 7:9) who dwell together in perfect harmony.

**Creation is essential to consider because it reveals God’s original intent for the human race. And the gospel is essential because it reveals the ultimate trajectory of God’s redemptive work.**

If we latch onto Ephesians 6:5 but neglect the larger context of the Biblical story, we may miss the forest for the trees. By analogy, imagine saying “You’re a bad doctor” because the incision really hurt—without considering his medical degree or the purpose of the surgery.
On this principle, the Bible even lays the foundation for progressing far beyond what was possible in New Testament times by addressing the very economic discrimination and favouritism of which slavery is the worst expression (James 2:1-9; 5:1-6).

So why doesn’t the Bible say more against slavery?
There is one final consideration to show that the Bible as a whole is utterly opposed to any form of slavery: Philemon.

The book of Philemon was the Apostle Paul’s letter to a slave owner of that name and addressed the owner’s runaway slave (Onesimus). The whole reason Paul wrote to Philemon was because Onesimus, since running away from Philemon, had become a Christian.

If Scripture were truly pro-slavery, what would you expect Paul to say here?

Strikingly, Paul instructs Philemon to receive Onesimus “no longer as a slave . . . but as a dear brother” — and he appeals to Philemon to “receive him as you would receive me” (v. 17).

In other words, Paul dissolves the slave/master relationship and erects in its place a brother/brother relationship, in which the former slave is treated with all the dignity with which the Apostle himself would be treated. Thus, even before the actual institution of slavery is abolished, the work of the gospel abolishes the assumptions and prejudices that make slavery possible.

The fact that so-called A.D. ‘Christians’ of the past have twisted the meaning of the Bible to justify their having slaves is a reflection of the fallenness of mankind and their own sinful, evil hearts since a truly born-again Christian understands that God’s will is to make people free in every sense of the word and not slaves.

Jeremiah 31:31-32 “The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt . . .”

8. The Bible is flawed and full of contradictions.
MYTH! The Bible contains over 1000 prophecies of which 2/3 have been fulfilled. The final 1/3 will be fulfilled during these end-times. Jesus Himself fulfilled over 300 hundred specific prophecies during His short time on earth through His life, death, and resurrection. The odds of just one person fulfilling even 8 of these prophecies are a billion to one.

You might not agree with all that you’ve read in the Bible (if you’ve done some investigating), but like it or not, WE DON’T UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING . . . yet.
We will one day.

God’s ways are higher, bigger and often beyond our comprehension. He is infinitely more intelligent, powerful and awesome than we could ever grasp this side of eternity. But one thing is for sure - one thing within your grasp right now is that Bible prophecies are taking place before your eyes in these end-times. Look up and see. His Word is real and true. It’s not just a bunch of old stories smooshed together for boring people to read: *For the Word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.* (Hebrews 4:12)

I am a living testimony to the truth of God’s word. I was with you and then I was suddenly Raptured. I AM in Heaven with Jesus right now.

If you have doubts, if you have questions - I challenge you to talk with Him. He’s more than able to handle whatever is holding you back from turning to Him. He is good and believe it or not, HE LOVES YOU.

Will you accept His payment today?
God doesn’t bear a grudge against you: Jesus proved that.

The greatest need of man is to escape the wrath of God that will be poured out eternally on sinners in hell.

What sends people to hell? Sin, you say?

It is **unforgiven sin** that sends people to hell.

God uniquely presents Himself in Scripture as a God who is willing to forgive, who is eager to forgive, who is by nature compassionate, kind, loving, merciful, and seeks to save sinners from His own wrath. This is the message of the Christian gospel.

There’s nothing more offensive to God than sin because He is absolutely holy, and yet He finds glory in the forgiveness of sinners. Nothing is more godlike than forgiveness. Even so, justice has to be met.

So how can He forgive us? He can because His justice has been satisfied in the death of Jesus Christ, who was a substitute for the sinner, dying in the sinner’s place. All the sins of all those who will ever repent and believe were placed on Christ, therefore satisfying the justice of God. God’s justice being satisfied by a perfect substitutionary sacrifice, God can forgive sinners who repent and believe.

1. **Psalm 53:2**
   - God looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.

   **However,**

2. **Isaiah 53:6**
   - All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on Him (Jesus) the sins of us all.

