

## Order of Service

Worship in Fellowship  
Worship in Music  
Worship in Message  
Worship in Baptism  
Worship in Giving

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### Stand Firm

2 Thessalonians 2

Outstanding Series

**Life Change:** We stand firm in God's plan

**The end of the world...**

**Don't be dismayed by commentators**

1-3

The rapture hasn't arrived

The day of the Lord hasn't come, either

The scripture alone is trustworthy

**The real story of the Great Tribulation**

3-12

It is not brought about by humans

**The real story of the Great Tribulation**  
The restrainer is removed

3-12

Antichrist declares himself god

People claim a secret 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ

Matt 24:3-5

God judges truth-rejectors

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**The real story of the church-age Christian:**  
You're lovingly chosen

13-14

You're granted salvation – justified, sanctified, glorified

**So, stand firm!**  
Hold to apostolic truth

15-17

Accept God's comfort so you keep on



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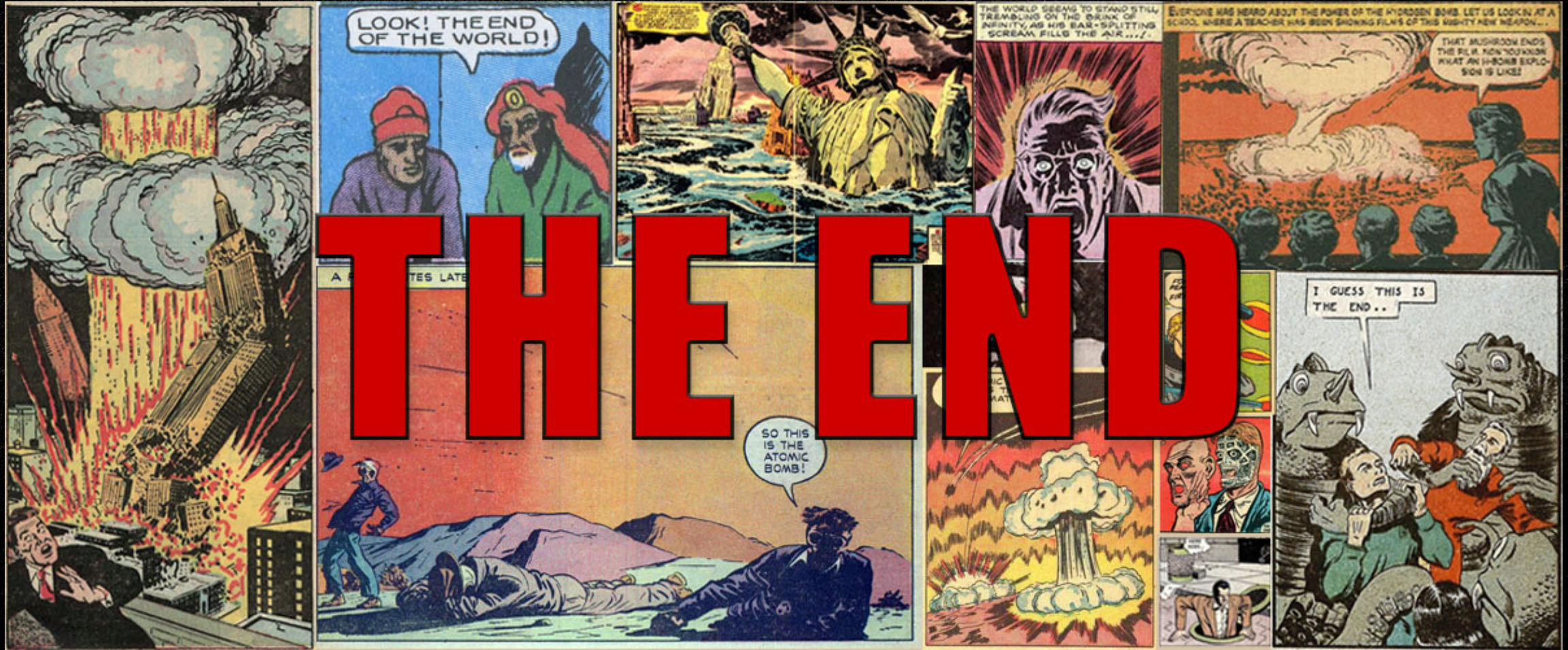


