

End Time Preparation Conference

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Spiritual Warfare

The Armor of God

Ephesians 6:10-18 (NASB)

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints.”

The Spiritual Realms

1. Christianity is not just ideas such as theology & cognitive content!
2. Christianity is not just emotions such as spiritual experiences!

3. Christianity is not just inward existential depth and mysticism!
4. Christianity is not just social and cultural rituals and traditions!
5. Christianity is not just behavioral, full of morals and good works.
6. Christianity involves an active participation in the Spiritual Realms which are real places filled with real actual spiritual beings and real actual spiritual forces:
 - God, angels, archangels, cherubim, seraphim, demons, powers, principalities, thrones, dominions, just men made perfect, blessings, curses, prophecies, altars, temples, Heavenly Watchers, Beasts, the First, Second and Third Heavens, the Pit, the Lake of Fire and so on.... see Isaiah 6:1-7 and Daniel 7:9,10 as examples)

Jesus & The Spiritual Universe

1. 12 legions of angels at His command (Matthew 26:53)
2. His life a fulfillment of prophetic Scriptures (Matthew 26:54)
3. God is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob who are still living and resurrection is a reality (Matthew 22:29-32)
4. Is transfigured and talks with Moses and Elijah (Matt 17:1-8)
5. At Jesus' baptism by a prophet Heaven is opened, God speaks, the Holy Spirit descends as a dove (Matthew 13:13-17)
6. A special star portends His birth and he is born in a Bethlehem as a fulfillment of prophecy, and God appears in dreams to the wise men, Joseph etc. (Matthew 2:1-12)

7. Jesus is driven into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit, and is tempted by the Devil, to do things such as turning stones into bread and angels minister to Him (Matthew 4:1-11)

The Great Separation

1. In Genesis 1 & 2 everything was good. Heaven and Earth were in harmony and the Garden of Eden contained spiritual properties. Then Adam and Eve sinned and we lost access to heavenly things. A great curse was placed over mankind and the earth. Eventually this age was brought to an end by the Flood.
2. Since then God has slowly been reuniting Heaven and earth, through Abraham, through Israel and the Temple, through the incarnate and victorious Christ, through the Church, through the outpoured Holy Spirit and the gifts and in the end God's dwelling place will be with men in a new, reunited Heaven and earth and all evil will be removed.

The Kosmos (World)

1. The kosmos is the ancient astrological (evil) heavens and the world in rebellion against God, the Devil's earth without Heaven. When Jesus announced the "Kingdom of Heaven is at hand" he was announcing the end of the kosmos and its tyranny over men and his healing miracles proved this.
2. The Devil's kosmos is "passing away" along with the lusts thereof. The Devil controls it and even offered it to Jesus (Luke 4:1-13). The Great Commission is destroying the kosmos and eventually it will reach the point where Satan is cast out.
3. Satan deceives the kings of the earth by promising them exalted positions in the kosmos (Masonry etc) and he is

assisted by earth-dwellers (people who love the earth without heaven and wish to sin and worship idols)

Christians and The Spiritual Universe

Pentecost baptizes us into the spiritual world:

Acts 2:16-18 (NASB)

- “16 but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel: 17 And it shall be in the last days,’ God says, ‘That I will pour forth of My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, And your old men shall dream dreams; 18 Even on My bondslaves, both men and women, I will in those days pour forth of My Spirit And they shall prophesy.”
- As participants in Heaven we are to leave the kosmos and its evil order behind us: 2 Corinthians 6:14-18, 1 John 2:15-17 The Heavenly Zion

Hebrews 12:18-24 (NASB)

“18 For you have not come to a mountain that can be touched and to a blazing fire, and to darkness and gloom and whirlwind, 19 and to the blast of a trumpet and the sound of words which sound was such that those who heard begged that no further word be spoken to them. 20 For they could not bear the command, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it will be stoned.” 21 And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, “I am full of fear and trembling.” 22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 and to Jesus, the

mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.”

Christians Already Belong In Heaven!

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have come (past tense) to the heavenly Zion• We ARE citizens of Heaven• We are part of God’s household• We are sons of God• We are Jesus’ brethren• We have died and been raised with Christ and our life is hidden with God in Christ	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hebrews 12:18-24• Galatians 4:26• Hebrews 2:10-18• Romans 8:14-17• Ephesians 2:6; 1:20,21• Ephesians 2:19• Philippians 3:20,21• 1 John 3:1-3• Colossians 3:1-4• Romans 6:1-11
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Faith In The Invisible (Hebrews 11)

- Faith involves an understanding of the spiritual and invisible realm that creates forms and undergirds this Universe and its operation. (Hebrews 11:1-3)
- Faith believes that God the Creator is in charge and that He rewards those who seek Him. (Hebrews 11:6)
- Faith enables mystery, adventure and impossibility (v 4-22)
- Faith seeks the “City that is to come, a heavenly city” (v. 16)
- Faith sees, believes and relies on the invisible realm for tangible solutions to real world problems (v. 23-34)

The Throne of God

- The central reality in every major vision of Heaven is the Throne of God!: Revelation chapters 4 & 5, 20:11-15 and Daniel 7:1-14
- This throne controls the Heavens and the Earth and the entire natural and supernatural order: Genesis 1, Colossians 1:15-20, Hebrews 1:1-3, John 1:1-3
- The gospel of the Almighty Creator God: Revelation 14:6,7

- Read Jonah chapter 1 and look for God’s throne-room control of earthly events both natural and supernatural!

The Throne of Satan

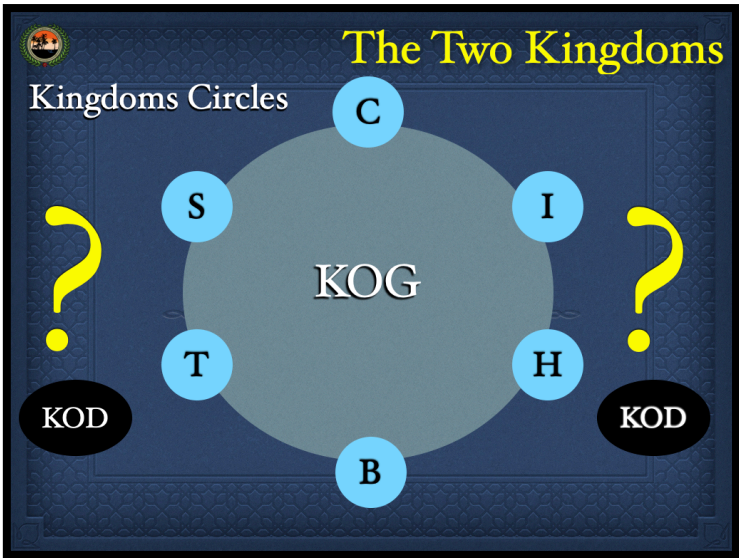
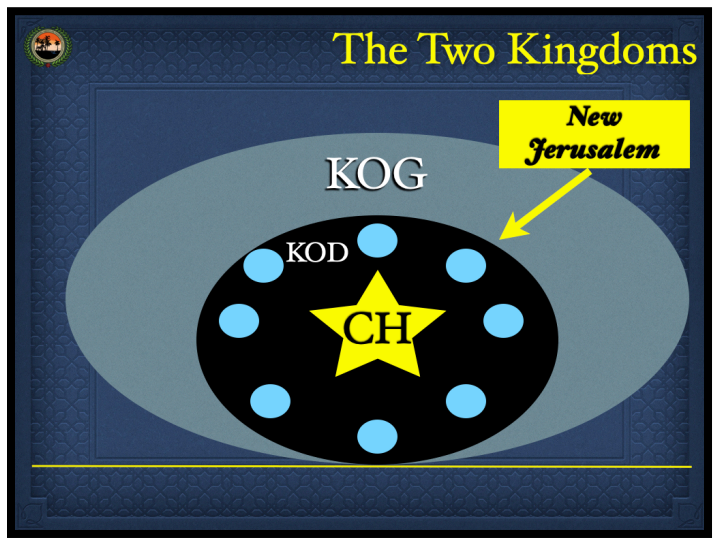
- Satan had a “throne” the pagan altar to Zeus in Pergamum, which has now been rebuilt in Berlin.
- Satan’s throne is on earth! In a building made with human hands!
- God does not dwell in buildings made by human hands (1 Kings 8:27, Isaiah 66:1, Acts 7:48, 17:24, 25, 2 Corinthians 5:1)
- Satan’s power is tiny compared with the power of God Almighty
- Satan controls human systems simply through human weakness and sin and through deception.

The Conflict

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is invisible • Is spiritual • Involves angels, powers and principalities • Does not involve human weapons of warfare • Does not fight for the kingdoms of this world 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ephesians 6:10-20 • 2 Cor. 10:3-5 • Daniel 10:1-14 • John 18:36
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The Two Kingdoms

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kingdom of His Beloved Son / of Light • The Kingdom of Darkness • The sons of God • The sons of the Devil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colossians 1:11-20 • 1 John 1:5-10, 2:8-11 • John 1:12 • Romans 8:14-25 • 1 John 3:1-3, 8, 10 • Hebrews 2:10-18 cf. Matthew 3:7-10 • John 6:70, 8:44 • Matthew 13:37-42 • Acts 13:10
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Three Main Types of Demons

1. Those in the “air” and the spiritual realms.
Ephesians 2:1-4, 6:12, Rev 9:20, 12:1-9, 16:14, John 10:10
Cultural, religious and territorial influence, idolatry, cults, resist the gospel, deceive the kings of the earth, create wars, create rebellion, instigate crime and disobedience.
2. Those that occupy human bodies.
Mark 5:1-17, Acts 16:16-18
Personal and minor regional influence. Madness, disease, occult prediction, some criminal acts
3. Those chained in darkness under the Earth.
Jude 1:6, 2 Peter 2:4, Revelation 9:1-12, 11:7, 17:8
Archetypes, ruled the ancient world, founded the world religions and ancient myths and legends. Ancient spirits in rebellion, now judged, but may be released for a brief period during the Tribulation when the Pit is opened and Abbadon/ Apollyon is released.

The Three Big Battles

1. The Battle For Israel (to prevent the birth of the Messiah) as recorded in the Old Testament and the Gospels esp. Matthew.
2. The Battle For The Church, the body of Christ. The war against the saints. Aims to delay the return of Christ who will return with all His “holy ones”, this is the battle to prevent the salvation of the lost, the maturing of Christians and the perfection of the Church in all nations. This is recorded in the Gospels, Acts and the Epistles.

3. The Battle for Final World Dominion and Government, Satan tries to hold on to earth but He knows that his time is short, persecutes the Church, takes over all structures of human government and puts up a last-ditch stand at Armageddon. This is mainly recorded in Revelation, Daniel, Ezekiel and other prophetic literature.

The Victory Of Faith

1 John 5:1-5 (NASB)

“Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world-our faith. Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”

The Victorious Mind

Romans 8:4-6 (NASB)

“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. For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace.”

The Overcomer

1 John 4:4 (NASB): “You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.”

Revelation 12:10-11 (NASB): “Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.”

Global challenges to the global Church in the midst of uncertain world: Part 1

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the Lord and to you for your interest in this issue. The Church has been taking the wrong road for some time and we must stop and shed light into what the issues are that has weakened the church the gospel presentation that lost people around the world desperately need.

By going through these notes, I want to let you know that I am not here to judge the Church, it is the Lord's Church. I am just shedding light into what's been happening in the global church based on my experience in 46 countries equipping pastors, church leaders, missionaries, and laypeople.

Two kind of Christianity

We must understand that there are two kinds of Christianity in the world:

1. **Cultural Christianity.**
2. **Biblical Church.**

Majority of the global church leaders do not put much emphasis on teaching their members Biblical Doctrines.

- Doctrine sometimes is despised. Some say, it's too rigid, no room for a second option. My answer is, **that's right.**
- Biblical doctrine is God's instructions, **period.** There is no room for negotiation.
- Some say, having this kind of thinking, is legalistic. Even though they cannot define what legalism means?
- Some say, having this thinking is dogmatic. Well, being dogmatic on biblical truths is a great thing.