   **And, when we do respond to God's wooing and accept Jesus we come to personally understand . . .**

3. **Zephaniah 3:17**
   - The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty One who will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love; He will exult over you with loud singing.

   **1 John 4:10**
   - In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.
Our **Wonderful God:**

ELOHIM  My Creator  
JEHOVAH  My Lord God  
EL SHADDAI  My Supplier  
ADONAI  My Master  
JEHOVAH JIREH  My Provider  
JEHOVAH ROPHE  My Healer  
JEHOVAH NISSI  My Banner  
JEHOVAH MAKADESH  My Sanctifier  
JEHOVAH TSIDKENU  My Righteousness  
JEHOVAH SHALOM  My Peace  
JEHOVAH ROHI  My Shepherd  
JEHOVAH SHAMMAH  My Abiding Presence  

“The Lord is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped.” (Psalm 28:7)

“casting all your cares [all your anxieties, all your worries, and all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares about you [with deepest affection, and watches over you very carefully].” (1 Peter 5:7)

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.” (Isaiah 41:10)

“This poor man cried out to the Lord—and the Lord heard him and saved him out of his troubles.” (Psalm 34:6)

“The Lord is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.” (Psalm 145:8)
God of Light.
The Good Shepherd, who gave up His life for His sheep.

(John 10:11-18)
Let God be your Good Shepherd: He is a good and just God.

He wants to help you in this end-time; He wants to lead you and save you.

Don’t listen to the lies of the world’s leaders.

Discover instead His heart for people, and for you, and turn to Him for protection.

Then this message came to me from the Lord: “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds, the leaders of Israel. Give them this message from the Sovereign Lord: Destruction is certain for you shepherds who feed yourselves instead of your flocks. Shouldn’t shepherds feed their sheep? You drink the milk, wear the wool, and butcher the best animals, but you let your flocks starve. You have not taken care of the weak. You have not tended the sick or bound up the broken bones. You have not gone looking for those who have wandered away and are lost. Instead, you have ruled them with force and cruelty. So My sheep have been scattered without a shepherd. They are easy prey for any wild animal. They have wandered through the mountains and hills, across the face of the earth, yet no one has gone to search for them.

Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: As surely as I live, says the Sovereign Lord, you abandoned My flock and left them to be attacked by every wild animal. Though you were My shepherds, you didn’t search for My sheep when they were lost. You took care of yourselves and left the sheep to starve. Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord. This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I now consider these shepherds My enemies, and I will hold them responsible for what has happened to My flock. I will take away their right to feed My flock, along with their right to feed themselves. I will rescue My flock from their mouths; the sheep will no longer be their prey.

For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I Myself will search and find My sheep. I will be like a shepherd looking for his scattered flock. I will find My sheep and rescue them from all the places to which they were scattered on that dark and cloudy day. I will bring them back home to their own land of Israel from among the peoples and nations. I will feed them on the mountains of Israel and by the rivers in all the places where people live. Yes, I will give them good pastureland on the high hills of Israel. There they will lie down in pleasant places and feed in lush mountain pastures. I Myself will tend My sheep and cause them to lie down in peace, says the Sovereign Lord. I will search for My lost ones who strayed away, and I will bring them safely home again. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak. But I will destroy those who are fat and powerful. I will feed them, yes – I will feed them justice!

And as for you, My flock, My people, this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I will judge between one sheep and another, separating the sheep from the goats. Is it not enough for you to keep the best pastures for yourselves? Must you also trample down the rest? Is it not enough for you to take the best water for yourselves? Must you also muddy the rest with your feet? All that is left for My flock to eat is what you have trampled down. All they have to drink is water that you have fouled.

Therefore, this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I will surely judge between the fat sheep and the scrawny sheep. For you fat sheep push and butt and crowd my sick and hungry flock until they are scattered to distant lands. So I will rescue My flock, and they will no longer be abused and destroyed. And I will judge between one sheep and another. And I will set One Shepherd over them, even My servant David (a picture of Jesus). He will feed them and be a shepherd to them. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and My servant David will be a prince among My people. I, the Lord, have spoken!

I will make a covenant of peace with them and drive away the dangerous animals from the land. Then My people will be able to camp safely in the wildest places and sleep in the woods without fear. I will cause My people and their homes around My holy hill to be a blessing. And I will send showers, showers of blessings, which will come just when they are needed. The orchards and fields of My people will yield bumper crops; and everyone will live in safety. When I have broken their chains of slavery and rescued them from those who enslaved them, then they will know that I am the Lord. They will no longer be prey for other nations, and wild animals will no longer attack them. They will live in safety, and no one will make them afraid.” (Ezekiel 34:1-28)

Long-awaited justice is coming. Be ready. Be a sheep.