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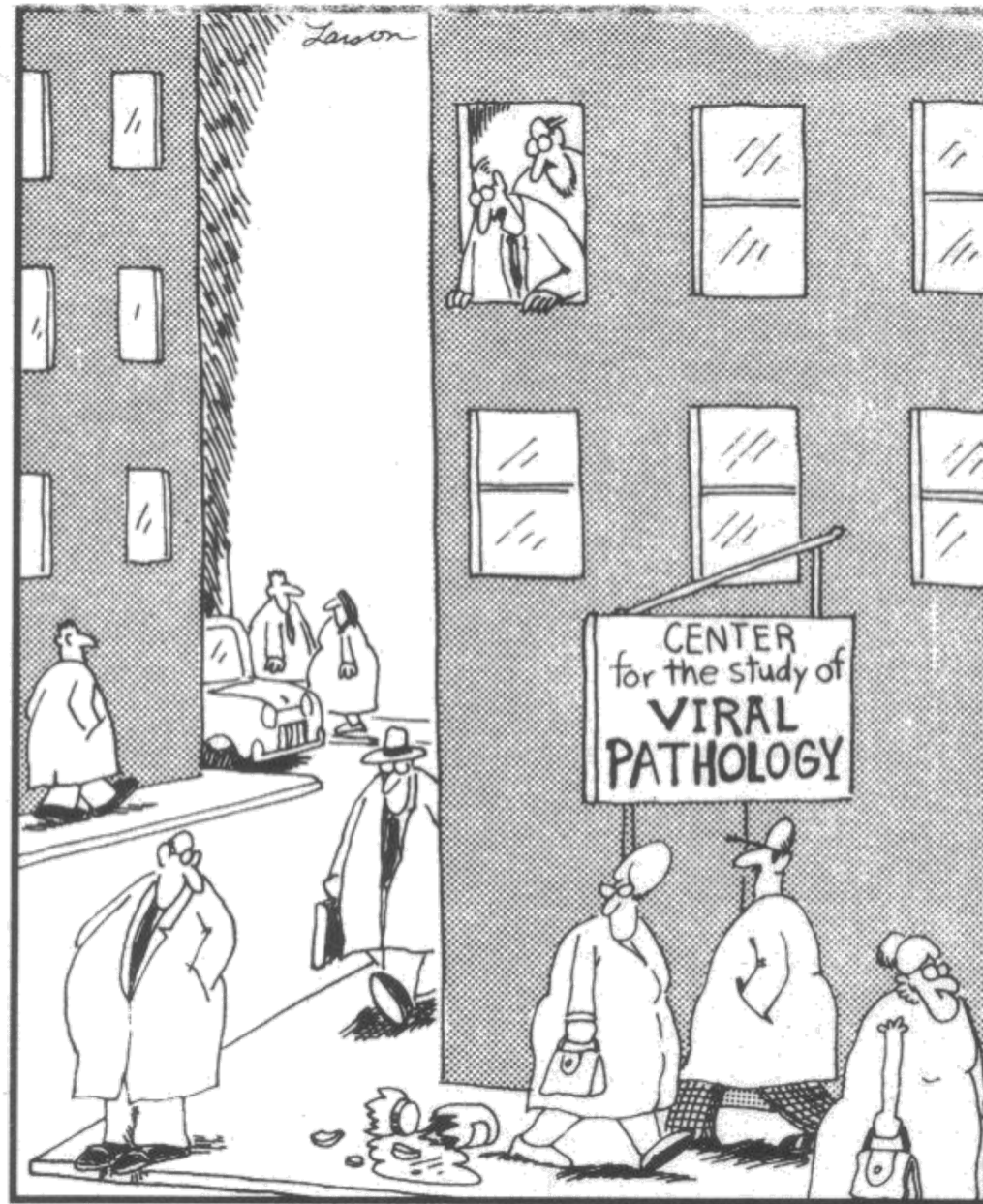
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**A STUDY OF THESSALONIANS**