In previous generations, Church leaders left a legacy of biblical expository preaching with emphasis on:

- The return of the Lord Jesus Christ
- Heaven (our eternal home with Him).
- Salvation
- Sin
- Hell
- And Christ like living.

The Church today is leaving the next generation, not expository preaching, but relational preaching.

- No emphasis on Heaven (eternal life with Christ), but emphasis on the here and now. In the past, believers grew up listening to the true gospel and the consequences of Sin,

now the church is focused on public relations, health, wealth, fundraising, and personal happiness.

As a result, modern day Christianity and its Churches has been working on undermining the true Church and the message of the Cross.

Areas of attack

1. The Bible
2. God
3. Jesus
4. Salvation
5. Security of the Believer
6. Sin
7. Hell
8. The Church
9. Worship
10. Eschatology (Prophecy)

THE BIBLE

The Bible has been under attack for centuries, but the intensity of the attack we have seen on the Bible within the last 40 years is unprecedented. Here are some issues:

- The Bible is **not** the ONLY inspired Word of God.
- Misunderstanding what the doctrine of **Revelation** of Scripture is? What is Revelation?
- Is the book of Revelation considered the FINAL revelation from God to man? Or does God still revealing new Scripture? How does God speak to us today?

This has been the most dangerous attack on the Bible thus far. If the Bible is not complete, then the Bible is not the final authority in the Church. If God speaks outside the Scripture, then how do we know what is true what is not?

- How can we measure when someone said: “**God told me**” Is it from God?
- This brings us to the doctrine of **Inspiration**. What did God inspire? The prophets and Apostles? Or the writings?
 - 2 Timothy 3:16. We have this statement about the inspiration of the Bible it says: “**all scripture is given by inspiration of God.**”
 - **There are three words in the Greek text of this verse.**
 - Is the word all or every, Simple Greek word, **all or every**.
 - The second word is **Graphi** from which we get graphic arts meaning, writing. Every **writing**.
 - The third word is a compound word of the word **God** and the Word to **breathed**. You will translate it, every writing **God-breathed** a compound word **God-breathed**. That's exactly what it is, **every writing God-breathed**, that's a literal interpretation or translation.
 - “I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the **smallest letter**, not the least **stroke** of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.” — Matthew 5:18
 - <https://www.thebereancall.org/search/content/The%20Bible>

THE DOCTRINE OF GOD

The identity of God has been attacked

- Some missionaries that work in an Islamic context, equate Yahweh with Allah. They have also exported this thinking to most churches in the Muslim world.
- Some denominations deny the **Triunity**
- In the Word of faith movement, they have elevated Man and demoted God with the **little God** doctrine. Here are some examples:
 - [Crreflo Dollar Teaches We Are Little Gods](#)
 - [Joyce Meyer- Little Gods](#)
- The prosperity gospel preachers have made God similar to the Genie in a bottle.
- Thus, God is no longer feared and honored.
- <https://www.thebereancall.org/content/god-god-orare-we-god>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8YqJ-twqq4U>

THE DOCTRINE OF JESUS CHRIST

We expect other world religions to defame or mis-categorize the Lord Jesus Christ. But for the church to do so? that is blasphemy.

- Some missionaries in the Muslim world equate the Lord Jesus of the Bible with Isa (Jesus of the Qur'an).
- The word of faith movement made Jesus lessor than the **ONLY SON of GOD**.
- Preaching the wrong Jesus, Jesus that is a fixer and Santa Clause.

- Preaching Jesus as a Redeemer, but not a righteous Judge.
- Some even hanging on to the O.T. feasts and sacrifices along side of Jesus. They ignored that Jesus is the fulfillment of all O.T. sacrifices and feasts. (The church that is going back to its Jewish roots).
- Ignoring Jesus warning to the church in Ephesus:

“4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. 5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.. “ Rev. 2:4-5. (KJV)

The Doctrine of Salvation

Many churches around the world have not hold on to the biblical teaching of Salvation according to Scripture:

“8 For by **grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.** 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:8 (KJV)

- Many Christians have not been taught that Salvation is free, not by works.
- Many Christians live under the heavy burden that they have to maintain their salvation through good works.

- The Lord allowed me to help free many around the world and explain the misinterpretation of what James and Paul have said.
 “17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.
 18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.” (James 2:17-18) (KJV).
- However, James has already emphasized that salvation is God’s gracious gift (1:17–18), and in verse 23 he quotes Genesis 15:6, which declares that God imputed righteousness to Abraham solely on the basis of his faith.
- James’ teaching, then, that Abraham’s willingness to offer Isaac vindicates his faith before men—a teaching with which the Apostle Paul was in total agreement (Eph. 2:10). There is thus no conflict between the two inspired writings in Ephesians and James.

The Doctrine of the Security of the Believer

Due to the lack of sound biblical teaching, I would venture and say thousands of Christians think that they would lose their salvation if they did not keep up their good works. Not sure where they got this understanding, but I am sure there are many reasons behind it.

Some say, well that’s a baptist thing: “once saved always saved.”

The security of salvation of the believer, is not a baptist doctrine, but a biblical doctrine. Our salvation is secure in the completed work of Christ on the Cross.

Ephesians 1:4-14 (KJV)

“4 According as he hath **chosen** us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having predestinated us unto the **adoption of children** by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved. 7 In whom we have **redemption** through His blood, the **forgiveness** of sins, according to the riches of His grace; 8 Wherein He hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; 9 Having made known unto us the **mystery of His will**, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in Himself: 10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him: 11 In whom also **we have obtained an inheritance**, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will: 12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. 13 In whom ye also **trusted**, after that ye heard the word of truth, the **gospel of your salvation**: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were **sealed** with that Holy Spirit of **promise**, 14 Which is the **earnest** of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory.

We see from this passage that the Triune God Almighty been involved in our salvation. The Father: v4. “**chose us** before the foundation of the world” The Lord Jesus provided a way: vs. 7. “the **redemption** through His blood,” and the Holy Spirit resides in us: vs.13 “ye were **sealed** with that Holy Spirit of **promise**.”

- **The Father Chose us**
- **The Son redeemed us**
- **The Holy Spirit sealed us**

There are many other passages that helps us know that our salvation is not secured in our works, but in Christ’s finished work on the Cross. But, would like to look at Romans 8:31-39

31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? **32** He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? **33** Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. **34** Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. **35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? **36** As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. **37** Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. **38** For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, **39** Nor height, nor depth, nor any other

creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This passage says it all. Basically, neither God the Father nor the Son would change their mind about our salvation. Also, Satan doesn't have the power to take our salvation away from us nor separates us from the love of Christ. Then, not even life circumstances would be able to separate us from the Love of Christ. Nor any other creature that God has created would be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This goes back to vs.31: ***"If God is for us, who can be against us?"*** No one is more powerful than God, thus our salvation is secured in His hands.

The doctrine of Sin

The doctrine of Sin has been minimized in modern day churches. Meaning, sin is not preached as an offense to God. Resulting in eternal damnation in the Lake of Fire.

What is sin?

- Sin is breaking the Law of God. 1 John 3:4b says, "for sin is the transgression of the law." Sin is a transgression, an iniquity, an unrighteous act.
- Sin is a deviation from the will of God.
- It is a form of evildoing since it is in opposition to God's decrees and desires.
- Sin is not a merely a deficiency. It is an open rebellion and disobedience to what God has declared is right.

The question is why? Many reasons:

1. **It goes back to man's the view of God.** Many have adopted the view of God is only loving, compassionate, merciful, good God. All of which are true, but many intentionally ignore the righteousness, holiness, and justice of God. God's holiness and righteousness demand justice. There is penalty for sin, if it is not dealt with. The only way to deal with it is by trusting and surrendering our lives to the Lord Jesus Christ and accepting what He has done on the cross as a substitutionary payment to satisfy God's requirement or penalty for our sins.

Here are some verses:

- “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:” Rom. 5:12
- “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;” Rom. 3:23
- “25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;” Rom. 3:25
- “28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.” Rom. 3:28
- “8 For **by grace** are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 **Not of works**, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.” Eph. 2:8-10
- <https://www.thebereancall.org/content/why-are-we-guilty-adams-sin>

2. Man's view of man. In modern Christianity, man has been elevated, in some denominations or occult's teaching, Jesus is now lower than man. Thus, man's need for Jesus' redemption becomes secondary to Man's ability to earn his way to heaven. When Man is elevated, Jesus became servant of Man. Then, Man is good in his nature.

- “4 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;” 1 Timothy 4:1-2.
- Man's heart are deceitful and desperately wicked (Jer. 17:9).
- Man is full of evil (Mark 7:21-23).
- Man loves darkness rather than light (John 3:19).
- Man is unrighteous, do not understand, do not seek God (Rom. 3:10-12).
- Man is helpless and ungodly (Rom. 5:6).
- Man is dead in his trespasses and sins (Eph. 2:1).
- Man is by nature a child of wrath (Eph. 2:3).
- Man cannot understand spiritual things (1 Cor. 2:14).

But, thanks be to God and His redemption in Christ, we are new creatures:

2 Cor. 5:17: 17: “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

Because of the indwelling Spirit of God, we are able to understand spiritual things, seek God, and are no longer ungodly. This is the benefit of God's redemptive work in us.

Therefore, **though we were dead in our sins, we are alive in Christ.**

The Doctrine of Hell

There are some Christian groups and many cults that deny the idea the existence of hell. Or the idea that in the general sense, means ***eternal, conscious punishment***. Some would argue that hell is temporary, but ultimately a person would end up in heaven. By having this view of hell, this will make the doctrine of sin as nothing to pay attention to. Nor, the doctrine of God and His justice.

Perhaps the most common objection to the doctrine of hell is that a loving God would never punish people in eternal torment.

- We agree that God is love (1 John 4:8)
- But He is also just (Neh. 9:32-33; 2 Thess. 1:6)
- He is eternal (Psalm 90:2; 1 Tim. 1:17).
- God punishes the evildoer (Isaiah 11:13), and this punishment will be eternal.

But the question remains, is this eternal conscious punishment or not?

- The wicked descend alive into Sheol. Numbers 16:30
- Cast to outer darkness with weeping and gnashing of teeth. Matt. 8:12.
- Those cast into the fire suffer consciously. Matt. 13: 41-42
- Cast into a tormenting fire. Rev. 14: 9-11.
- Thrown into the lake of Fire. Rev. 20:10.
- Unquenchable Fire. Matt. 3:12
- Fiery Hell. Matt. 5:22; Matt. 5:29, 30.
- Eternal Fire. Matt. 25:41; Jude 7.

- Eternal Punishment. Matt 25:46
- Lake of Fire. Rev 20:15.

Therefore, Hell is a **REAL** place. It is not mere unconsciousness. It is not temporal. It is **eternal** torment. Perhaps that is why the Lord Jesus spoke more of hell than heaven and spent so much time warning people not to go there.

Praise God for His free eternal gift of salvation in His Son's sacrifice on the Cross paying the penalty on our behalf.

The Doctrine of the Church

Modern Christianity has distorted the purpose and the role of the Church "The body of Christ." It has been centralized and confined into a building. Thus the bigger or more popular is the better. However, the role and purpose of the church being redefined.

How does it manifest itself:

- The church has become an inward self-centered organization. The reason I call it an organization, because it has taken its model from the cooperate world. Success of the church became the focus of its leaders to have more members (Numbers) not necessarily by salvation. but, membership increase.
- The church's preaching changed from expository to topical and self-motivational sermons.

- The church became the platform for saving souls. That means, bring the lost to the church and they will get saved. Thus, resulted in a seeker sensitive services.
- Study books written by men, such as purpose driven life.

