

That's The Way I Understand It - Series

The Welcoming Committee For The Second Coming

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TO: Those who do not accept all or parts of the Bible but who are interested in human history through the end times as describe from the perspective of other civilizations to see how they view themselves as fitting into that design.

SOURCE: The Jewish nation of Israel is one civilization that presents a human history from the beginning of humanity to the end times of humanity on the present earth. This history is described in the Bible Old and New Testaments.

TO: Biblical Christians interested in their human history through the end times to see how we fit into that design.

Who is on the Welcoming Committee for the Second Coming? Here is the Formal Announcement stating that the resurrected Jesus the Christ, the Son of God, will come again a second time into the future human history of earth in His resurrected body. It is recorded in the Bible book of Acts, chapter 1, verses 6 through 11 and this announcement was made at the end of His First Coming to Earth then in the flesh as He the risen from the dead resurrected and transformed Christ ascended into heaven:

“When they therefore were come together, they ask of Jesus, saying, ‘Lord, will You at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?’ And He said to them, ‘It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father has put in His own power. But you shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and you shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.’ And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, ‘You men of Galilee, why stand you gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him go into heaven.’”

Furthermore, beside the preceding announcement of Jesus returning to earth someday, Jesus said in John 14:2-3 that He will make a special, individual, personal-to-each-of-us return to earth someday for those who have accepted Him:

“I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”

So what about this individual, personal return of Christ? Does Christ come and get us at our deaths? No, Christ will not return to get us at our deaths because He told us in the story of the rich man and the beggar Lazarus in Luke chapter 16 that the angels will come and get our spirits at our deaths until our bodies are resurrected and transformed later. (I Corinthians 15 tells us about our bodies being transformed and resurrected later.) And also nothing visible descends from heaven to pick up people at their deaths like the Acts passage describes. So is this return to get us with our resurrected transformed bodies something that happens at the Second Coming or is it at some other time? And, exactly what happens when we die then until the Second Coming or until our resurrection? The proper resolution of these preceding Bible Scripture passages and the proper resolution of these preceding related questions will give us understanding about the Second Coming of Jesus Christ and the final end times of human history on the present earth.

Although we do not know the times or the seasons, have we been told anything about the Second Coming of Jesus Christ? Yes, we have been told some things about the actual Second Coming. And we also have been told some events and signs that will precede certain parts of the Second Coming plus we have been told how we should live as we wait.

The climactic Second Coming of Jesus Christ is described in Revelation 19:11-21 which describes the great battle between good and evil. This greatest of all battles, when Jesus Christ comes as Lord of Lords, is called “Armageddon” in Revelation 16:12-16. Another descriptive comment about Armageddon and this Second Coming is Revelation 14:17-20 which involves the wrath of God.

Just preceding the climactic Second Coming and the Battle of Armageddon is a terrible time on earth called The Tribulation. Matthew 24:21 states: “For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.” Revelation 15:1 and 16:1 calls the Tribulation the wrath of God. During The Tribulation an evil, deceiving world ruler will come to power called The Antichrist in I John 2:18 or the Beast in Revelation 13 plus he has other names in other places in the Bible.

The Bible raises an interesting question: Are believers in the Biblical Christ excused from the Tribulation? In Revelation 3:10 Jesus said to the Church in Philadelphia, “Because you have kept the word of My patience, I also will keep you from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.” In Luke 21:36 when Jesus talked about the snare that shall come on all them that dwell on

the face of the whole earth, He said, "You watch therefore, and pray always, that you may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man." And I Thessalonians 5:1-10 contains the phrase, "For God has not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ". The book of John contrasts the context of salvation for believers and wrath for unbelievers; but, this preceding I Thessalonians verse is written to those who already believe, thus, this wrath in its context in I Thessalonians is talking about the wrath as we noted earlier that is in the "Day of the Lord" and being saved from that wrath ("Day of the Lord" is another name for the time around the return of Christ as II Peter 3 clearly shows). Thus, these three passages point out that living Biblical Christians on earth who are just preceding the Tribulation will not suffer the Tribulation. However, it should be added that many, if not all, of those who convert to Biblical Christianity during the Tribulation will be faced with great suffering and even death at the hands of fierce unbelievers (Revelation 20:4). Revelation 7:9 and 7:13-17 have a great multitude from all nations that will come out of the Tribulation to heaven with the implication that they will meet the fierce death just mentioned earlier in the Revelation 20:4 reference and thus these Tribulation converts were not excused from the Tribulation. It follows that these Tribulation converts are not in the Church since the Church age is over but they are Christians. Should any of these Tribulation converts make it through the Tribulation alive we will discuss later.