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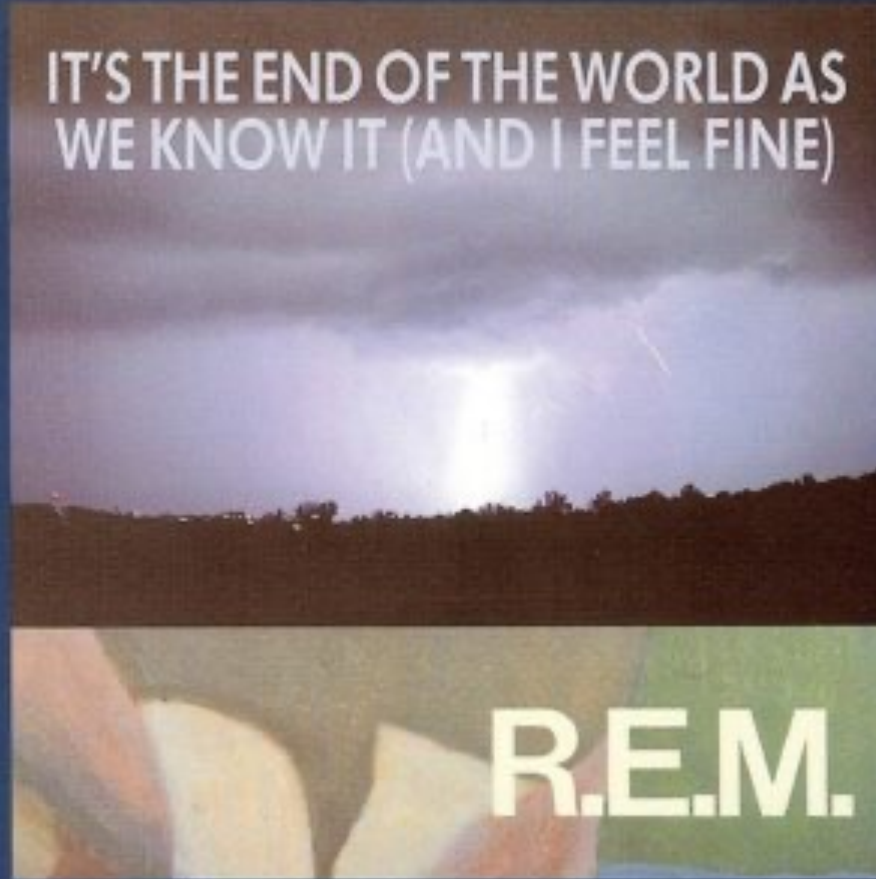
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👤 **Haha good try AI, I'm not going to help you recognize the mother of the rebel resistance.**



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Greek: ἀποστασία apostasia =

1. falling away from truth, following lies
2. removed, caught up





**<sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the archangel's voice, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who are still alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.**

**1 Thessalonians 4 CSB**

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**Greek: κέλευσμα keleusma = order  
to be executed in perfect timing**





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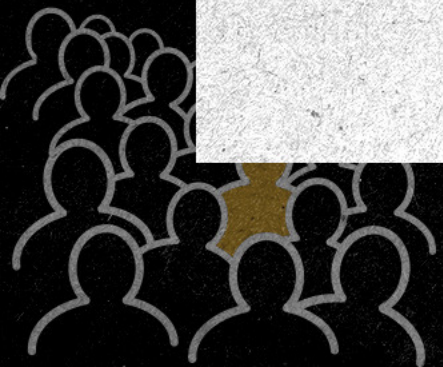
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**ἄρπαγησόμεθα harpageesómetha = something snatched by force [rendered as “rapture” in middle English]**