(Luke 15:1-7)
Micah 7:18-19

“Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.”
Hearing about Your mercy is music to my ears.
CHAPTER SEVEN:
PROFOUND ENTERTAINMENT.
This site has videos of some of the songs that I’d like to share with you now in the following.

The words are beautiful - even without music - and say it all.

My favourite song is the first one.

I hope you will enjoy them.
The Lord Is My Salvation  
by Keith and Kristyn Getty

The grace of God has reached for me  
And pulled me from the raging sea  
And I am safe on this solid ground  
The Lord is my salvation

Glory be to God the Father  
Glory be to God the Son  
Glory be to God the Spirit  
The Lord is our salvation!

I will not fear when darkness falls  
His strength will help me scale these walls  
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun  
The Lord is my salvation

Who is like the Lord our God?  
Strong to save, faithful in love  
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won  
The Lord is my salvation

My hope is hidden in the Lord  
He flow'rs each promise of His Word  
When winter fades I know spring will come  
The Lord is my salvation

In times of waiting, times of need  
When I know loss, when I am weak  
I know His grace will renew these days  
The Lord is my salvation

Who is like the Lord our God?  
Strong to save, faithful in love  
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won  
The Lord is my salvation

And when I reach my final day  
He will not leave me in the grave  
But I will rise,  
He will call me home  
The Lord is my salvation!

Who is like the Lord our God?  
Strong to save, faithful in love  
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won  
The Lord is my salvation
Before The Throne of God Above  by Selah

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea
A great High Priest whose Name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God!
With Christ my Savior and my God!

One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God!
With Christ my Savior and my God!
In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.
The Power Of The Cross  by Keith Getty

Oh, to see the dawn
Of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men,
Torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

This, the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath —
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain
Written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought,
Ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

This, the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath —
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees;
Now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two,
Dead are raised to life;
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

This, the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath —
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see my name
Written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death;
Life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.

(FINAL) This, the pow'r of the cross:
Son of God — slain for us.
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross
He Will Hold Me Fast  by Keith and Kristyn Getty

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life’s fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He’ll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
‘Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.
Everlasting God  by Lincoln Brewster

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
Wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
Wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord

Our God, You reign forever
Our hope, our strong deliverer

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint, You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles
Is He Worthy? by Andrew Peterson

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do)
Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)
But do you know that all the dark won’t stop the light from getting through? (We do)
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do)

Is all creation groaning? (It is)
Is a new creation coming? (It is)
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (It is)
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is)

Is anyone worthy?
Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David’s root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this?
He is

Does the Father truly love us? (He does)
Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)
And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? (He does)
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does)

Is anyone worthy?
Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David’s root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From every people and tribe
Every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God
To reign with the Son

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Is He worthy of this?
He is!
Here is Love  by Matt Redman

Here is love, vast as the ocean
Loving-kindness as the flood
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom
Shed for us His precious blood

Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout Heaven's eternal days

On the mount of crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide

Grace and love, like mighty rivers
Poured incessant from above
Heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love
Hope to see you again soon.
CHAPTER EIGHT:

GOODBYE, FOR NOW.
**Glossary:** (Non-alphabetical).
The books of Daniel and Revelation in the Bible foretell the bulk of details of the end times on the earth.

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**The Restrainer:**
The presence of the Holy Spirit on earth is what currently restrains the forces of evil. The Holy Spirit resides in the lives of all believers, which is why Christians are called the “salt of the earth.” When the Church is removed at the Rapture, most of the restraining power of the Holy Spirit will be removed as well. *(2 Thess. 2:7), (Matt. 5:13)*

**Rapture:** (also refer to page 241)
At an unknown hour and day (imminent event) the Lord Jesus will descend from heaven and while remaining in the air, He will snatch His Bride - the Church - out from among this sinful world. Christ then takes the Church to heaven for the 7-year wedding feast. The earthly reason for the removal of the Church is to make way for the rise of Antichrist and to fulfill Daniel’s final 70th week. *(Matt. 25:13), (1 Thess. 4:16-18), (1 Cor. 15:51-54)*