In passing we need to define what we mean by the Church. The believing followers of Jesus Christ through the ages from His time on earth to the Tribulation are called the Church if you see Matthew 16:15-19 and the book of Acts chapter 2 verse 47 in the Bible. The Church leaves the earth just before the Tribulation.

So, then: Are living believers in the Biblical Christ on earth just preceding the Tribulation (which are Christ's living Church on earth at that time) excused completely from being in the Tribulation like the Israelites escaped Egypt and like Biblical Lot was removed completely from the immoral Sodom and Gomorrah when God destroyed these cities and their inhabitants? Or: Do living believers in the Biblical Christ just preceding the Tribulation (which are Christ's living Church on earth at that time) go through the Tribulation but do not suffer from the Tribulation like the Biblical Noah did not suffer from the flood when God destroyed the evil upon earth even though Noah was in the rain? Let's look at the words of these preceding verses more carefully. The earlier mentioned verse from Luke 21:36 which states that you watch therefore, and pray always, that you may be accounted worthy to "**ESCAPE**" "**ALL**" these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man plus that verse is also supported by the earlier mentioned phrase from I Thessalonians 5:1-10 which states that God has "**NOT**" appointed us to wrath (as discussed earlier: the wrath of the Tribulation), but to obtain salvation (as discussed earlier: a salvation of being saved from the Tribulation) by our Lord Jesus Christ plus these verses are also supported by the Revelation 3:10 verse which states because you have kept the word of My patience, I also will keep you "**FROM**" the "**HOOR**" of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. The conclusion, then, is that living Biblical Christians on earth just preceding the Tribulation (which are Christ's living Church on earth at that time) will be saved from the Tribulation in a salvation of being excused from the Tribulation and thus

living Biblical Christians on earth just preceding the Tribulation (which are Christ's living Church on earth at that time) will be gone from the earth by the time the Tribulation happens.

This preceding conclusion is also supported by the fact that it is hard to see any indication that Christ's Church is in the Tribulation as we examine the book of Revelation and the Bible. In Revelation after discussing the seven Churches, there is no mention of Churches. Revelation 1:19 outlines the book of Revelation. John was told to write the things "which you have seen" which is the opening of the book of Revelation; then, "the things which are" which is the description of the seven Churches before the Tribulation; and then, "the things which shall be hereafter" which is the description of the Tribulation and thereafter. In the book of Revelation it is in "the things which are" concerning the Church that Christ says that "I will keep you from the hour of temptation" which is in the Tribulation, that is, "the things which shall be hereafter"; thus the Church is not in the Tribulation. People who study original languages of the Bible have noticed that words that could mean "the Church" are significantly absent from the Tribulation discussions in the Bible. These preceding comments add support to our earlier conclusion, then, that living Biblical Christians on earth just preceding the Tribulation (which are Christ's living Church on earth at that time) will be saved from the Tribulation in a salvation of being excused from the Tribulation and thus living Biblical Christians on earth just preceding the Tribulation (which are Christ's living Church on earth at that time) will be gone from the earth by the time the Tribulation happens.

Furthermore, in the book of Ephesians chapter 5 verses 21-33 (especially verse 32) it talks in three places comparing the relationship of Christ and the Church to the relationship of a husband and a wife leading people to decide that the Church is the Bride of Christ. II Corinthians 11:2 also speaks in the same manner. In Revelation chapter 19 the marriage feast of the Lamb, Who is Christ, happens in heaven during the Tribulation before the battle of Armageddon which ends the Tribulation meaning that the Bride, who is the Church, is not on earth during the Tribulation because the Bride is in heaven. The Bride being clothed in white is one of the heavenly rewards offered to the Church earlier in Revelation; the Church would have to be in heaven to receive a heavenly reward. These preceding comments add even more support to our earlier conclusion, then, that living Biblical Christians on earth just preceding the Tribulation (which are Christ's living Church on earth at that time) will be saved from the Tribulation in a salvation of being excused from the Tribulation and thus living Biblical Christians on earth just preceding the Tribulation (which are Christ's living Church on earth at that time) will be gone from the earth by the time the Tribulation happens.