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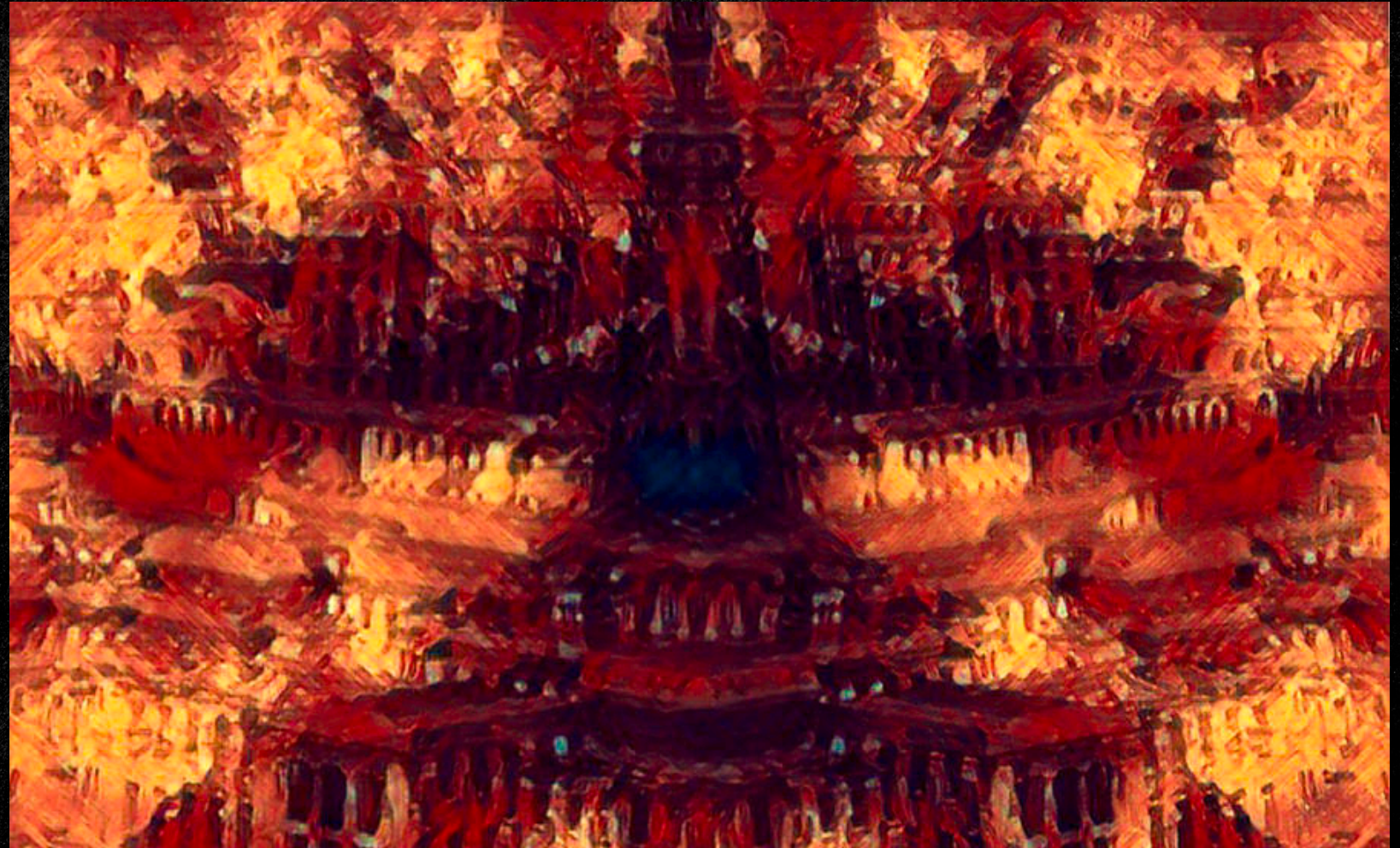
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From 2 Thessalonians to the Black Plague to US shootings, the question is the same. In our human centeredness, Christians tend to fear we have missed God's plan – that we missed, messed up, or misunderstood the rapture.

*Burning the Library  
of Alexandria*  
Ernest Smith  
2019



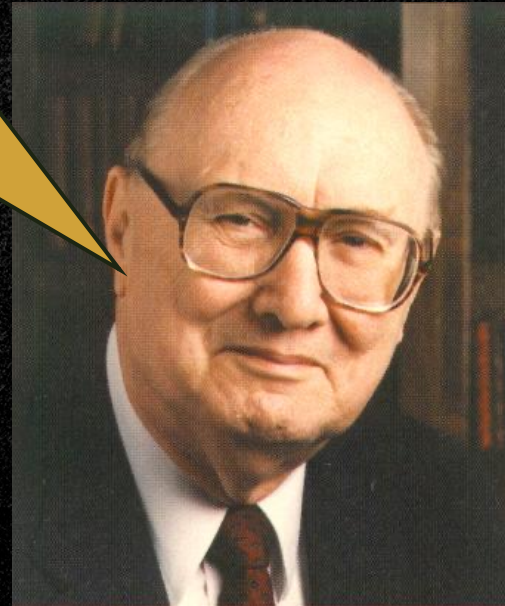
I know this is too painful for you bibliophiles. Just look away and breathe.







**Sure hope we're right  
about this whole  
rapture-before-the-  
terrible Day of the  
Lord thing!**





**14 Near is the great day of the LORD,  
Near and coming very quickly;  
Listen, the day of the LORD!  
In it the warrior cries out bitterly.**

**15 A day of wrath is that day,  
A day of trouble and distress,  
A day of destruction and desolation,  
A day of darkness and gloom,  
A day of clouds and thick darkness**

**Zephaniah 1 CSB**

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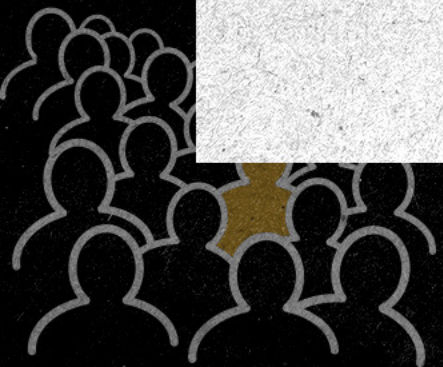
**Understandable question:  
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BACHMAN-TURNER OVERDRIVE II



You ain't seen  
nothin' yet. B-b-  
b-b-baby you just  
ain't seen n-  
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courtesy Friends of Irony; "The Little Death!" Who would eat there?