Results

- Shallow preaching that resulted in shallow faith and living.
- Members easily being misled due to their ignorance of the Bible.
- Lack of seeking God's face, it's all about what God can do for me.
- Gave birth to: Seeker sensitive and Emergant movements. These birthed other heretical movements.
- Gave platform to false teachers that have no accountability nor being called out by the true church.

What is church?

The church can be understood in two ways: ***the visible and the invisible.***

The **visible** church is comprised of all who claim to be a Christian and who gather together for worship and participate in the Lord's Supper and believer's Baptism by emersion. However, the visible church **also comprised** of people claim to be Christians, but not born again.

The members of the **invisible** church are the **actual** body of believers. They are the ones who are truly regenerate and have trusted, by faith, in the true Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ alone. The true Christian is indwelt by the the Holy Spirit. (John 14:23)

Therefore, the true Christian Church is said to be the body of Christ.

“5 So we, being many, are **one body** in Christ, and every one members one of another.” Rom. 12:5

“12 For the **perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry**, for the edifying of the body of Christ:” Eph. 4:12.

It is interesting that from Eph. 4:12 is that the purpose of the church is “**perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry.**” That means that the church is a place for theological training and equipping, for the work of the ministry OUTSIDE the church building. In the market place.

What was the focus of the Apostles in Acts 2 ?

“41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. 42 And they continued steadfastly in the **apostles' doctrine** and **fellowship**, and in **breaking of bread**, and in **prayers.**” Acts 2:41-42 (KJV)

From this passage we see the church was focused on four essentials:

1. The Apostles' teaching (Scripture & Doctrine)
2. Fellowship
3. Breaking of bread
4. Prayer.

Praise & Worship

In the west, the emphasis during church service is the **praise and worship**. According to Acts 2:42, we don't see it as part of the four essentials. The typical time spent during the church service spent on singing at the cost of preaching and teaching the Word of God.

Bible teaching moved to the Sunday school classrooms, or small groups. The quality of such study, varies from one church to another. It reflect the DNA of that particular church. If the church is a seeker sensitive church, then the small group study would be very superficial. If the church's emphasis on biblical teaching, the small group's study is in depth study.

Unfortunately, there are more superficial/seeker sensitive or consumer driven churches than Bible driven church.

Prayer

Prayer is another essential that has been sacrificed, in most church services, prayer is in the beginning and the end of the service. Even though singing good theological songs is edifying to the Body of Christ. But, it should not replace sound biblical teaching/preaching and prayer.

The Bible speaks much of prayer.

- We need to bow our knees
- confess our sin
- Receive God's forgiveness
- Request that the will of the Lord be done above our own

God is sovereign and loving and He knows what is best for us and others, even if it doesn't always seem to make the most sense.

We need to memorize and take to heart the promises the Lord has given us in the Scripture. Such as:

“13 These things have I **written** unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may **know** that ye have eternal life, and that ye may **believe** on the name of the Son of God.

14 And this is the **confidence** that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing **according to His will**, He **heareth us**:

15 And if we **know** that He **hear us**, whatsoever we ask, we know that **we have** the petitions that we desired of Him.” 1 John 5:13-15. (KJV)

From this passage, the Lord gives us a guideline to answered prayers:

1. To be a **child of God** through Christ redemptive work on the Cross.
2. Be in **God's will**.
3. **Ask** the Lord.
4. **Keep** asking.
5. Be assured that God has **heard** your requests.
6. Be assured that your requests has been **answered**.
7. Leave the **timing and method** to the Lord.

This western church model, has been exported globally. During my travels, this model is what I had encountered. Even though,

these churches has totally different cultural and traditional practices, and most of the pastors have no Biblical training to balance or counteract the western model.

Eschatology

Unfortunately, most denominational churches that I have been involved with in 45 countries, do not know much about the end times and the sequences of events that leads to the 2nd coming of Christ.

- The word eschatology comes from the Greek "eschatos" (**last, or final**) and "logos" (**word**).
- It is the study of the things that happen at the end of the age around the time of Jesus return (Matt. 24:3-14; Mark 13:4; 1 Thess. 5:2).

Topics included in the study of eschatology are:

- ~ The return of Christ
- ~ The rapture and whether or not it is before, during, or after the tribulation period.
- ~ The resurrection of the dead
- ~ The second coming of Christ
- ~ The Millennium Kingdom
- ~ The nation of Israel
- ~ The two Judgments (Seat of Christ & Great White Throne)

Eschatology tells us that we are to take comfort in the knowledge that Christ will return (1 Thess. 4:18) and we should be encouraged (1 Cor. 15:58), knowing that Christ will return.

Global challenges to the global Church in the midst of uncertain world: Part 2

TWO KINDS OF CHRISTIANITY

- Cultural Christianity (In our context an American Christianity)
- Biblical Christianity

Areas of attack

1. The Bible
2. The identity of God
3. The Lord Jesus
4. Salvation
5. Security of the Believer
6. Sin
7. Hell
8. The Church
9. Worship
10. Eschatology (Prophecy)
11. Social Justice
12. False Teachers
13. Bible Translations
14. Chrislam
15. Prosperity Gospel

The Rise of False Prophets and teachers

How they effect Bible translations

2 PETER 2:1-3

“But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them,

and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.”

INTRODUCTION: 2 PETER 2:1-3

- Peter writes in the second and third chapters of his epistle about the unseen danger of false teachers who arise within the church.
- They are often unrecognized. Especially in their earliest forms, partly because they profess to share a “like precious faith.”
- Yet, they secretly introduce false teaching, which is destructive to themselves and to all who follow them.

Five signs to identify false teachers & prophets

1. Self promotion
2. Popularity
3. Disobedience
4. Signs and Wonders
5. Materialism

WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT FALSE TEACHERS (2 Pet. 2:1-3)

1. Peter strongly infers that we should regard anyone who claims to be a “prophet” as a false prophet.
2. Peter teaches us to expect false teachers to arise from within the church as well as from without.
3. The teaching of these false teachers is destructive to the church and to all who follow their teaching and practice.

4. False teachers bring reproach upon true saints and the church of our Lord Jesus Christ.
5. These false teachers are not always evident.
6. False teachers can be identified by their morals and their motives:
 - Lusts
 - Greed (vs.3)
 - Selfishness
 - Exploiting others (vs.3)
 - Sensual not spiritual (vs.2)
7. False teachers can be recognized by their methods.
 - The “way of truth” is maligned (vs. 2-3).
 - Their doctrines are heresies, which are “destructive,” (1:3).
 - They claim to teach the Word of God, but they actually twist and distort the Scriptures so their interpretations justify their lifestyle and their lusts.
8. These teachers go as far as to “deny the Master who bought them.”
9. Just how do they deny Him? Peter seems to imply they deny His authority & those in authority. (2 Peter 2:10-11; Jude 8)
10. They actively seek to undermine those in authority and to establish their own authority.

HOW DO FALSE TEACHER ARISE?

1. They distort the emphasis of Scripture.
2. False teachers can deny the Lord Jesus by narrowing the field of affliction for which the cross of Christ provides the solution.

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS IN THE MUSLIM WORLD

DEFINITION OF ISLAM

What is Islam?

- By definition, Islam is to SUBMIT to the entire system of the Islamic religion, its Tenets, and Laws.
- It does not mean PEACE.
- Islam derived from the word Istislam meaning (Submission or death).

Islamic Bible

Trilogy:

- The Qur'an
- Hadith
- Muhammad's Bio (Sira)

Sources:

- ALLAH 14%
- MUHAMMAD 86%
- RELIGIOUS 40%
- POLITICAL 60%

True definition of Islam:

**IT IS A SOCIO-POLITICAL SYSTEM THAT USES A DEITY
TO ADVANCE ITS AGENDA**

WHAT IS THE SPIRIT OF ISLAM?

- There is no spirit of truth in Islam as there is in the Gospel. (John 14:7; 15:26; 16:13)
- According to the Shari' a, lying is allowed in four cases:
 - Holy war
 - When two enemies have reconciled
 - By a man to his wives
 - By a wife to her husband
- This SPIRIT of DECEPTION and CUNNING comes into play especially when dealing with non-Muslims.
- We must learn to scrutinize the statements of Muslims, otherwise we will constantly be deceived. (1 Cor. 13:7); (Matt. 10:16)
- Islam is a post-Christian religion; and out of necessity has become an anti-Christian religion. (John 2:21-23; 1 John 4:1-4)

“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. **Hereby** know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that **confesseth** that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that **confesseth not** that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that **spirit of antichrist**, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.” 1 John 4:1-4

**IF THE SPIRIT OF ISLAM IS AN ANTI-CHRIST SPIRIT, THEN
ALL ISLAMIC TEACHINGS ARE ALSO ANTI-CHRIST
TEACHINGS**

The sufficiency of the Bible

The Bible is Sufficient for:

- Salvation
- Sanctification
- Evangelism
- Discipleship

How do false teachers effect Bible translations?

- When the Word of God is not the Supreme Authority, an **alternative** gospel message arises, insufficient to redeem mankind like the true Gospel.
- When traditions of Men **Nullify** Scripture, Christ alone is no longer sufficient

MIT: Muslim Idiom Translation

The rationale behind MIT can be found in David Owen's article, "A Jesus Movement Within Islam," under the subtitle, "A New Approach to Bible Translation":

"It is a necessary requirement that **Islamic-styled** Bible translations be produced in order for a Jesus movement in an Islamic context to ever get off the ground...Bible translators will play a foundational role in the initial stages of a Haraka Isawiyya [i.e. Jesus Movement]. In carrying out their task they will also take a consolidating step in the work of **re-theologizing the Christian message** within their [i.e. Muslims'] particular context"

- Since 1987, some professing evangelicals began publishing Islamized "Scripture" which continues to this day.

- Islamic terms, including phrases from the Qur'an, are often used in place of key, biblical terms.
- This practice is part of C5 or Insider Movements for Muslims (C5/IM).
- C5/IM claims that a Muslim can retain a Muslim identity while having saving faith in Jesus Christ and result in a "Jesus Movement" within Islam.

How does MIT help Muslims?

- Muslims have claimed that Jews and Christians changed the Bible in order to reject Muhammad as the final prophet.
- MIT now gives Muslims "proof" that "Christians" have changed the Bible.

Distinguishing Features

MIT is normally characterized by any one or more of the following:

- Non-literal renderings for Father and Son terminology
- Words and phrases from the Qur'an
- Islamic theological terms
- The omission of certain passages

Representative (Mis) renderings

- Matthew 28:19: "the name of the Protector, his Representative and the Holy Spirit" (instead of "the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit")
- James 2:19: "there is no god but Allah" (instead of "God is one"). This is the first part of the shahada, or Islamic creed. There is no linguistic nor theological justification for this.
- Galatians 2:20: "caliph of God" (instead of "Son of God"). This makes Jesus a religious and political successor of Muhammad.

- Omissions: Luke 15; Rom 8:1-9, 12-33, 35-36, 38-39; Gal 4:1-7

How is Son of Man rendered?

- This phrase is usually not literally translated.
- This feature eliminates the divinely-inspired parallel between "Son of God" and "Son of Man."
- This parallel is an essential biblical witness that Jesus is both divine and human.
- Some representative verses to verify are: Matthew 12:8; Mark 14:62; Luke 22:48; John 3:13-14; Acts 7:56; Rev 1:13

False Doctrine

In Danger From False Brethren

In most of the occurrences in which 'Son of God' is used for Jesus, the usage is Messianic, meaning the focus is on Jesus' **role** as Lord and Savior. (Rick Brown-Wycliffe)

(Brown: 93) Explaining the Biblical Term 'Son(s) of God' in Muslim Contexts, Part I (IJFM 22:3 Fall 2005) http://ijfm.org/PDFs_IJFM/22_3_PDFs/91-96Brown_SOG.pdf

"No cardinal doctrines are at stake, only traditions about wording, and the wordings are just temporary, a bridge to the Bible."