**Judgment Seat Of Christ: Bema Seat.**
Immediately after the Rapture, the Church will receive rewards according to what they have done on earth. The Judgment Seat of Christ is for believers only. *(2 Cor. 5:10), (Rom. 14:10-12), (Rev. 11:15-18)*

*Revelation 3:5  The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I (Jesus) will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and His angels.*

**Jesus:**
Son of God/Son of Man

**Dragon:**
Symbolic name given to represent the Devil/Satan - “that old serpent”

**Precursor to the Mark of the Beast (666):**
The microchip in use today that is inserted into the hand is an NFC type 2 NTAG216. 6 x 6 x 6 = 216. **WAKE UP!!** This is not yet the actual Mark because a person will have to choose to worship/pledge allegiance to the Antichrist, *and then* take the Mark.
Tribulation Judgments in detail:

The Tribulation begins when the Antichrist comes into power and confirms a seven-year covenant (treaty) with Israel (Dan. 9:27; 12:11).

Then, a series of Seven Seals are opened. The first four seal release a horseman as each is opened in turn:

White: the Antichrist, (Rev.6:2)
Red: War, (Rev.6:3-4)
Black: Famine, (Rev. 6:5-6)
Pale/Chloros: Death, (Rev. 6:8)

After that . . .
Fifth Seal: The Martyrs, (Rev.6:9)
Sixth Seal: Great earthquake/moon as blood/sun is darkened, (Rev. 6:12)

Seventh Seal: Ushers in the next series of judgments - The Trumpets. These will be so harrowing there is silence in heaven for half an hour.

The Trumpet judgments remove 1/3 of everything we need to live: water, vegetation, light.

Trumpet 1: Hail and Fire burn up grass and 1/3 trees, (Rev. 8:7)
Trumpet 2: A blazing mountain is thrown into the sea - 1/3 sea creatures die, (Rev.8:8)
Trumpet 3: Wormwood falls from heaven poisoning 1/3 rivers, (Rev. 8:10)
Trumpet 4: Removal of 1/3 of light on earth, (Rev. 8:12)

Thus ends the ‘easy’ part. Now it gets tough.

Trumpet 5: Scorpion-Locusts from the Abyss - five months of torture from their stings, (Rev. 9:1-12).
Trumpet 6: Four angels bound in the Euphrates are loosed and kill 1/3 mankind, (Rev. 9:14)

Trumpet 7: Initiates Bowl judgments. “Great” Tribulation (second-half) begins. This is when Satan is cast out of heaven (Rev. 12) and he becomes so angry that he tries to kill the Jews, (Rev 12:12-13) but they flee to the wilderness - understood to be Petra, in Jordan - (Rev. 12:14) which causes Satan to turn his hate, anger, and frustration towards the Tribulation Christians (Rev. 12:17)

Bowl 1: Painful sores upon those with the Mark, (Rev. 16:2)
Bowl 2: Sea turns into blood - all sea creatures die, (Rev. 16:3)
Bowl 3: All freshwater turns into blood, (Rev.16:4)
Bowl 4: Sun scorches people with fire - people curse God, (Rev. 16:5)
Bowl 5: Antichrist’s throne & kingdom are thrown into total darkness, (Rev. 16:10)
Bowl 6: The Euphrates dries up, enabling Kings of the East to assemble armies at Armageddon, (Rev. 16:12)
Bowl 7: “It is done!” – an earthquake so great every island and mountain passes away; 100lb hailstones fall upon men (Rev.17:21)

The Harlot of the One World Religion is destroyed and the battle of Armageddon takes place when Jesus returns with His Church in victory. He then reigns for 1000 years on earth (Rev. 17,18 & 19).
The Angel of the Everlasting Gospel:  
Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come. Worship Him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.” (Revelation 14:6-7)

The 144,000 Jewish Witnesses:  
After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: ‘Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.’ Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel. (Revelation 7:1-4)

The 2 Witnesses:  
And I will appoint My two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.’ They are ‘the two olive trees’ and the two lampstands, and ‘they stand before the Lord of the earth.’ If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die. They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.

Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them. Their bodies will lie in the public square of the great city – which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt – where also their Lord was crucified. For three and a half days some from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. 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.

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. 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.