Two other items are put forth by some that the Church will be gone from the earth by the time of the Tribulation and these two points can be found in the second chapter of II Thessalonians. First, it states that the Tribulation will not begin "except a falling away come first" (2:3) and, second, "He Who now lets will let, until He be taken out of the way" (2:7). The first statement about "falling away" is translated by some to say a "departing" will come first before the Tribulation with the departing accepted as meaning the Church departs before the Tribulation. The Bible does say much about a falling

away from the faith in the end times even translated with the word depart: I Timothy 4:1-2 “Now the Spirit speaks expressly, that in the later times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron”; see also II Timothy 3:1-9; and see II Timothy 4:3-4; see, too, II Peter 3:3-4; as well as see Jude 1:18 “mockers in the last time” which is more completely covered in all of chapter 1 examining the destroyed faith of some in the last days and how believers should react. II Timothy chapter 3:13 also points out that there will be a falling away from the faith as time goes on by saying that “evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived”. But some argue that the II Thessalonians “falling away” translation is not really a falling away from the faith but instead it is really a “departing” of the faithful Church. The second statement about someone being taken out of the way is more complex. Some argue that the Holy Spirit of God and Christ must be taken out of the way before the Beast of Revelation, the Antichrist, can operate. The Holy Spirit restrains evil and helps us restrain evil in our personal lives. Because the Holy Spirit is so closely tied up with the New Testament Church it is argued that when the Holy Spirit is taken out of the way allowing the Antichrist to operate, then the Church must necessarily be taken out of the way also making it gone from the earth. This does not mean that the Holy Spirit is not functioning in the Tribulation anymore than it does not mean that the Holy Spirit did not functioning in the Old Testament before Christ gave the Holy Spirit to the Church after His resurrection. In this line of thinking, the Holy Spirit will have a different function in the Tribulation. People will be converted in the Tribulation but typical Church functions are not apparent in this process. These II Thessalonians statements put forth by some seem worthy of more study which will need to be carefully done and detailed. See all of II Thessalonians chapter 2. It might also be mentioned in passing that Isaiah 26:20-21 supports an escape of God’s people during God’s ultimate wrath. If true, these preceding statements also support our earlier conclusion, then, that living Biblical Christians on earth just preceding the Tribulation (which are Christ’s living Church on earth at that time) will be saved from the Tribulation in a salvation of being excused from the Tribulation and thus living Biblical Christians on earth just preceding the Tribulation (which are Christ’s living Church on earth at that time) will be gone from the earth by the time the Tribulation happens.

Biblical Scriptures raises another issue related to our just made conclusion. If living Biblical Christians on earth just preceding the Tribulation (which are Christ’s living Church on earth at that time) will be saved from the Tribulation in a salvation of being excused from the Tribulation and thus living Biblical Christians on earth just preceding the Tribulation (which are Christ’s living Church on earth at that time) will be gone from the earth by the time the Tribulation happens, then will they all die before the Tribulation or will they be removed from earth in some other manner before the Tribulation? I Thessalonians 4:15-16 speaking to members of the Church living on earth states that “we who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord”. This preceding I Thessalonians statement phrase points out that not all of the people in Christ’s Church will die before He comes again. And, we have just spent time concluding that Christ’s Church will be gone from the earth by the time the Tribulation happens. Thus the combining of these preceding statements means that Christ will come get the Church just preceding the

beginning of the Tribulation - - the Church will have living members on earth when Christ comes but they will not go through the Tribulation making it necessary that Christ must come for the Church just preceding the beginning of the Tribulation. Christ coming for His Church just preceding the beginning of the Tribulation is more fully described in I Corinthians 15:20, 51-53 "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept (died). Behold, I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep (die), but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." and I Thessalonians 4:13-18 gives a similar statement. "The dead in Christ shall rise first". Then the alive believers at that time shall bodily leave the earth and be transformed for heaven like Enoch and Elijah in the Old Testament part of the Bible; "then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord (Jesus Christ)". This is the John 14:2-3 "I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there you may be also". But we stated back at the beginning of our discussion from Revelation 19:11-21 that Christ will come at the end of the Tribulation at the battle of Armageddon. Thus a corollary of our current comments is that the Second Coming of Christ is not just one event but rather a period of time with a series of events in which Jesus reveals Himself to different groups of people at different times and in a different manner.