"Rick Brown"

Rev. Adam Simnowitz
Shows samples of Wycliff Bible Translators' Muslim
friendly Bible

WYCLIFFE	NASB	LUKE
CHRIST	“SON OF THE MOST HIGH” AND “SON OF GOD”	1:32-35
MESSIAH OF THE MOST HIGH GOD	SON OF GOD	4:3- 9
THE BELOVED MESSIAH	MY SON	9:35

WYCLIFFE	NASB	MATTHEW
And baptize them with water in the name of <u>God</u> and His <u>Messiah</u> and the Holy Spirit	baptizing them in the name of the <u>Father</u> and the <u>Son</u> and the Holy Spirit	28:19

WYCLIFFE	NASB	LUKE
GOD	YOUR FATHER; THE FATHER	6:36; 9:26
LORD OF THE WORLD	YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER	11:2
GOD THE PRAISED	MY FATHER	22:29
OH LORD	FATHER	22:42 23:34-46
GOD	MY FATHER	24:49

Bible facts about "Father" and "Son"

- "Father" in reference to God occurs 260x in the Greek New Testament*
- "Father" in reference to God is the same word used of human fathers
- "Son" in reference to Jesus occurs 79x in the Greek New Testament*
- "Son of God" in reference to Jesus occurs 45x in the Greek New Testament*
- "Son" in reference to Jesus is the same word used of human sons
- "Father" and "Son" are not treated as metaphors but as an integral witness to God's eternal Triune nature of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matt 28:19)
- "Father" is the source for all family. "Father" thus cannot be an analogy (i.e. metaphor) with human fathers (Eph 3:14-15).

- "Son" / "Son of God" is called God (Isa 7:14; 9:6; Heb 1:8; 1 John 5:20), described as the Creator (Pr 30:4; Col 1:13, 16; Heb 1:2), and is stated to be eternal (Isa 9:6; Mic 5:2; Col 1:13, 17; Heb 7:3). "Son" / "Son of God" thus cannot be an analogy (i.e. metaphor) with human sons.
- "Father" and "Son" have enjoyed shared glory and love from eternity as "Father" and "Son" (John 17:5, 24)
- "Father" and "Son" is the basis for believers in Jesus becoming children or sons of God (e.g. John 1:12; Rom 8:14-19, 29; Gal 4:4-7; Eph 1:3-5; 1 John 3:1-2)

“Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.” 1 Tim. 4:16

Final Thoughts:

- Muslims ought not to be deprived of the Gospel in the name of Bible translation!
- Christians should not be defrauded of their time and money by praying and funding something of which they would not approve!
- Christians should not be unwittingly distributing "Bible translations" that are anti-biblical!
- God should not be so impugned through the perversion of His Word! Proverbs 30:4-6; Jeremiah 8:8-9; 2 Corinthians 4:1-2; Revelation 22:18-19

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THE BIBLE IS SUFFICIENT FOR EVANGELISM

Apostasy in the Church

CHRISLAM in American churches.

- Bible and Qur'an in the pews
- Imams invited to read the Qur'an and call for the Islamic prayer.
- Emergent churches fasted the month of Ramadan.

Contextualization

Unbiblical Methods:

- CAMEL
JESUS IN THE QUR'AN SEMINAR (JIQ)
INSIDER MOVEMENT (Common Ground Conference)

Unbiblical Methods

Their reasoning:

- Yahweh = Allah
- Biblical Jesus = Islamic Jesus (Isa)
- There is truths in the Qur'an; thus we can share the gospel from it
- Muhammad is a true prophet

Their Practices:

- Missionaries call themselves Muslims
- Pray in the Mosque
- An Insider performs Salat (Prayer) in the Mosque, recites the Shahada (Islamic Confession of Faith).
- Fast the Month of Ramadan

- Telling Converts to call themselves Muslims followers of Isa (Islamic Jesus). Converts pray with Qur'an verses
- New converts remain in Mosque with no plan for withdrawal.
- The Insider can go to Hajj and participate in festivals and sacrifices.
- Christians can convert to Islam to join the Mosque.

Insider Movements

- One must ask, what happens when modern western philosophy, theology, social sciences, and linguistics converge in inherently syncretistic religious environments?
- IM is a by-product of the Emergent church, seeker sensitive, liberal seminaries, and political correctness in the church.
- Common Insider Beliefs

Common Insider Beliefs

- Mosque practice and Muslim celebrations are helpful and encouraged.
- Muhammad is a prophet of some kind, and in some cases he is equated to the Old Testament prophets.
- There are four sacred books; most think Qur'an is the greatest.
- Visible church is not necessary; it will bring attention and persecution, and it is a western thing.
- Son of God is equal to Isa al-Masih. **(It is my conviction this by itself is blasphemy.)**
- The Insider is considered to be a kind of fulfilled Muslim, not a kind of Christian; this is being equated with fulfilled Jews when they accept the Messiah.
- Insiders sometimes call themselves as messianic Muslims, similar to the messianic Jews.

- Does it describe a type of Muslim, a type of non-Muslim, or something else?
- Is culture neutral and can it be separated from religion?
- Forced isolation of insider community from observation and accountability
- Questionable math, lack of visible communities, significant attrition
- Prejudiced, selective, and inaccurate use of Scripture
- Continuing financial assistance for leaders
- Controversial translation work

Insider Issues

- Affirmation of Muhammad
- Terminology- Insider/outsider
- No role for the historical/traditional church
- No connections to the visible church
- Primacy of anthropology/sociology over theology
- Ethics issues concerned with deception
- Mosque influence: Salt & light?
- Confused identity
- A disregard for the plain reading and interpretation of the Bible, esp. the Gospels
- Dependence on extra-Biblical writings (i.e. non-inspired)
- Use of flawed premises and incorrect assertions about Scripture
- Accommodation to Muslim sentiment

Action points:

- When the essentials of faith are in question, we need to take time and respond.
- Our silence and inaction are part of several reasons as to why we are even having this discussion.

- Write letters to these and other organizations, including the missions boards of evangelical denominations

God is jealous!

Exodus 20:5; Deuteronomy 5:9; Exodus 34:14; Song of Solomon 8:6; James 4:4-5

Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name. Ps. 86:11

- **Biblical Missiology**

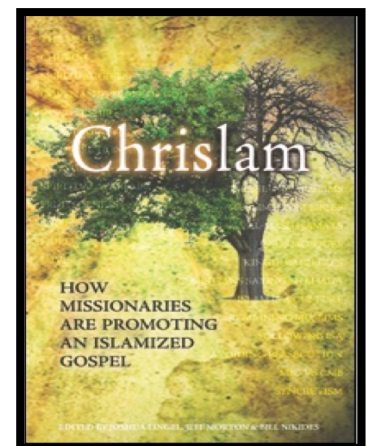
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- It exists to educate the church to this danger and teach sound biblical theology and missiology.
- Holds agencies accountable by dialog, meetings, articles, website, and online petitions.

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Chrislam: How Missionaries Are Promoting Islamized Gospel.

www.i2ministries.org



ONE SECOND AFTER THE RAPTURE

1. For the believer
2. For the unbeliever
3. So what?



1. For the believer

- b. Reunion (1 Thess. 4:13-18)
- c. Resurrection (1 Cor. 15:51, 53-55)
- d. Reward (2 Cor. 5:10)

a. Reunion (1 Thess. 4:13-18)

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 "But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. 14 ***For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.*** 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede. . .

...those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 ***Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.*** 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.”

b. Resurrection (1 Cor. 15:51, 53-55)

1 Corinthians 15:50-51

“50 Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed.”

Romans 8:19-23

19 “For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that ***the whole creation groans*** and suffers the . . .
... pains of childbirth together until now. 23 And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even ***we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.***”

d. Reward (2 Cor. 5:10)

Revelation 22:12

“Behold, I am coming quickly, and My **reward** is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.”



Our Performance Appraisals

2 Corinthians 5:10

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

Why?

- ❖ Not to judge sin (John 19:30)
- ❖ Not to determine salvation (John 5:24)
- ❖ But rather to give or not give rewards

John 5:24

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and **believes (PAP) Him** who sent Me, **has (PAI) eternal life**, and does not come into judgment, but **has passed (PFAI)** out of death into life.”

- ❖ PAP – present active participle
- ❖ PAI - present active indicative
- ❖ PFAI – perfect active indicative

Scripture's Five Crowns (Rev 4:10: 3:11; 2 John 8)		
SCRIPTURE	CROWN	PURPOSE
1 Cor. 9:24-27	Incorruptible	Gaining mastery over the flesh
1 Thess. 2:19-20	Rejoicing	Soul winning
Jas. 1:12; Rev. 2:10	Life	Enduring trials
1 Pet. 5:2-4	Glory	Shepherding God's people
2 Tim. 4:8	Righteousness	Longing for His appearing

1 Corinthians 3:14-15

“14 If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. 15 If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

2. For the Unbeliever

- a. A perverted explanation to be offered
- b. Change in God's program
- c. Identification of the Antichrist
- d. Global governance
- e. One-world religion
- f. Signs & wonders movement
- g. The demise of America
- h. God's wrath

a. A perverted explanation to be offered

"The people who leave the planet during the time of Earth changes ***do not fit in here any longer, and they are stopping the harmony of Earth***. When the time comes that perhaps 20 million people leave the planet at one time there will be a tremendous shift in consciousness for those who are remaining."

Barbara Marciniak, *Bringers of the Dawn: Teachings from the Pleiadians* (Rochester, VT: Bear and Co., 1992), cited in "Rapture: The New Age Version," <www.redmoonrising.com/newage.htm>, 29 January, 2010. See Gary Bates, *Alien Intrusion: UFOs and the Evolution Connection* (Powder Springs, GA: Creation Book Publishers, 2004), 367-68.

...Furthermore, "At the co-creative stage of evolution, ***one self-centered soul is like a lethal cancer cell in a body; deadly to itself and to the whole.***" Thus, "***The surgeon dare leave no cancer in the body when he closes up the wound after a delicate operation.*** We dare leave no self-centered person on Earth after the selection process."

Barbara Marx Hubbard, *The Revelation: A Message of Hope for the New Millennium*, 2nd ed. (Novato, CA: Nataraj, 1995), 65, 66, 195, 233, 240, 255.

The Coming Synthesis

“The coming of the Aquarian age also stimulates in man a spirit of universality and a tendency towards fusion. This can be seen working out in the present trend towards ***synthesis in business, in religion and in politics***. It produces an urge towards union, and among other unions, towards religious understanding and tolerance...False and true standards will emerge in man’s consciousness, and those choices will be made which will lay the foundation of the new order, which will inaugurate the new race, with its ***new laws*** and novel approaches, and so usher in the new religion of love and brotherhood, and that period wherein the group and the ***group-good will be the dominant*** note. Then ***separateness and hatreds will fade out*** and men will be merged in a true unity.”

Alice A. Bailey and Djwhal Khul, *The Seventh Ray: Revealer of the New Age* (NY: Lucius Press, 1995), 198-99.

b. Change in God’s program

1. From the Church to Israel
2. In the Holy Spirit’s operation

1. From the Church to Israel

Change in God’s Program

Romans 11:25-26

“25 For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; 26 and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, ‘The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob.’”

Abrahamic Covenant



Distinctions Between 144,000 & Multitude

144,000	MULTITUDE
Revelation 7:1-8	Revelation 7:9-17
Numbered	Innumerable
Jews	All nations
Sealed (First Fruits)	Slain (Martyrs)
Sealed before the Tribulation	Converted out of the Tribulation
Hitchcock and Ice, <i>The Truth Behind Left Behind</i> , 77	

God's Work Through Israel

- ❖ Rev 7 – 144,000 Jews
- ❖ Rev 11 – Two Jewish witnesses
- ❖ Rev 12 – Israel flees

Jeremiah 30:7

“Alas! for that day is great, There is ***none like it***; And it is the time of ***Jacob's distress*** (Gen. 32:8; 35:10), But he will be ***saved*** from it.”