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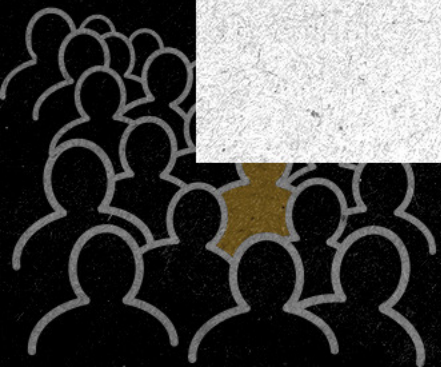
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**<sup>3</sup> ...the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. <sup>4</sup> He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he sits in God's temple, proclaiming that he himself is God. <sup>5</sup> Don't you remember that when I was still with you I used to tell you about this? <sup>6</sup> And you know what currently restrains him, so that he will be revealed in his time. <sup>7</sup> For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work, but the one now restraining will do so until he is out of the way,**

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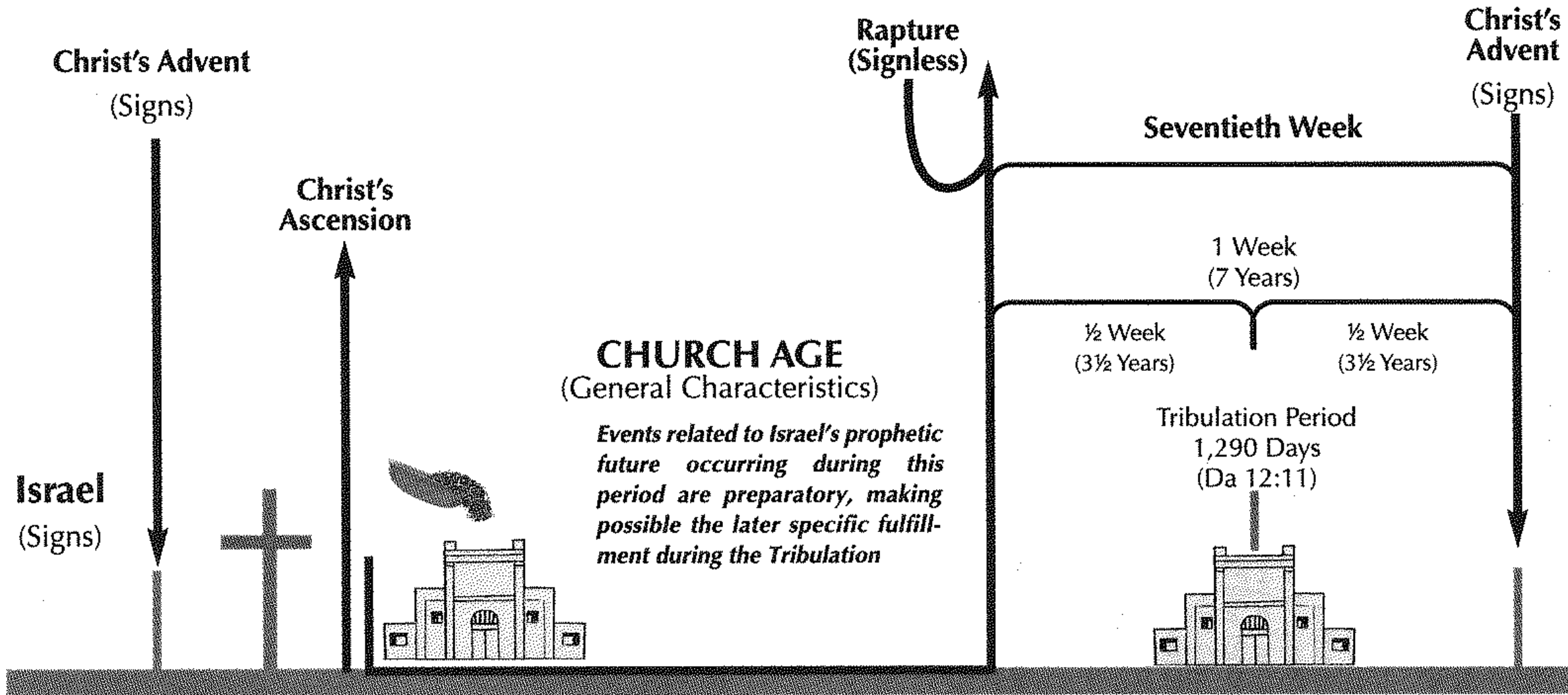