This preceding corollary explains why Jesus describing the Day of the Lord in the book of Revelation talked several times about His coming to be like a "thief" meaning that His coming could be at any moment but in the Gospels in the New Testament part of the Bible He describes some things that will be something to look for just before He appears such as Daniel's abomination of the desolate standing in the holy place. Daniel's description of the seventieth week also gives things to look for in the Day of the Lord. Jesus will come at any moment like a "thief" to get the Church just preceding the beginning of the Tribulation but before His coming at the battle of Armageddon at the end of the Tribulation there will be things for which to look (actually seven years of things) for which those living in the Tribulation can be watching.

Furthermore, notice in I Thessalonians 5:1-11 that Jesus coming like a thief is linked to the fact that we are not appointed to wrath (the Tribulation as we discussed earlier) which supports the fact that Jesus coming for His Church happens suddenly since the Church escapes the Tribulation.

Now let's take a moment to review what happens when people die. In Luke 16:19-31 in the story of the rich man and the beggar Lazarus, Christ told us that at our deaths that the angels will come and get our spirits at our deaths until our bodies are resurrected and transformed later. But where do the angels take our spirits? As you read Luke chapter 16 you see that the angels take us to one of two places that are separated, you can not go from one place to the other. This happens immediately at our deaths because the thief on the cross beside Jesus was told that "today" you will be with Me in Paradise (Luke 23:43). We are told in Hebrews 9:27 "it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this

the judgment". So, a type of judgment "for everyone" "seems" to take place immediately at our deaths to know where to take our spirits - - to take our spirits to Paradise (to be with Abraham Luke 16 says) or to take us to a much less desirable place, a place of torment; however, John 5:24 tells us this type of judgment, for those who follow Jesus, takes place at conversion. (There are other judgment type events to come though.) Luke 16 is not to describe how death will happen in the future; it describes how death happens now. This is the way death is handled now and in human history because the rich man who ended up in the much less desirable place - - that rich man, Christ had him wanting Abraham to send a warning to his currently living brothers but Abraham said that they had the Bible to warn them. (Abraham also said that if the brothers would not hear the Bible, then they would not be persuaded even though one rose from the dead meaning the beggar Lazarus in this case and also the resurrected Jesus Christ in our case.) So, except for Enoch and Elijah who were bodily transform and did not go through death plus Jesus who rose from the dead, until the Tribulation all spirits of the dead depart to Paradise or a place of torment until their bodies are resurrected and transformed to join their spirits. Then, just preceding the beginning of the Tribulation the bodies of those who die in Christ are resurrected and the rest of the Church is bodily transform like Enoch and Elijah and taken to heaven to be with Christ. After the Tribulation and the battle of Armageddon, Chapter 20 in Revelation sounds like it has those converted and killed in the Tribulation resurrected to reign with Christ for a thousand years. These thousand years are called the Millennium. And, this resurrection is called the "first" resurrection. But we earlier said that we have a resurrection just preceding the beginning of the Tribulation so how can this resurrection after the battle of Armageddon be the "first" resurrection? Perhaps this is the "first" resurrection of the Day of the Lord end times period which started with the Tribulation (the book of Revelation first resurrection of the book division call "things hereafter") after Christ came and got the Church. Although that may turn out to be a correct answer to our problem of "first" resurrection, it is not a very strong answer right now. A better answer would be that comparing the position of the Church being taken just preceding the beginning of the Tribulation with the position of the Church being taken after the Tribulation presents more problems than if we take the position of the Church being taken just preceding the beginning of the Tribulation. For instance, if the Church were taken after the Tribulation, how could it be excused from the Tribulation and why does Revelation and elsewhere not describe the method of being excused in conjunction with the events of Revelation? I Corinthians 13:12 states, "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known." We are in a position of taking the position that best fits what we have been told. We are like the Jewish people in the book of John who believed that Jesus was the Christ even though He was from Nazareth and the Bible said that He was to come from Bethlehem - - they believed on the basis of the position that best fit the facts even though there were apparent difficulties (which we now know was because of their human limitations; they were seeing through a glass, darkly, and we can now know more perfectly - - Jesus was born in Bethlehem which was a fact that many did not have at their disposal at the time so they correctly had to go with what best fit of the facts they knew and could research.) In a like manner, the disciples accepted Jesus to be the Christ Messiah even though they could not solve the Elijah return Scripture which was necessary for Jesus to be the Messiah. They had to go with what they had in the face