At that very hour there was a severe earthquake and a tenth of the city 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).
Rapture = **Harpazo:**  
(from *Thayer's New Testament Greek-English Lexicon*)

1. to seize, carry off by force  
2. to seize on, claim for one’s self eagerly  
3. to snatch out or away

In the Greek New Testament, the word *harpazo* is found a total of 17 times in 13 different verses. Each time *harpazo* is used this verb refers to a quick or sudden often violently physical “snatching away” or “catching away” of a person, a thing, or an idea. More important is the fact that in 5 of these 17 times *harpazo* is used in the New Testament *harpazo* ALWAYS refers to the literal physical (bodily) removal of a faithfully righteous human being from one place to another, or from one sphere of existence to another. The 5 times *harpazo* is used involving faithfully righteous people are when:

1. Philip is *harpazo’d* from the presence of the Ethiopian eunuch to a different location miles away (see [Acts 8:39](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?v=Acts%208:39))
2. Paul is *harpazo’d* from the Earth to the Third Heaven (see [2 Corinthians 12:2](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?v=2%20Corinthians%2012:2))
3. Paul is *harpazo’d* from the Earth to the Third Heaven; second reference (see [2 Corinthians 12:4](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?v=2%20Corinthians%2012:4))
4. The Church is *harpazo’d* from the Earth to the clouds to meet Christ Jesus in the air (see [1 Thessalonians 4:17](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?v=1%20Thessalonians%204:17))
5. Christ Jesus is *harpazo’d* from Bethany near the Mount of Olives to His Throne in Heaven (see [Revelation 12:5; Luke 24:50-51; Acts 1:9](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?v=Revelation%2012:5%3B%20Luke%2024:50-51%3B%20Acts%201:9))

*The Church was taken out of the world during this time of wrath because we, having accepted Christ’s payment, are not appointed to wrath: “For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Thessalonians 5:9); “Since you have kept My command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.” (Revelation 3:10).*

It’s not too late to escape the ETERNAL wrath that is coming.  
You know what to do.

For more detailed information: [https://gone-fishin.org/2014/02/15/harpazo-rapture-take-snatch-force-pull-pluck-catch-catch-up-catch-away-scriptures/](https://gone-fishin.org/2014/02/15/harpazo-rapture-take-snatch-force-pull-pluck-catch-catch-up-catch-away-scriptures/)

**A word to the wise should be sufficient.**
End Notes:

THE RAPTURE (unknown time/date) & TRIBULATION

Daniel 12:1-2
1 “At that time Michael, the great prince (the Archangel) who protects Your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time Your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered.
2 Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.”

Luke 17:34-36
“I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left.”

John 14:3
“And if I (Jesus) go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you may also be where I am.”

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

Colossians 3:4
When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

1 Thessalonians 4:15-18, 5:4
According to the Lord’s own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep (died). For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words. Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief.

Hebrews 9:28 Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him (who believe in Him).

Revelation 3:10
10 Since you have kept My command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.
SECOND ADVENT OF CHRIST (expected 7 years after Rapture along with the destruction of the Antichrist) & WHITE THRONE JUDGEMENT

Matthew 24:29-30 Immediately after the distress of those days ‘the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’ Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man (Jesus) in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory.

Acts 17:31 For He (Father God) has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by the man He has appointed (Jesus). He (God) has given proof of this to everyone by raising him (Jesus) from the dead.”

2 Thessalonians 2:8 And then the lawless one (the Antichrist) will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of His mouth and destroy by the splendor of His coming.

Pay attention! God doesn’t even break a sweat when He comes back and defeats the Antichrist . . . Are you a scoffer or are you on the winning side?

2 Peter 3:3 First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, ‘Where is the ‘coming’ He (Jesus) promised?

2 Peter 3:8-10 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.

Jude 1:14-15 Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men: “See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of His holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against Him (Jesus).”

Revelation 1:7-8 Look, He (Jesus) is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of Him. So shall it be! Amen. “I am the Alpha and the Omega”, says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Revelation 20:11-15 And I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

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

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

15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.
Book Recommendations:

- Judgment of the Nephilim
  - Ryan Pitterson

- The Non-Prophet's Guide to the End Times
  - Written & Illustrated by Todd Hampson
Other Resources:

Letters . . .

I am not the only Christian to prepare something for their loved ones. Take a look at:

https://www.raptureready.com/2016/07/19/rapture-left-behind-letters/

I’m not sure how long the site will remain.