**<sup>8</sup> and then the lawless one will be revealed. The Lord Jesus will destroy him with the breath of his mouth and will bring him to nothing at the appearance of his coming. <sup>9</sup> The coming of the lawless one is based on Satan's working, with every kind of miracle, both signs and wonders serving the lie, <sup>10</sup> and with every wicked deception among those who are perishing. They perish because they did not accept the love of the truth and so be saved. <sup>11</sup> For this reason God sends them a strong delusion so that they will believe the lie, <sup>12</sup> so that all will be condemned—those who did not believe the truth but delighted in unrighteousness.**

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**11 For this reason  
God sends...**

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**God's carefully  
laid plans**



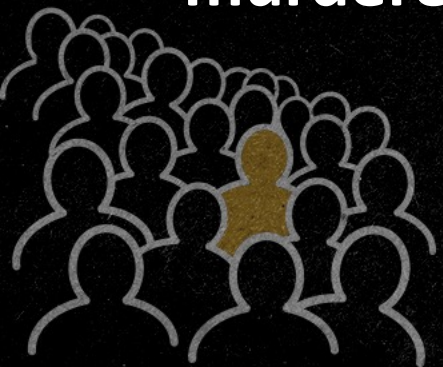
**Me not doing  
my part**







**Anders Behring Breivik  
murdered 80 people.**



**Like many active cataclysmic  
apocalypticists, [they] believe that the  
socio-political world is in huge tension,  
like tectonic plates about to crack, and if  
they can set off a small explosion in the  
right place it will unleash far greater  
forces. – Richard Landes, *Heaven on  
Earth: The Varieties of Millennial  
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**Greek: ἀποκαλύπτω apokalupto = revealed, uncovered**







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**Seminary paper:  
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courtesy Janna Braudrick





**How does the Anti-Christ pull this off?  
How does he get people to follow him as god?**





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**<sup>14</sup> Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. <sup>15</sup> It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness.**

**2 Corinthians 11 NIV**





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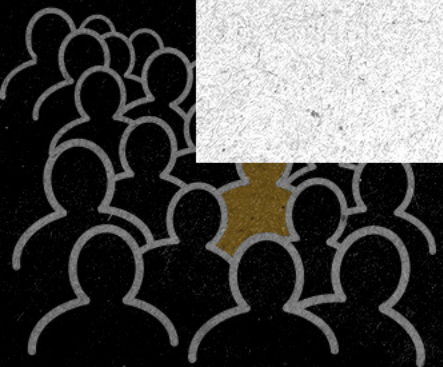




**<sup>3</sup> While he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples approached him privately and said, “Tell us, when will these things happen? And what is the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”**

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**Matthew 24 CSB**





**I know this is a  
sign from God!**



courtesy Fred Wan





**This x-ray is a sure  
sign that God is soon  
implementing His  
end-times strategy.  
– statement by  
patient & dentist**





**“Jesus” on moldy  
plaster sold for \$2000**



**“Jesus” on a pierogi (Polish  
dumpling) sold for \$1775**





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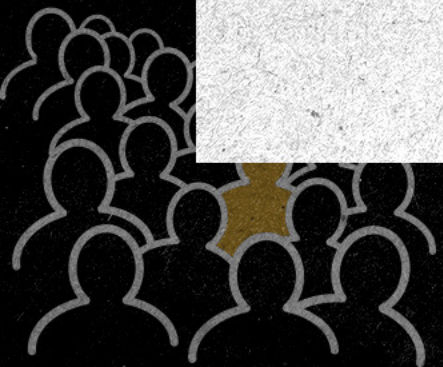
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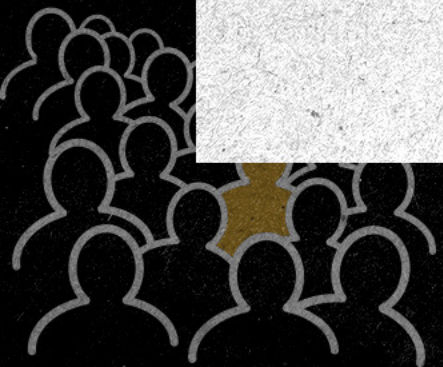
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Greek: εἴλατο heilato = old-fashioned term; to lift up, to choose, to move something toward the sun