of one little detail. If you would say Jesus was not the Christ because of one detail it would conflict with much evidence which could not be resolved. So, if the one point of the Revelation first resurrection is indeed the first resurrection of all time, then how can the many points of evidence of this document you are reading also be true? Thus this document is true, then the “first” resurrection of Revelation must mean something like the first resurrection in the “things hereafter” in Revelation that John is writing about. The basic issue is: the Revelation “first” resurrection is the “first” resurrection in what series? Note that the resurrection descriptions of Christ coming to get us who are His Church does not match the limited resurrection of the Revelation “first” resurrection which sounds like a resurrection of Tribulations martyrs; and also note that the necessary resurrection for the rest of the dead at the Great White Throne is not detailed. It must be admitted that this issue of when is the “first” resurrection is a pivotal in the validity of the document that you are reading for those who accept the Bible as a book that will be fulfilled. However, Daniel did not understand all issues and had to wait until the end times (Daniel 12:8-9), so we are not likely to resolve all of issues completely now either. But it is clear from the discussion in the document that you are reading that the Church resurrection and the transformation of those of the Church who are alive at the time is before the Tribulation as we have seen. To say that the Church resurrection and transformation of those of the Church alive at the time will be instead at the Revelation first resurrection or at the Revelation Great White Throne resurrection creates many more problems with all that we have discussed - - we may just be missing information that the Revelation first resurrection is first in what series. We need to be careful that we are not trying to be too intellectually clever that we end up throwing out good things because our limited human intellect cannot resolve one small point. In regard to the use of our minds, II Timothy 1:7 and Proverbs 3:5-8 give us both support and a caution. After careful study, the preceding is the best that the writer of the document that you are reading has to offer to illuminate this crucial issue. May it be of help to you. Similar reasoning applies if the position of the Church being taken in the middle of the Tribulation is compared to the position of taking the Church just preceding the beginning of the Tribulation. To move on, also, as we dig deeper into our subject, we will get into a similar predicament with the “last trumpet”. The last trumpet in what series? Is it the last trumpet to sound on earth? Is it the last trumpet in the Tribulation in Revelation? We have to go with our best assembling and research of the facts. So, now let’s go back to our resurrection discussion; there is a resurrection transformation of the dead in Christ and an Enoch-like and Elijah-like bodily transformation of those still living in Christ just preceding the beginning of the Tribulation. Then there is a resurrection of those convert to Christ during the Tribulation and this resurrection happens at the end of the Tribulation after the battle of Armageddon. Then, in Revelation chapter 21 after the Millennium and after the battle of Gog and Magog there is another resurrection at the Great White Throne in which all Biblically unjust end up in the Lake of Fire which is called the “second death”. Many issues remain. Some we will leave unresolved for the purposes of this document. Will the Old Testament believers who had an Abraham like faith looking toward the time of the birth of Jesus Christ be raised at the Great White Throne? Where do the people come from that live in the Millennium? Will there be conversions during the Millennium? Will all of the Biblically unjust in the Millennium be killed in the Battle of Gog and Magog? Will there still be some Biblically just living on earth at the time of the

Great White Throne in heaven and will these also not die and but instead experience the Enoch-like and Elijah-like bodily transformation into heaven before the New Heaven and New Earth arrives for all eternity?

Actually there are many Scripture verses to coordinate in the Bible which relate to the end times and many issues that need to be resolved about the end times. See the end of this document that you are reading for further Scriptures to study to firm up your beliefs about the Second Coming. The end times in Scripture are not limited to these Scriptures. Also, go back and look up the Bible Scripture references in the document that you are reading for a better picture of the Second Coming. Keep learning: refine and study, other people may be of a help. There is a book called a concordance which gives a way to look up the location of most words in the Bible which may also help your study. This document that you are reading now about the Second Coming gives you a framework to organize your thinking.

Note clearly that Jesus is coming quickly. Revelation 22:20, etc. has Jesus saying “I come quickly” to be the next big event in our lives which could happen in any moment. Jesus coming quickly will happen to those of us living today in the Church age in one of two cases: (1) Jesus will come for His Church which will take us and thus Jesus came quickly or (2) we will die and the resurrection is our next big event meaning that Jesus is coming in quickly in the fact that death may happen at any time and thus shortly there is no chance for changing our eternal destiny.

We can conclude this dying and resurrection discussion by saying that for the purposes of this document you are reading, the Welcoming Committee for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ the Son of God are those in the Church, living and dead, when Christ comes to get the Church. Christ comes to get the Church just preceding the beginning of the Tribulation and thus the Welcoming Committee for the Second Coming is also excused from the Tribulation.