1. **The Bible Project**
   VISUAL STORYTELLING MEETS THE BIBLE
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4. [www.genesisapologetics.com](http://www.genesisapologetics.com)

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Read Scripture

Crazy Love Ministries
Last words: Thank you for taking the time to read this booklet.

This booklet was written in part with my own words (I know . . . I’m clearly not a writer! I’m just passing on information; a messenger), in part from external references, and a portion came from my place of worship: Redemption Hill Church (https://www.rhc.org.sg)

The key message of this booklet is simple:

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Don’t let the terror of the Tribulation sway you to follow the Antichrist: “Don’t be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell. (Matthew 10:28)

Jesus - who has been shown to love you deeply by laying down His life for you - is coming back soon. Get to know Him and the true strength of His character found in His forgiveness and love. And remember, the clock is ticking. You only have a limited time to accept His pardon. God, who has been so steadfastly patient with us, is coming back, and when He is – up close and personal – that’s it. Time’s up.

Look around you and see God’s Word come true before your very eyes. God IS the good guy and Satan IS the bad guy. Don’t mess with Satan or his lies. **HE IS THE WORST;** the ultimate world terrorist. He is the one who delights in the suffering and deaths of human beings. As the time gets closer for Jesus to return and establish the Kingdom of God, Satan will become very angry with humanity and especially with those striving to obey God (Revelation 12:12). When asked for signs of His second “coming, and of the end of the age” (Matthew 24:3), Jesus said there would be many false religious teachers (verses 4-5, 11). These teachers are going to be especially persuasive. Not only will they be deceived themselves and teaching deceptions, but they will also have supernatural powers to “show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect [those faithful to God]” (verse 24). The Bible tells us why these false
teachers will be so successful. They will have supernatural help. Satan disguises himself as “an angel of light” and his ministers disguise themselves as “ministers of righteousness” (2 Corinthians 11:14-15). As this present age comes to an end, the Bible says the Antichrist will be a “lawless one” who comes to deceive people. His work will be “according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception” (2 Thessalonians 2:9-10).

It is my sincere hope that you will take every word in this booklet to heart for your absolute good. I’ve been straight with you: Have I now become your enemy by telling you the truth? (Galatians 4:16). I hope not! God’s Word brings us all life: “...Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!” (Luke 11:28).

The Holy Spirit inspired me to put this booklet together and He put it on my heart to share this message with you. God is for you and not against you. He wants to lead you and encourage you during this difficult time on earth. He showed His love for you by laying down His life. Remember: “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.” (John 15:13).

Come experience the freedom bought for you by Christ! Can you smell the freshly-cut grass of Heaven? It's the smell of forever holidays, of boundless joy and pleasures forevermore.

Let's meet up in Heaven soon!
August, 2019

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20
My personal testimony

I was born into a Christian family and grew up in the church. But just like everyone else, I had to get to know God for myself.

It's a bit of a strange way to put it, but I can say in all honesty that Jesus turned out to be the person I've always wanted to get to know. He's that person I've longed to meet and looked for in others, but never found - until I asked Him to show Himself to me. He answered and I've been getting to know Him ever since. He has proven to be the nicest, kindest, most gracious, approachable, down-to-earth person, I've ever encountered. He's my friend - and yet He's God. His Word has also proven true to me over and over again; countless times! He has been my faithful Good Shepherd all these years - even in the time before I knew Him; He was there during those times too.

I would never want anyone to miss out on knowing Him. I've not been overly vocal about my beliefs because I feel strongly about respecting people's choices. But I have prayed a lot - quietly by myself - for you, my dear friends. Nothing I've written here makes one iota of a difference if He's not real to you. Just talk with Him. Whatever you are feeling, let it out and invite His answer.

I can attest that He is truly Love Personified and that whatever is going on right now, His purposes and motives are good and He has a plan for your good and the good and well-being of your loved ones. I can testify that He is worthy of your trust. God bless you and keep you. I will be praying for you from Heaven. You can count on that.
I’m not just talking about myself.

FIND FRIENDS WHO AREN’T TOO PROUD TO PRAY FOR YOU. TO CRY FOR YOU. TO HOPE FOR YOU. TO ASK GOD TO BE THE ONE WITH YOU. THAT’S WHAT’S REAL.

Jesus is that kind of friend: God of Glory and of Grace.
I could really use some ‘me’ time.

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