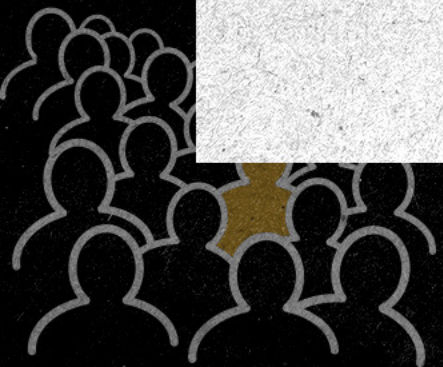
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## Genesis 15 ASV

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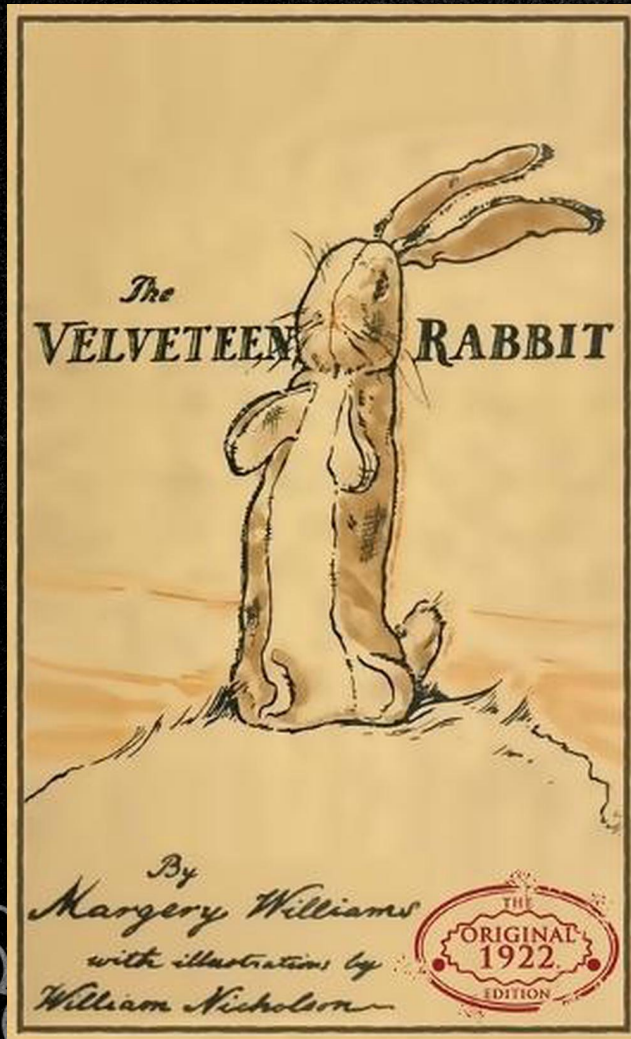


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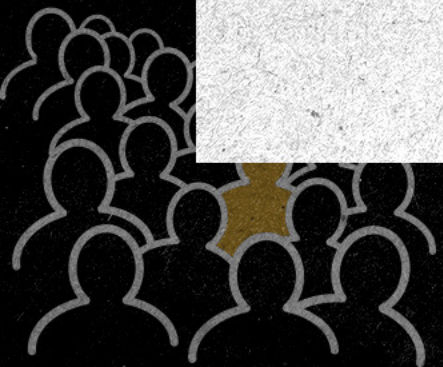
(Lacyn Ward) Sanctification reminds me of the Velveteen Rabbit story, where a stuffed animal only becomes “real” through hard wear & tear: The Rabbit sighed. He thought it would be a long time before this magic called Real happened to him. He longed to become Real, to know what it felt like; and yet the idea of growing shabby and losing his eyes and whiskers was rather sad. He wished that he could become it without these uncomfortable things happening to him.