So then, how does someone get into Christ’s Church to be on the Welcoming Committee for the Second Coming and also be excused from the Tribulation? Those who believe in and accept Jesus Christ are in His kingdom and in His Church. The repentant thief on the cross beside Jesus asked to be remembered when Christ came into His Kingdom (Luke 23:42-43). John 3:16 states, “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” Because of our own selfish sinful wrongs which we cannot erase, we cannot stand in the presence of God on our own merits. We need forgiving help, cleansing, and mercy to be able to be in the presence of a holy God. For God to be willing to do this for us, He needs to really love us and be concerned about us. “If you, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?” (Psalm 130:3). “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). “For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commends His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:6-8). “For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins

according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures” (I Corinthians. 15:3-4).

So: Who is on the Welcoming Committee for the Second Coming? You are - - if you believe in Jesus Christ! But remember, Jesus said, “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me:”. (John 10:27) And He also said, “If any man serve Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall also My servant be: if any man serve Me, him will My Father honour.”. (John 12:26) And, “If a man love Me, he will keep My words:” (John 14:23).

But there is one big problem with the position of the document that you are reading. It does not mean that the position of this document is wrong. But this problem should be addressed. The problem of the position of this document and any of the positions on the end times is that people using the Bible do not generally agree on which position is correct. But really, for all practical purposes, we personally need to get a position that God and Jesus Christ think is correct. We do not have to get a position that the whole world thinks is correct.

Don't let someone give you bad information - - check it out! We need to be very careful that no one gives us bad information. II Timothy 3:13-14 speaking of the last days says, “But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But you continue in the things which you have learned and have been assured of, knowing of whom you have learned them”. I John 4:1 asks us to test the spirits. The Bible tells us that in the very end times some deceivers will even be able to do miracles but their message is incorrect. Also from time to time we can get mixed up ourselves in our spiritual learning as we get lax in using spiritual resources to learn and need to be open to correction as we safely spiritually grow. Satan at the temptation of Jesus gave incorrect but plausible interpretation of the Bible information to Jesus. We can be asked to do things that are based on incorrect interpretations of the Bible but we are to “Obey God rather than men”. (Acts 5:29) At the Garden of Eden all that Satan basically said was, “It is not going to happen.” Paul in the Bible said in I Thessalonians 5:21, “Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.” In II Timothy 3:16 Paul that, “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable ... for correction ...”. The most important information that we need to put to the test is that which we personally believe ourselves in order to avoid personal error and grow. In Galatians 2:11 Paul corrected Peter, the Rock (Matthew 16:13-20, John 1:40-42). Even Paul said about himself, “But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.” (Galatians 1:8). Furthermore, Jesus taught in the beginning of the book of Revelation when He discussed the seven Churches that Satan is trying to get a foothold in the Churches and also that there are teachings in the Church that Jesus does not agree with which means that these teachings are from Satan. If the Church needs to be put to the test according to Jesus, then any atheistic and agnostic teachers in academia teaching about religion or other religious authorities also need to be put to the test. Another issue to sidetrack us is that Jesus taught that we can be tempted to want the praise of men and not the praise of God. At the time of Jesus living on earth in human form even the Jewish religious professional authorities and academia

were under heavy peer pressure to not accept Jesus to be the Christ. The Jewish people then were thus also placed under severe social peer pressure to not accept Jesus to be the Christ. We cannot shift the responsibility for our personal decisions to someone else, to some authority, or some religious institution because Jesus, however, made each adult personally responsible for his or her decisions - - He treated His fellow Jews by making them personally responsible for their decision while separating them from some of their misguided religious leaders.