2. In the Holy Spirit's operation

God's Work Through Israel

1 Samuel 16:13-14

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and ***the Spirit of the Lord*** came mightily ***upon*** David from that day forward. And Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

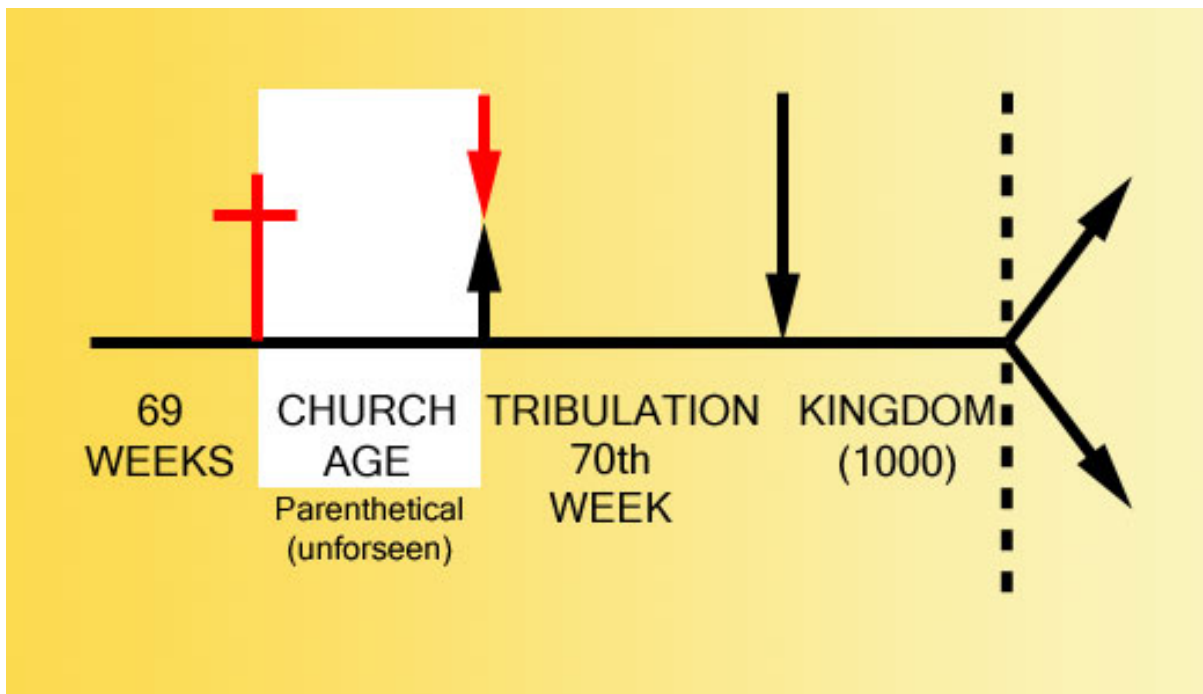
14 Now the Spirit of the Lord ***departed*** from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord terrorized him.

John 14:16-17

16 I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you ***forever***; 17 that is ***the Spirit*** of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but ***you know Him*** because He abides with you and will be ***in you***.

WORK OF THE SPIRIT IN THE O.T.

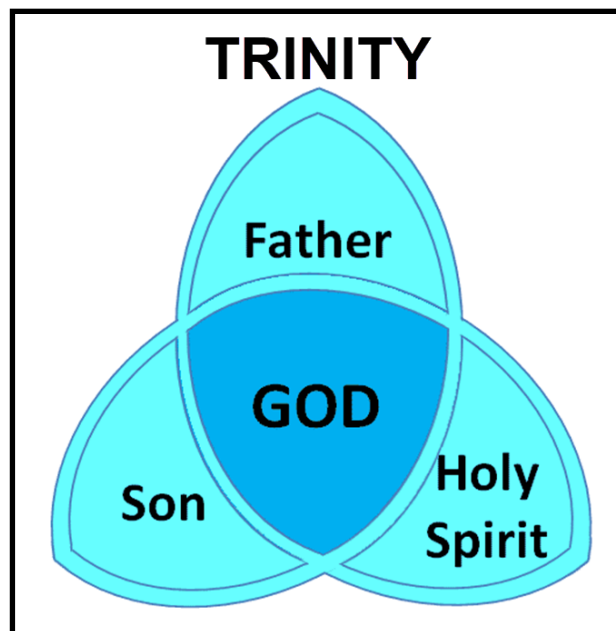
	OT/GOSPELS/ACTS 1	ACTS 2/TODAY
External vs. Internal	Upon (1 Sam. 16:13)	Within (John 14:17)
Reception of all of the Spirit at the moment of salvation?	Subsequent to salvation (Exod 31:3)	At moment of salvation (Rom 8:9)
How long is the indwelling?	Temporary indwelling (1 Sam 16:14; Ps 51:11)	Permanent indwelling (John 14:16)
Who is indwelt?	Selective indwelling (Joel 2:28)	Universal indwelling (1 Cor 12:13)



c. Identification of the Antichrist

2 Thessalonians 2:6-7

6 And you know what **restrains** [*katechon*; *neuter*] him now, so that in his time he will be revealed. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is



already at work; only he who now **restrains** [*katechōn*; *masculine*] will do so until he is taken out of the way.

3 Reasons Why the Restrainer is the Holy Spirit (2 Thessalonians 2:6-7)

1. The Holy Spirit is omnipotent
2. The Holy Spirit view handles well the switch in gender from the neuter (vs. 6) to the masculine (vs. 7)
3. The Holy Spirit is active in the world (Gen. 6:3; John 16:7-11)

Revelation 13:17-18

“17 and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the **name of the beast** or the **number of his name**. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the **number of the beast**, for the **number is that of a man [anthrōpos]**; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.”

Who is the Antichrist?

“We will not, however, incur the risk of pronouncing positively as to the name of **Antichrist**; but if it had been necessary to announce his name plainly at the present time, it would have been spoken by him who saw the apocalypse. For it was not seen long ago, but almost in our own time, at the end of the reign of Domitian (A.D. 95).” *Irenaeus Against Heresies 5.30.3*

Ezekiel 28:13, 15

13 “You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The ruby, the topaz and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx and the jasper; The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald; And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, Was in you. On the day that you were **created** They were prepared... 15 “You were blameless in your ways From the day you were **created** Until unrighteousness was found in you.”

2 Thessalonians 2:3, 7

“...**the man of lawlessness is revealed**, the son of destruction...For **the mystery of lawlessness is already at work**; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way

1 John 4:3

“and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is **the spirit of the antichrist**, of which you have heard that it is coming, and **now it is already in the world.**”

d. Global governance

Daniel 7:23

“The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour **the whole earth** and tread it down and crush it.”

Satan’s Goal of Globalism

Dan. 7:23

Rev. 13:7-8; Rev. 5:9

Rev. 13:16-18

Rev. 17:15

Zechariah 5:5-11

- ❖ Woman (wickedness)
- ❖ Ephah (commerce)
- ❖ House (Temple – 2 Sam 7; religion)
- ❖ Shinar (Gen 10:10; 11:2; Dan 1:

2 Thessalonians 2:6-7

6And you know what **restrains** [*katechon; neuter*] him now, so that in his time he will be revealed. 7For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now **restrains** [*katechōn; masculine*] will do so until he is taken out of the way.

Zechariah 5:5-11	Revelation 17-18
Woman sitting in a basket	Woman sitting on beast, seven mountains, many waters (17: 3, 9, 15)
Emphasis on commerce (a basket for measuring grain)	Emphasis on commerce (merchant of grain, 18:13)
Woman's name is wickedness	Woman's name is Babylon the Great, Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth
Focus on False worship (a temple is built for the woman)	Focus on False worship (17:5)
Woman is taken to Babylon	Woman is called Babylon
Hitchcock, The Second Coming of Babylon, 109.	

John Lennon- Song "Imagine"

... imagine there's "no heaven," "no hell," "**no countries,**" "no religion," "no possessions," imagine all the people "living for today," and the world will be "**as one.**"

David Rockefeller
cited in *Memoirs*, page 405.

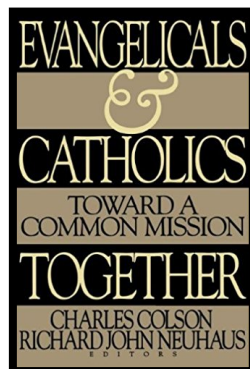
“For more than a century ideological extremists...have seized upon well-publicized incidents...to attack the Rockefeller family for the inordinate influence they claim we wield over American political and economic institutions. Some even believe we are part of a secret cabal working against the best interests of the United States, characterizing my family and me as 'internationalists' and of conspiring with others around the world to build a more integrated global political and economic structure--one world, if you will. ***If that's the charge, I stand guilty, and I am proud of it.***”

e. One-world religion

Revelation 17:15

“And he said to me, ‘The waters which you saw where the harlot sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues.’”

Evangelicals and Catholics Together



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f. Signs & wonders movement

Satanic/Demonic Miracles

- ❖ Exod. 7-8
- ❖ Deut. 13:1-3
- ❖ Job 1:12-19; 2:7-8
- ❖ 1 Sam. 28?
- ❖ Matt. 7:21-23; 24:24
- ❖ Acts 8:9; 16:16
- ❖ Gal. 1:6-9
- ❖ 2 Thess. 2:9
- ❖ Rev. 13:3, 13, 15; 16:13-14

Galatians 1:6–9

6 I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; 7 which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we, **or an angel from heaven**, should preach to you a gospel **contrary to what we have preached to you**, he is to be accursed! 9 As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!

g. The demise of America

God Blesses His Truth

- ❖ Proverbs 14:34 “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.”
- ❖ Ps 33:12 “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.”

America is a “Christian Nation”

“This is historically true. From the discovery of this continent to the present hour, there is a single voice making this affirmation... These are not the sayings, declarations of private persons: they are organic utterances; they speak the voice of the entire people... These and many other matters which might be noticed, add a volume of unofficial declarations to the mass of organic utterances that **this is a Christian nation.**”

Church of the Holy Trinity v. U.S., 143 U.S. 457, 465, 470-71 (1892)



h. God's wrath

Pretribulationism is not Escapism

- ❖ Trials (John 16:33)
- ❖ Man's wrath (2 Tim 3:12)
- ❖ Satan's wrath (Eph 6:11-12)
- ❖ World's wrath (John 15:18-19)

Promised Exemption from Divine Wrath

- ❖ The promise (1 Thess 1:10; 5:9; Rom 5:9; 8:1; Rev 3:10)
- ❖ Tribulation = divine wrath (Rev 6:16-17; 11:18; 15:1, 7; 16:1, 19)

God's Role in Redemption (Rev 5)

- ❖ Seven sealed scroll (5:1)
- ❖ John weeps (5:2-4)

- ❖ Christ is qualified to open the scroll (5:5-6)
- ❖ Christ takes the scroll (5:7)
- ❖ Christ praised by various entities (5:8-14)