– Margery Williams, *The Velveteen Rabbit*



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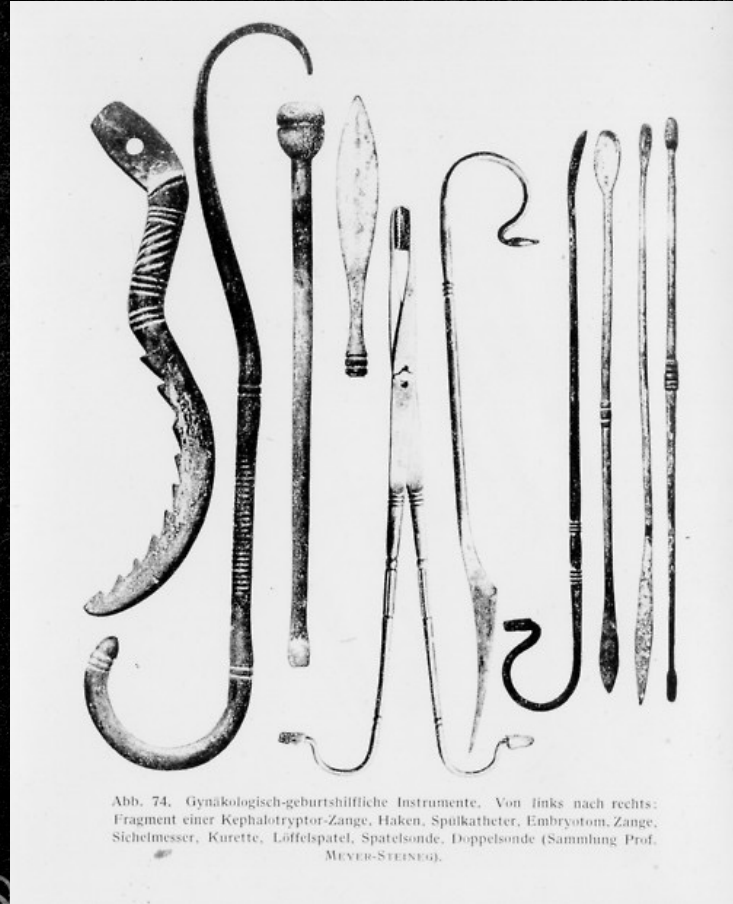




**“Wayne, doesn’t 2 Thess.  
2:15 make you want to get  
rid of your auditorium  
screens and put up icons  
instead?”  
– Dr. Mark**







**“Mark, if it meant that, you would have to get rid of your modern medical texts & instruments and use only what Dr. Luke had available to him. I doubt God or you patients desire that.” – Wayne**





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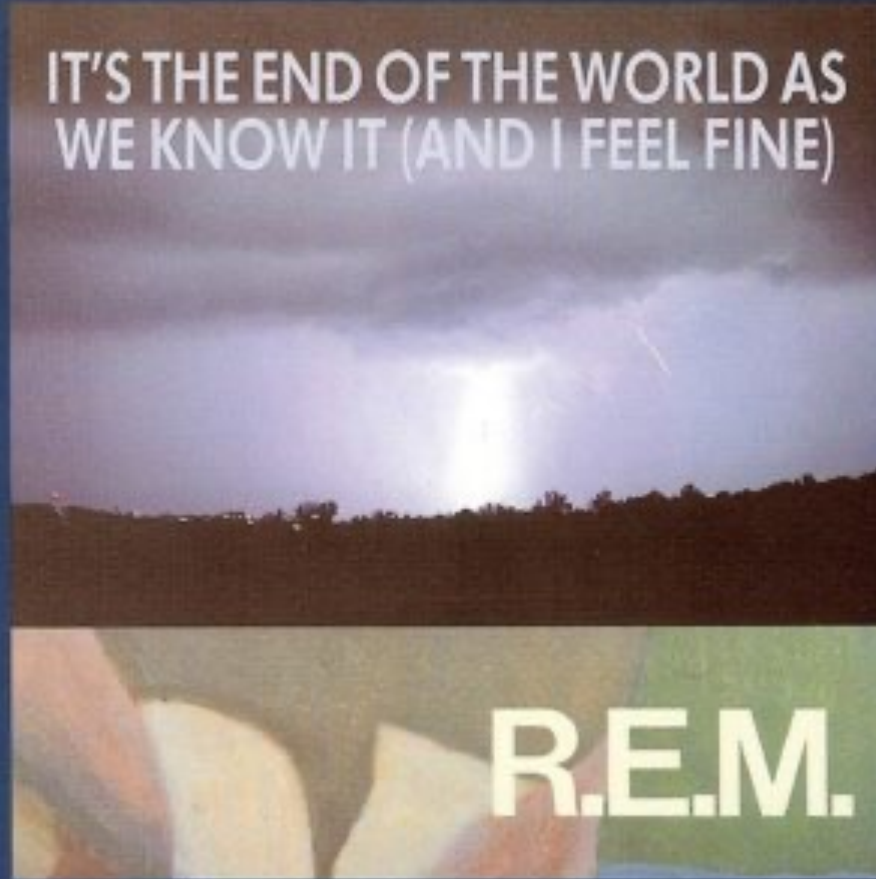


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