The first major decision to decide about end times Bible prophecy is will it come pass as it is described in the Bible. The position of the document that you are reading is that in nearly all matters it will come to pass as real events. God told Moses in Numbers 11:16 that “Is the Lord’s hand waxed short? You shall see now whether My word shall come to pass to you or not.” And of course it did! Jeremiah 16:14-15 compares the restoration of Israel to their historical escape from Egypt thus the restoration is to be an historical event and not a poetic event. Obviously there are symbols in Revelation such as a woman representing Israel and her Child is giving the world the Christ Messiah, Babylon, the beast being the Antichrist, etc. and many of these symbols are explained such as the symbols for the seven Churches. In general the Bible explains that there are some poetic descriptions in the Bible such as Gentile Christians are Abraham’s seed, Jesus said that John the Baptist was Elijah that was to come, and Acts 15 and the book of Hebrews interprets some of the Old Testament (Old Covenant) in a fulfilled sense placing us under the New Testament (New Covenant). Most importantly, the example of the approach to Bible prophecy of Son of God Jesus Christ Himself was His concern that all Scripture about Him “must” be fulfilled (Luke 24:44) in real events and this helped prove who He was. Furthermore, Jesus said about the Scriptures, “For verily I say to you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the Law, till all be fulfilled (Matthew 5:18 as well as similar in Luke 16:17 with a jot and tittle being the smallest mark in their written language)”. Jesus supports His close disciples and Paul to speak for Him. Jesus supports the Bible if it is interpreted His way. Thus, we need to see if our systematic and thorough interpretation of Bible prophecy concerning the end times agrees with statements of Jesus or those He endorses in the Bible. A systematic study of the interpretation methods of Jesus Christ are beyond the scope of the document that you are reading but it is studied in other documents by the writer of this document. Too much poetic and symbolic interpretation of the Bible and it can be made to say anything - - does your interpretation and interpretation methods as you approach something about the end times agree with all that Jesus or those He endorses have to say about the Bible and the interpretation of the Bible?

This religious document is **An Advocate for interpreting the Bible the way Jesus of Nazareth interprets the Bible**. Jesus will honor the Bible if we use it the way He interprets it. ... Jesus our Savior believed the Bible as He interpreted it; so we know that what the Bible says about diligently seeking God and Jesus will be rewarded and honored in some way. Hebrews 11:6; John 14:15, 21; 15:4-6; I Samuel 2:30.

Once you have decided that the Bible descriptions of the end times will come to pass, the next problem is to put all of the pieces together. The Scriptures at the end of this

document are there to help you do this as you study both those Scriptures and hopefully the document that you are reading now will be of help to you. However, we do not need to get all of the pieces together for the purposes of the document that you are reading.

Note that the document that you are reading is not written by an authority. It is written so that you can make your conclusions and decisions from the authority of the Scriptures. Your authority comes from the Bible Scriptures not from the authority of a writer. This document is written by a school teacher to help guide you through relevant Bible passages so that you can make conclusions and get understandings as you systematically fit all of the pieces together under the authority of Bible Scripture.

Now that our purposes are complete, continue your study of the end times. The study of end times is usually referred to as studying Bible prophecy or more completely it is called Bible prophecy concerning the end times. Also continue to study what it means to believe in Jesus Christ who is more than just a historical person who lived in the past - - He is a risen from the dead living Person who resides in a spiritual realm and is very much available to us. From the Bible we learn about Jesus. From Jesus and those He endorses in the Bible we learn the importance and proper use of the Bible. Learn about the Bible and its rewards. Jesus said in John 14:15, "If you love Me, keep My commandments." Furthermore Jesus said in John 15:5, "I am the vine, you are the branches: He that abides in Me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without Me you can do nothing."

The book of I Thessalonians in the middle of a discussion about the end times tells us, "Wherefore comfort one another with these words." (I Thessalonians 4:18)

So, then, to conclude and to again get back to our original question: Who is on the Welcoming Committee for the Second Coming? You are - - if you believe in Jesus Christ! But remember, Jesus said, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me:". (John 10:27) And He also said, "If any man serve Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall also My servant be: if any man serve Me, him will My Father honour.". (John 12:26) And, "If a man love Me, he will keep My words:" (John 14:23).

He which testifies these things says, "Surely I come quickly."
So be it. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you all.
So be it.

Revelation 22:20-21

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Here are some additional comments about some of the end times Bible Scriptures that some people see as applying to the end times. Be sure to read these additional comments and Bible Scriptures with the related portions of the preceding document. Also look up the Bible Scriptures in the main body of this document. Some comments in this document do not give the Scriptural basis for them: use a concordance to find this basis. These following topics are not limited to just the Scriptures listed. Also, it is not necessary to solve all issues or even examine all issues to have a functional understanding of the end times. The following topics are also not in order of their happening.