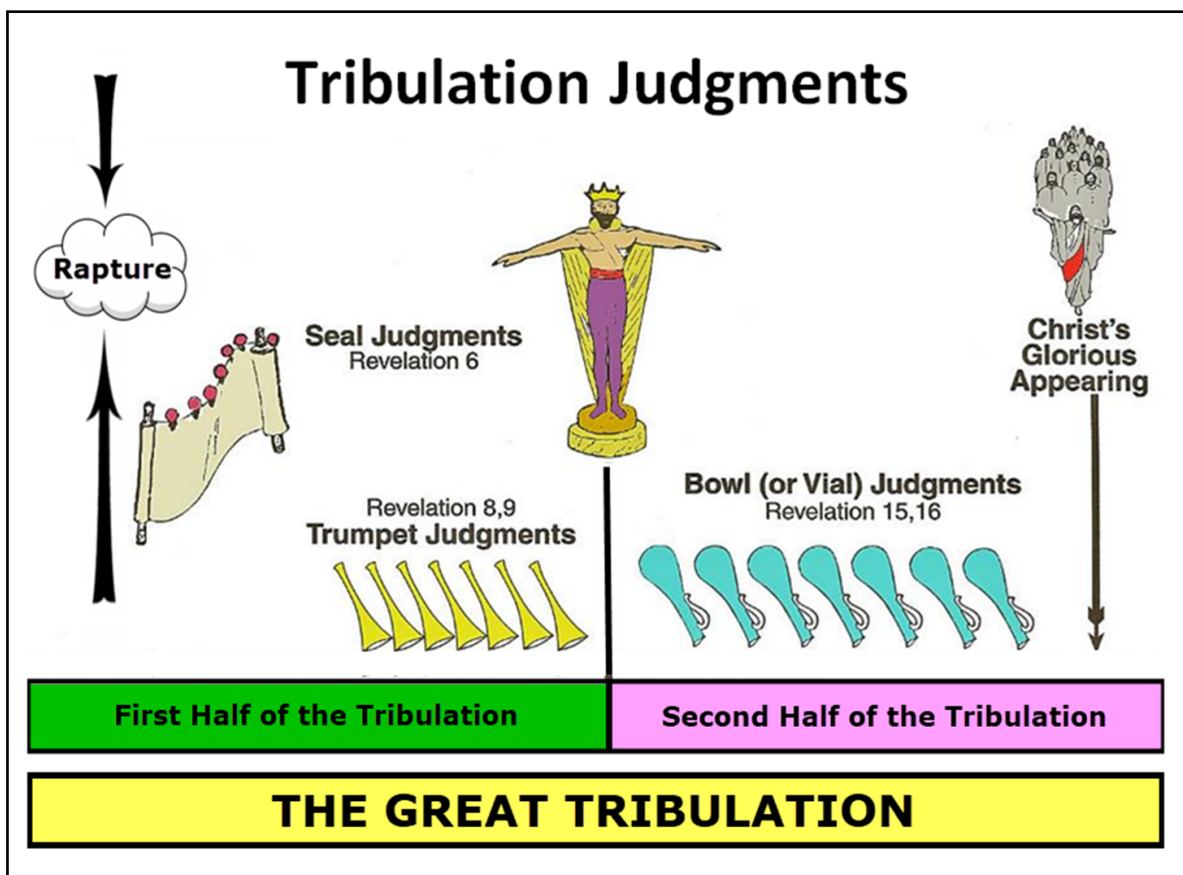
Telescope

7th judgment releases 1st in next series

Seals: 1 2 3 4 5 6 **7**

Trumpets: **1** 2 3 4 5 6 7

Bowls: **1** 2 3 4 5 6 7



Revelation 6:16-17

“16 and they said to the mountains and the rocks, ‘Fall on us and hide us from the sight of Him who sits on the throne, and from the **wrath [orgé]** of the Lamb; 17 for the great day of Their **wrath [orgé]** has come, and who is able to stand?’”

Robert L. Thomas Rev. 6:16-17

"The verb ēlethen ("has come") is aorist indicative, referring to a previous arrival of wrath, not something that is about to take place. Men see the arrival of this day at least as early as the cosmic upheavals that characterize the sixth seal (6:12-14), but upon reflection they probably recognize that it was already in effect with the death of one-fourth of the population (6:7-8), the worldwide famine (6:5-6), and the global warfare (6:3-4). The rapid sequence of all of these events could not escape notice, but the light of their true explanation does not dawn upon human consciousness until the severe phenomena of the sixth seal arrive." Robert L. Thomas, Revelation 1–7: An Exegetical Commentary, ed. Kenneth Barker (Chicago: Moody, 1992), 457-58.

Matthew 24:21-22

“21 For then there will be a great **tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.** 22 Unless those days had been cut short, **no life would have been saved**; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.”

Genesis 19:22

“Hurry, escape there, for **I cannot do anything** until you arrive there.” Therefore the name of the town was called Zoar.”

2 Peter 2:7-9

“7and if He rescued **righteous Lot**, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men 8 (for by what he saw and heard that **righteous man**, while living among them, felt his **righteous soul** tormented day after day by their lawless deeds), 9 then the Lord knows how to rescue the **godly** from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment.”

3. So what?

- a. Uniformitarianism?
- b. Live for Christ
- c. Reach the lost
- d. Believe the Gospel

a. Uniformitarianism (Doctrine of Uniformity)?

2 Peter 3:3-6

“3 Know this first of all, that in the last days **mockers** will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, 4 and saying, ‘Where is the promise of **His coming?** For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of **creation.**’ 5 For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the **earth was formed** out of water and by water. 6 through which the world at that time was destroyed by being **flooded** with water.”

HISTORY- 2 Pet. 3:5-7

- ❖ Creation (5)
- ❖ Flood (6-7)
 - ❖ God will judge again via fire

UNIFORMITARIANISM IS NOT BIBLICISM			
	ERA	SCRIPTURE	DISTINCTIVES
1.	CREATION	Genesis 1-2	No death
2.	FALL	Genesis 3-6	Death, painful pregnancy & toil, long life spans, no human government
3.	FLOOD	Genesis 7-10	Shorter life spans, human government, one language, no nations
4.	BABEL	Genesis 11-present	No global government, multiple languages, nations, ethnicities
5.	ANTICHRIST	Rapture to 2 nd Advent	Global government, restrainer removed
6.	KINGDOM	Rev. 20:1-10	Long life spans, kingdom conditions, reality of death, renovated earth
7.	ETERNAL STATE	Rev. 21-22	No death, new earth

b. Live for Christ

Romans 13:11-12

“Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; ***for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed.*** 12 The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.”

c. Reach the lost

Mark 16:15

“And He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.’”

d. Believe the Gospel

John 5:24

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and **believes Him** who sent Me, **has eternal life**, and does not come into judgment, but **has passed** out of death into life.”

LIVING IN AN EVIL AND HOSTILE WORLD

THE AMERICAN CHURCH VS. THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 1 Tim. 2:1-4

First of all. There is a sense of priority and urgency:

- **Entreaties:** an earnest or humble requests
- **Prayers:** is an invocation or act that seeks to activate an action with an object of worship through deliberate communication with God

- **Petitions** (Supplications) and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men

Reason? So that we may lead:

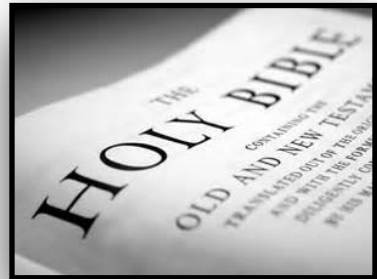
- A tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.
- Acceptable to God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

THE AMERICAN CHURCH

American Christianity



Biblical Christianity



American Christianity allowed the culture to influence the church than the other way round.

Positive:

- Funding missionary work around the world
- Responding to disaster relief globally
- Theological education
- Utilizing technology to advance the Kingdom
- Exporting Bibles globally

Negative:

- Created evangelistic apathy in the U.S.
- Disconnect from the mission field
- Disconnect from the cultural changes
- Biblical illiteracy
- Disconnect from the persecuted Church
- Consumer driven

The American Church was silent in the sixties which produced:

- Sexual Revolution
- Cultural Revolution
- God is out of schools and politics
- Filth production from Hollywood (the moral standard)
- The Church has been hijacked by **GREED**
- Consumed with church growth: **NUMBERS**. That spelled to the mission field
- Political correctness & preach **SOFT FEEL GOOD** sermons
- Became man **CENTERED**
- Music/worship centered rather **SCRIPTURE** centered
- Prayer is a **secondary** practice
- Most are enslaved to **debt** at the cost of ministry
- Developed **competition** against each other
- Not willing to fight for **religious liberties** out of fear of losing IRS (501c3)

The problem is not with darkness, it just acts as its nature; the problem is with the light, it's not shining

In American Christianity:

- **We pray without crying,**
- **We give without sacrificing,**
- **We live without fasting...**
- **It's no wonder that we sow without reaping.**

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Positive:

- Standing up for Christ & truth
- Total reliance on Christ alone
- Prayer is the bloodline of the church
- The Bible is their Oxygen
- Great testimony to others



Negative:

- Can have better than you attitude (very slim)
- Tends to listen to bad doctrine/theology
- Some have fear to evangelize

The persecuted church:

- No concern for the material world nor the IRS
- No concern for Church growth movements nor building debts
- Prayer focused
- Great Commission focused
- Forgiving their enemy is practiced

Matt. 5:43: “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.

**MATTHEW 10:16-39 (Read the Text)
THE COST OF BEING A DISCIPLE**

- They always ask the Lord for boldness
- Their suffering has become a great testimony for non-believers

CHURCH PERSECUTION CONTRAST

PERSECUTED CHURCH	AMERICAN CHURCH
PROTECTIONISM (existing religion)	MORALITY (Free from accountability)
CULTURAL (Reflecting a religion)	CULTURAL (No religion)
THEOLOGICAL (Bible attacked)	BIBLE ATTACKED (Love of sin)
INTOLERANCE (Prejudice)	INTOLERANCE (Immorality)

PREPARING FOR HOSTILITY - 4 STAGES

5. **Rejecting** the Bible (Non-Believers & some in the Church)
6. Turn morality **upside down** (substitute good for bad, light for darkness, bitter for sweet)
7. Demand **tolerance** (People become intolerant to Christianity’s message of the gospel)
8. Final step will be **PERSECUTION**

1. **Rejecting the Bible** (Non-Believers & some in the Church)
 - The Bible is undermined, ridiculed, criticized, adjusted and rejected
 - [Progressive Christianity](#), [Emergent Church](#), Atheism, etc.

Progressive Christianity



Pastor Joshua Scott's Feb. 7, 2021, sermon of Grace Pointe Church in Nashville, TN. Declared that the Bible isn't God's Word.

“Grace Pointe Church added that the Bible “isn’t: the Word of God, self-interpreting, a science book, an answer/rule book, inerrant or infallible.” Instead, the church argued, the Bible is “a product of community, a library of texts, multi-vocal, a human response to God, living and dynamic.” christianheadlines.com

Leading to Rejection of God’s authority

- In a pluralistic society any god is OK!
- Man is god, people are gods, things are gods.....
- Underlying this is a strong return to paganism and an aggressive rejection of the one true God.

“You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth.” Exodus 20: 3,4

2. Turn morality upside down (substitute good for bad, light for darkness, bitter for sweet)

- Heterosexuality is seen as the backbone that holds patriarchy together so is being consistently undermined.
- This results in today’s acceptance of homosexuality; destruction of male/female and family roles, and free sex with no boundaries.

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united with his wife, and the two will become one flesh’. So, they are no longer two, but one. Therefore, what God has joined together, let not man separate.

Matthew 19: 4-6

- Fornication is good
- Sex is recreational

- **Homosexuality is normal**
- **Homosexual marriage is acceptable**
- **Abortion is good**
- **A woman's right to choose**
- **The Bible is rejected, now you've turned morality upside down**

3. Demand tolerance (People become intolerant to Christianity's message of the gospel)

- There are strong agendas being advanced which are 'politically correct' and which are intolerant of Christian views.
- Those who don't agree are labeled as sexist, racist, bigoted, homophobic etc.

4. Final step is PERSECUTION

- Workplace
- Family
- Community
- Culture
- The government

HOW SHALL WE LIVE IN A HOSTILE WORLD?

1. Memorize Scripture (Deut. 11:18)
2. Learn to meet in homes (Acts 2:46; 20:20)
3. Meet the needs of the brethren (Deut. 26:12; 1 Tim 6:18-19)
4. Put on the Armor of God (Eph. 6: 10-18)
5. Be a prayer warrior (Ps. 121:1-8; Rom. 8:26)

6. Focus on the New Heaven and Earth
7. Be the Light of the world, expose darkness in and outside the Church (Matt. 5:14)
8. Learn to develop thicker skin
9. Develop spiritual senses
10. Do NOT FEAR death
11. Never abandon the Great Commission
12. Learn and teach apologetics

“but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, but with gentleness and respect;” (1 Pet. 3:15)

“41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. 42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” Acts 2:41-42

EVERYONE IS GOING TO DIE

43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.” Matt. 5:43-45

- When they die, they do face judgment. They’re all living on borrowed time. “And just as it is destined for people to die once, and after this comes judgment” Heb 9:27

- You're their only hope. Make your life count for the gospel.

*10“Blessed are those who have been **persecuted** for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11“Blessed are you when people **insult you and persecute you**, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. 12“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for **in the same way** they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” Matt. 5:10-12*

What does it mean that Satan is the father of lies (John 8:44)?

Satan is the “**father of lies**” in that he is the original liar.

- After planting seeds of doubt in Eve’s mind with a question (Genesis 3:1), he directly contradicts God’s Word by telling her, “You will not certainly die” (Genesis 3:4).
- With that lie, Satan led Eve to her death; Adam followed, and so have we all.

Five lies Satan wants us to believe and how to overcome

1. God doesn’t love you.

Sometimes it’s hard to believe that God loves us. But God has told us in his word that he loves us.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
Romans 8:38-39

- We don't always feel God's love for us. Especially when we're going through hard times.
- But our feelings, though true feelings, are not always the truth. And God has demonstrated His love for us by sending His Son to die for us while we were still sinners.
- Don't believe Satan's lie that God doesn't love you.
- Nothing can separate us from his love – our failures, our lack of love for him, even our unbelief. God loves you.

2. **God will not be faithful to you.** He won't keep his promises. Satan tells us God won't meet our needs. God won't work in our lives. God won't save our children. But God promises in his word:

Deuteronomy 7:9; 1 Corinthians 1:8-9; 1 Cor. 10:13

3. **God is not going to answer your prayers.** Satan tells us God won't meet our needs. God won't work in our lives. God won't save our children.

- Satan will point out situations where it looks like God didn't answer prayers.
- He reminds us of people we prayed for who died.
- He points out people we have prayed for to be saved who have not yet responded to the gospel. “God won't answer your prayers.
- Don't bother praying for this.”

Yet God tells us: James 5:16-18; Hebrews 11:6; Matthew 7:7-11

4. Nothing will happen to you if you sin Genesis 3:2-5

- Satan will tell us we can commit sin with no consequences.
- He will tell us we can commit sexual sin, or we can lie or steal or harbor unforgiveness.
- He will lie to us and tell us that to do something just once won't hurt anything.
- He will tell us no one will find out.
- Romans 6:23; Proverbs 11:29; James 1:14-15
- Every one of us has sinned and deserves death, both physical and eternal, yet God is so merciful, when we believe in Jesus, he delivers us out of spiritual death and gives us eternal life.
- Yet we don't want to believe Satan's lie that we can sin and suffer no consequences.
- When believers willfully sin, they often suffer horrible consequences.
- Marriages suffer, families suffer, churches suffer, individuals suffer.

5. Sin will satisfy you

- Sin would not be tempting if it didn't promise us pleasure or satisfaction. After Satan lied to her, Eve looked at the fruit on the tree and it looked promising.... Genesis 3:6
- Sin may "satisfy" us temporarily, but in the end it leaves us unsatisfied and unhappy. We must remember that the only one who can satisfy us is God: Psalm 16:5-6; Psalm 107:9; Psalm 103:5

- Only Jesus Christ can satisfy us. God fills us with his joy, peace and contentment. Sin can never satisfy. Don't believe Satan's lie that sin will satisfy us.

How to combat Satan's lies?

1. Read God's Word, pray, and fellowship with the Lord.

Ephesians 6:16-18

Counter Satan's lies with God's word, the shield of faith and sword of the Spirit. When Satan tempted Jesus, he countered with God's word, "It is written..."

2. Realize there is a tempter out to destroy you

"Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." 1 Peter 5:8

3. Fear the Lord

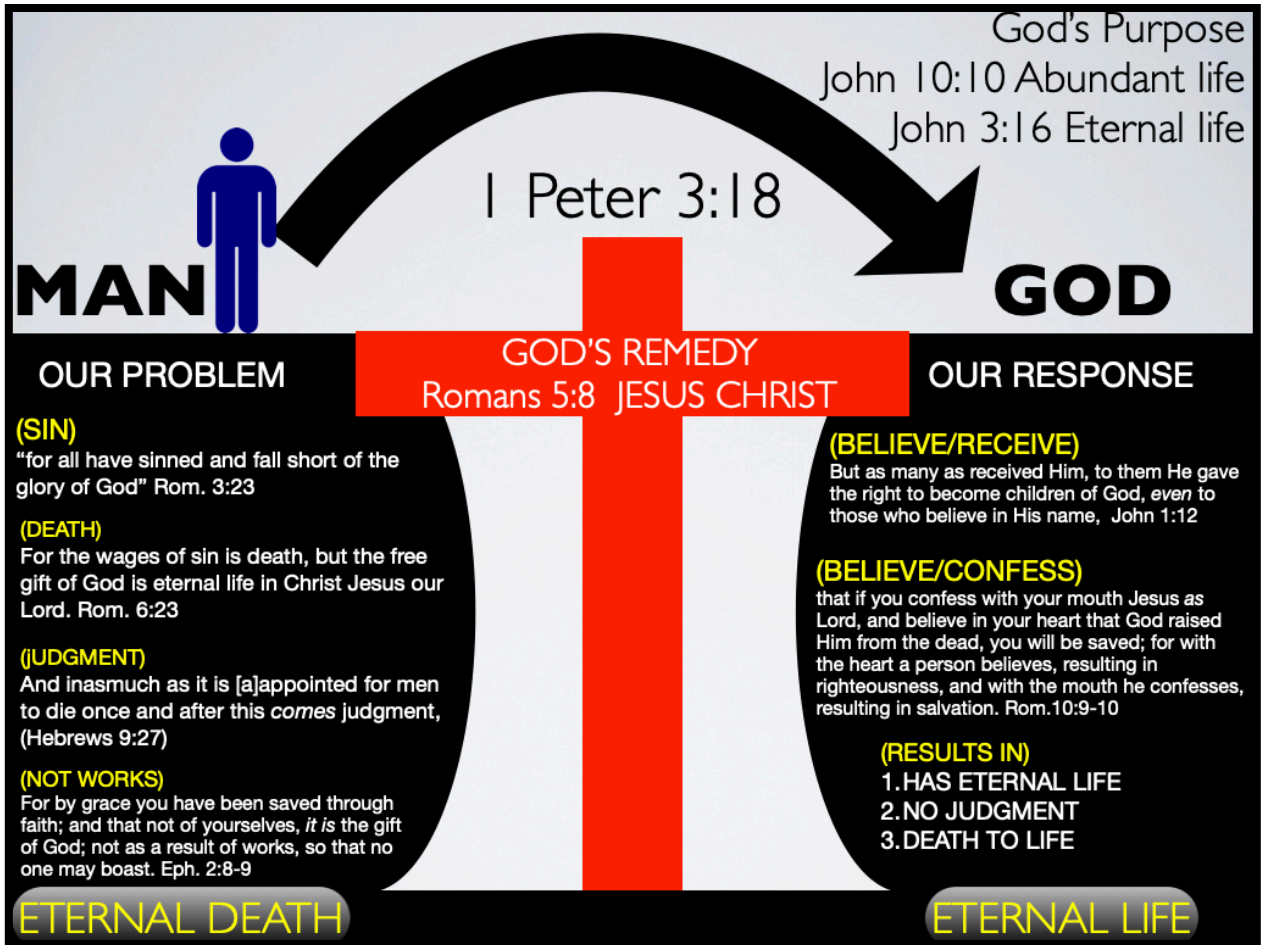
- "Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil." Proverbs 3:7
- "And he said to man, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to turn away from evil is understanding.'" Job 28:28

4. Flee temptation

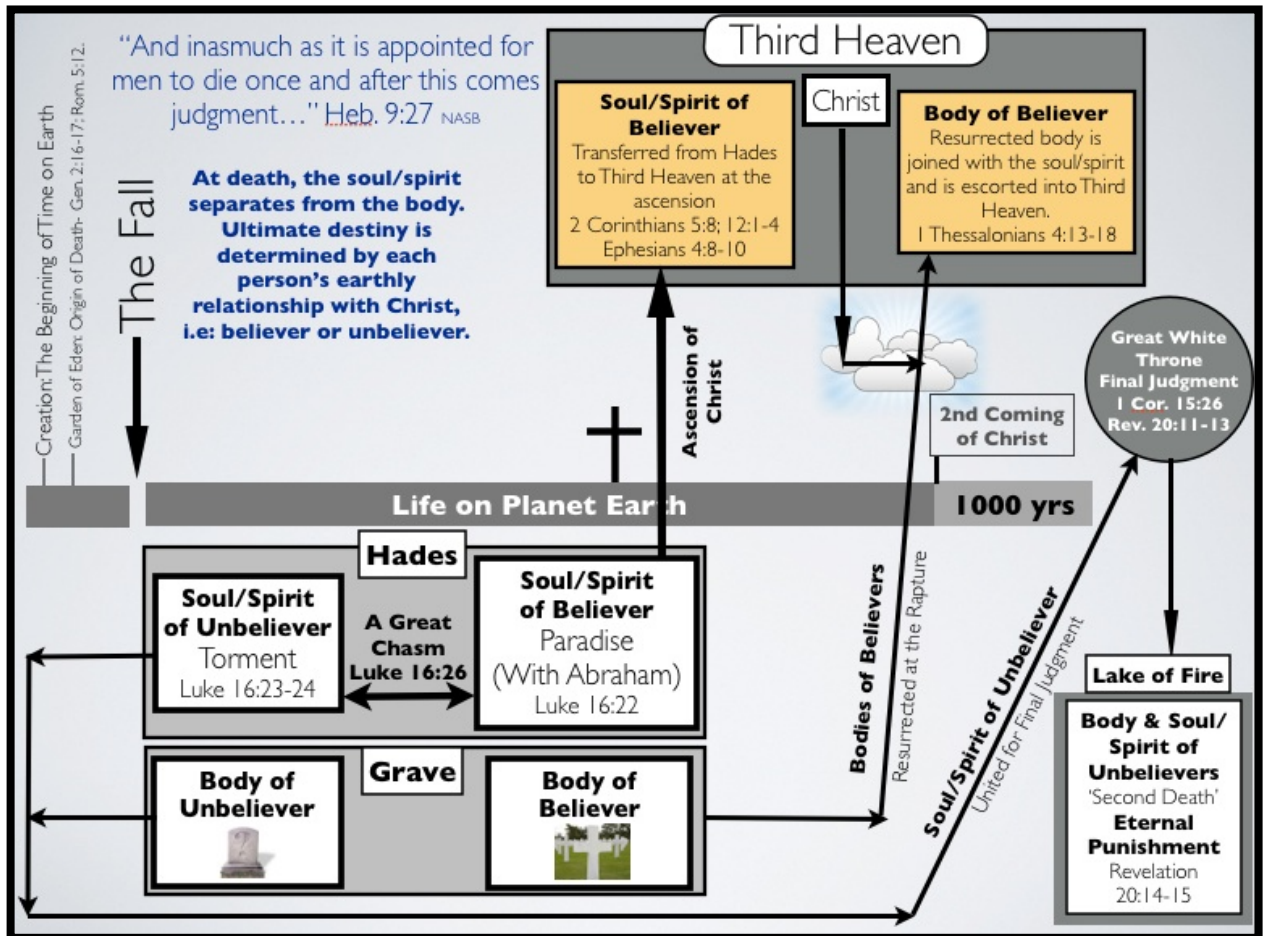
- "Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body." 1 Corinthians 6:18
- "Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry." Colossians 3:5

Satan lies to us about God, about sin, about ourselves. Let us fight those lies with God's word and his Spirit.

SALVATION



WHAT HAPPENS TO PEOPLE AFTER THEY DIE?



MESSIANIC PROPHECIES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

PROPHECY	OT REFERENCES	NT FULFILLMENT
Seed of the woman	Gen 3:15	Gal 4:4; Heb 2:14
Through Noah's sons	Gen 9:27	Luke 6:36
Seed of Abraham	Gen 12:3	Matt 1:1; Gal 3:8, 16
Seed of Isaac	Gen 17:19	Rom 9:7; Heb 11:18
Blessing to nations	Gen 18: 18	Gal 3:8
Seed of Isaac	Gen 21:12	Rom 9:7; Heb 11:18
Blessing to Gentiles	Gen 22:18, 26:4	Gal 3:8, 16; Heb 6:14
Blessing through Abraham	Gen 28:14	Gal 3:8, 16; Heb 6:14
Of the tribe of Judah	Gen 49:10	Rev 5:5
No bone broken	Exod 12:46, Num 9:12	John 19:36
Blessing to firstborn son	Exod 13:2	Luke 2:23
Serpent in the wilderness	Num 21:8-9	John 3:14-15
A star out of Jacob	Num 24:17-19	Matt 2:2; Luke 1:33, 78; Rev 22:16
As a prophet	Deut 18:15, 18-19	John 6:14; 7:40; Acts 3:22-23
Cursed on the tree	Deut 21:23	Gal 3:13
The throne of David established forever	2 Sam 7:12-13, 16, 25-26; 1 Chr 17:11-14, 23-27; 2 Chr 21:7	Matt 19:28; 21:4; 25:31; Mark 12:37; Luke 1:32; John 7:4; Acts 2:30; 13:23; Rom 1:3; 2 Tim 2:8; Heb 1:5, 8; 8:1; 12:2; Rev 22:1
A promised Redeemer	Job 19:25-27	John 5:28-29; Gal 4:4; Eph 1:7, 11, 14
Declared to be the Son of God	Ps 2:1-12	Matt 3:17; Mark 1:11; Acts 4:25-26; 13:33; Heb 1:5; 5:5; Rev 2:26-27; 19:15-16
His resurrection	Ps 16:8-10	Acts 2:27; 13:35; 26:23

Hands and feet pierced	Ps 22:1-31	Matt 27:31, 35-36
Mocked and insulted	Ps 22:7-8	Matt 27:39-43, 45-59
Soldiers cast lots for coat	Ps 22:18	Mark 15:20, 24-25, 34; Luke 19:24; 23:35; John 19:15-18, 23-24, 34; Acts 2:23-24
Accused by false witnesses	Ps 27:12	Matt 26:60-61
He commits His spirit	Ps 31:5	Luke 23:46
No broken bone	Ps 34:20	John 19:36
Accused by false witnesses	Ps 35:11	Matt 26:59-61; Mark 14:57-58
Hated without reason	Ps 35:19	John 15:24-25
Friends stand afar off	Ps 38:11	Matt 27:55; Mark 15:40; Luke 23:49
"I come to do Thy will"	Ps 40:6-8	Heb 10:5-9
Betrayed by a friend	Ps 41:9	Matt 26:14-16, 47, 50; Mark 14:17-21; Luke 22:19-23; John 13:18-19
Known for righteousness	Ps 45:2, 6-7	Heb 1:8-9
His resurrection	Ps 49:15	Mark 16:6
Betrayed by a friend	Ps 55:12-14	John 13:18
His ascension	Ps 68:18	Eph 4:8
Hated without reason	Ps 69:4	John 15:25
Stung by reproaches	Ps 69:9	John 2:17; Rom 15:3
Given gall and vinegar	Ps 69:21	Matt 27:34, 48; Mark 15:23; Luke 23:36; John 19:29
Exalted by God	Ps 72:1-19	Matt 2:2; Phil 2:9-11; Heb 1:8
He speaks in parables	Ps 78:2	Matt 13:34-35
Seed of David exalted	Ps 89:3-4, 19, 27-29, 35-37	Luke 1:32; Acts 2:30; 13:23; Rom 1:3; 2 Tim 2:8
Son of Man comes in glory	Ps 102:16	Luke 21:24,27; Rev 12:5-10

"Thou remainest!"	Ps 102:24-27	Heb 1:10-12
Prays for His enemies	Ps 109:4	Luke 23:34
Another to succeed Judas	Ps 109:7-8	Acts 1:16-20
A priest like Melchizedek	Ps 110:1-7	Matt 22:41-45; 26:64; Mark 12:35-37; 16:19; Acts 7:56; Eph 1:20; Col 1:20; Heb 1:13; 2:8; 5:6; 6:20; 7:21; 8:1; 10:11-13; 12:2
The chief cornerstone	Ps 118:22-23	Matt 21:42; Mark 12:10-11; Luke 20:17; John 1:11; Acts 4:11; Eph 2:20; 1 Pet 2:4
The King comes in the name of the Lord	Ps 118:26	Matt 21:9; 23:39; Mark 11:9; Luke 13:35; 19:38; John 12:13
David's seed to reign	Ps 132:11 2 Sam 7:12-13, 16, 25-26, 29	Matt 1:1
Declared to be the Son of God	Prov 30:4	Matt 3:17; Mark 14:61-62; Luke 1:35; John 3:13; 9:35-38; 11:21; Rom 1:2-4; 10:6-9; 2 Pet 1:17
Repentance for the nations	Isa 2:2-4	Luke 24:47
Hearts are hardened	Isa 6:9-10	Matt 13:14-15; John 12:39-40; Acts 28:25-27
Born of a virgin	Isa 7:14	Matt 1:22-23
A rock of offense	Isa 8:14-15	Rom 9:33; 1 Pet 2:8
Light out of darkness	Isa 9:1-2	Matt 4:14-16; Luke 2:32
God with us	Isa 9:6-7	Matt 1:21,23; Luke 1:32-33; John 8:58; 10:30; 14:19; 2 Cor 5:19; Col 2:9
Full of wisdom and power	Isa 11:1-10	Matt 3:16; John 3:34; Rom 15:12; Heb 1:9
Reigning in mercy	Isa 16:4-5	Luke 1:31-33
Peg in a sure place	Isa 22:21-25	Rev 3:7

Death swallowed up in victory	Isa 25:6-12	1 Cor 15:54
A stone in Zion	Isa 28:16	Rom 9:33; 1 Pet 2:6
The deaf hear, the blind see	Isa 29:18-19	Matt 5:3; 11:5; John 9:39
King of Kings, Lord of Lords	Isa 32:1-4	Rev 19:16; 20:6
Son of the Highest	Isa 33:22	Luke 1:32; 1 Tim 1:17; 6:15
Healing for the needy	Isa 35:4-10	Matt 9:30; 11:5; 12:22; 20:34; 21:14; Mark 7:30; John 5:9
Make ready the way of the Lord	Isa 40:3-5	Matt 3:3; Mark 1:3; Luke 3:4-5; John 1:23
The Shepherd dies for His sheep	Isa 40:10-11	John 10:11; Heb 13:20; 1 Pet 2:24-25
The meek servant	Isa 42:1-16	Matt 12:17-21; Luke 2:32
A light to the Gentiles	Isa 49:6-12	Acts 13:47; 2 Cor 6:2
Scourged and spat upon	Isa 50:6	Matt 26:67; 27:26, 30; Mark 14:65; 15:15, 19; Luke 22:63-65; John 19:1
Rejected by His people	Isa 52:13-53:12	Matt 8:7; 27:1-2, 12-14, 38
Suffered vicariously	Isa 53:4-5	Mark 15:3-4, 27-28; Luke 23:1-25, 32-34
Silent when accused	Isa 53:7	John 1:29; 11:49-52
Crucified with transgressors	Isa 53:12	John 12:37-38; Acts 8:28-35
Buried with the rich	Isa 53:9	Acts 10:43; 13:38-39; 1 Cor 15:3; Eph 1:7; 1 Pet 2:21-25; 1 John 1:7, 9
Calling of those not a people	Isa 55:4-5	John 18:37; Rom 9:25-26; Rev 1:5
Deliver out of Zion	Isa 59:16-20	Rom 11:26-27
Nations walk in the light	Isa 60:1-3	Luke 2:32
Anointed to preach liberty	Isa 61:1-3	Luke 4:17-19; Acts 10:38

Called by a new name	Isa 62:1-2	Luke 2:32; Rev 3:12
The King cometh	Isa 62:11	Matt 21:5
A vesture dipped in blood	Isa 63:1-3	Rev 19:13
Afflicted with the afflicted	Isa 63:8-9	Matt 25:34-40
The elect shall inherit	Isa 65:9	Rom 11:5, 7; Heb 7:14; Rev 5:5
New heavens and a new earth	Isa 65:17-25	2 Pet 3:13; Rev 21:1
The Lord our righteousness	Jer 23:5-6	John 2:19-21; Rom 1:3-4; Eph 2:20-21; 1 Pet 2:5
Born a King	Jer 30:9	John 18:37; Rev 1:5
Massacre of infants	Jer 31:15	Matt 2:17-18
Conceived by the Holy Spirit	Jer 31:22	Matt 1:20; Luke 1:35
A New Covenant	Jer 31:31-34	Matt 26:27-29; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:15-20; 1 Cor 11:25; Heb 8:8-12; 10:15-17; 12:24; 13:20
A spiritual house	Jer 33:15-17	John 2:19-21; Eph 2:20-21; 1 Pet 2:5
A tree planted by God	Ezek 17:22-24	Matt 13:31-32
The humble exalted	Ezek 21:26-27	Luke 1:52
The good Shepherd	Ezek 34:23-24	John 10:11
Stone cut without hands	Dan 2:34-35	Acts 4:10-12
His kingdom triumphant	Dan 2:44-45	Luke 1:33; 1 Cor 15:24; Rev 11:15
An everlasting dominion	Dan 7:13-14	Matt 24:30; 25:31; 26:64; Mark 14:61-62; Acts 1:9-11; Rev 1:7
Kingdom for the saints	Dan 7:27	Luke 1:33; 1 Cor 15:24; Rev 11:15
Time of His birth	Dan 9:24-27	Matt 24:15-21; Luke 3:1
Israel restored	Hos 3:5	John 18:37; Rom 11:25-27
Flight into Egypt	Hos 11:1	Matt 2:15
Promise of the Spirit	Joel 2:28-32	Acts 2:17-21; Rom 10:13

The sun darkened	Amos 8:9	Matt 24:29; Acts 2:20; Rev 6:12
Restoration of tabernacle	Amos 9:11-12	Acts 15:16-18
Israel regathered	Mic 2:12-13	John 10:14, 26
The kingdom established	Mic 4:1-8	Luke 1:33
Born in Bethlehem	Mic 5:1-5	Matt 2:1; Luke 2:4, 10-11
Earth filled with knowledge of the glory of the Lord	Hab 2:14	Rom 11:26; Rev 21:23-26
The Lamb on the throne	Zech 2:10-13	Rev 5:13; 6:9; 21:24; 22:1-5
A holy priesthood	Zech 3:8	John 2:19-21; Eph 2:20-21; 1 Pet 2:5
A heavenly High Priest	Zech 6:12-13	Heb 4:4; 8:1-2
Triumphal entry	Zech 9:9-10	Matt 21:4-5; Mark 11:9-10; Luke 20:38; John 12:13-15
Sold for thirty pieces of silver	Zech 11:12-13	Matt 26:14-15
Money buys potter's field	Zech 11:12-13	Matt 27:9
Piercing of His body	Zech 12:10	John 19:34, 37
Shepherd smitten—sheep scattered	Zech 13:1, 6-7	Matt 26:31; John 16:32
Preceded by Forerunner	Mal 3:1	Matt 11:10; Mark 1:2; Luke 7:27
Our sins purged	Mal 3:3	Heb 1:3
The light of the world	Mal 4:2-3	Luke 1:78; John 1:9; 12:46; 2 Pet 1:19; Rev 2:28; 19:11-16; 22:16
The coming of Elijah	Mal 4:5-6	Matt 11:14; 17:10-12

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