- Jesus on death and the end times: The following Scriptures, in no particular order, are additional verses to speak to the topic of Jesus on death and the end times:
 - The primary discussions of the end times by Jesus are: Matthew 24 and 25, Mark 13, and Luke 16:19-31 (a specific death discussion); 17:20-37; 18:1-8; 19:41-44 (signs preceding the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple in the time of Jesus and/or in Daniel's seventieth week or both?); 21:5-36 (Luke's primary end times discussion); Jesus made other comments on the end times;
 - The End Times:
 - The end is not yet: Matthew 24:4-6; Mark 13:5-7; Luke 21:8-9 - - People will say that they are the Christ but they are not however many will believe them; wars and rumors of wars; but the end is not yet;
 - The beginning of sorrows (the beginning of the seven year Tribulation and the Antichrist with the Tribulation being Daniel's seventieth week starting with a covenant): Matthew 24:7-8; Mark 13:8 (defines which comments start describing the beginning of sorrows); Luke 21:10-11 - - nations and kingdoms rise against each other, famines, pestilences, great earthquakes, troubles, and fearful sights and great signs from heaven; (see Revelation 6:1-2 with Daniel's seventieth week beginning in Daniel 9:26-27; is the rider of the white horse in Revelation 6:2 the Antichrist?; (Jesus gives more details on "the beginning of sorrows" and more details on "further comments on the beginning of sorrows" in Matthew, Mark, and Luke when compare to Revelation 6:1-8 [often referred to as the four horsemen of the apocalypse] in start of the Tribulation in the book of Revelation.);
 - Further comments on the beginning of sorrows (these three references phrase the points differently but are talking about the similar things - - Mark goes right ahead and gives

more comments on the beginning of sorrows; Matthew gives more comments by saying “then” in the sense of “during or at the same time” rather than “after or next”; Luke says “but before all of these” in the sense of “before all these happen or come to pass” rather than “preceding these”): Matthew 24:9-13; Mark 13:9, 11-13; Luke 21:12-19;

- The end will come when the gospel is preached to all nations (because of what comes next in the Scripture on this discussion it seems that the “end” referenced here is the last half of the Tribulation concluding with the battle of Armageddon): Matthew 24:14; Mark 13:10 (the concept about the end is expressed differently); Luke does not include this statement about the end. Matthew 28:18-20 starts this concept about the end times with the idea that the Church will also spread the gospel to all nations; Revelation 7:9-17 is a look ahead to after the Tribulation and it points out that some from all nation do respond and came out of the Tribulation converted. In Revelation 14:6-7 an angel makes another call to the gospel for the whole earth; Note that you might say that the beginning of sorrows is before the Tribulation (examples of some of these things even happened in New Testament times) and then after the Gospel is preached to all nations the Tribulation starts. But if that is the case then Jesus describes none of the first half of the Tribulation in His discussions which does not seem logical. Thus, the tentative conclusion of the document that you are reading is that the beginning of sorrows starts the Tribulation;
- Daniel’s abomination of desolation (the Antichrist proclaims himself to be God) is the signal that the worst is here; also, Jerusalem will be surrounded by armies (Luke spoke of this in relation to desolation being near) and there is a broken covenant to start the last half of the Tribulation which is mentioned in Daniel 9:26-27 (See also the Antichrist section in this document): Matthew 24:15-28; Mark 13:14-23; Luke 21:20-24 (the time of the Gentiles which started at the captivity of the Jews will be fulfilled at Armageddon); (note that the Sabbath is still in effect which the Church usually observed on the first day of the week since that is the day that Christ arose); the armies encompassing Jerusalem event is not Armageddon which ends the time of the Gentiles because later there are captives and it states that the time of the Gentiles is not yet fulfilled (Luke 21:20, 24) (see Daniel’s seventieth week with the Antichrist making war to destroy Jerusalem and

the false covenant); (earlier in the history of the world armies did encompass Jerusalem and many Christians did flee saving themselves from a great slaughter but this was not the final fulfillment of Daniel); is the armies encompassing Jerusalem half way through the Tribulation (Luke 21:20) the same as Daniel's Antichrist destroying the city and the breaking of the covenant (Daniel 9:26-27)? If not, is Daniel's destruction of the city at the beginning of the Tribulation before the covenant?

- Armageddon and the mourning for Christ and the gathering of the elect of the Tribulation for the Millennium: Matthew 24:29-31 continuing with teachings through 25:30; Mark 13:24-27 continuing with teachings through 13:37; Luke 21:25-28 continuing with teachings through 21:36; **Note what Jesus promises about the Tribulation in Luke 21:34-36!**
- The Millennium: not discussed at this place in Matthew; not discussed at this place in Mark; not discussed at this place in Luke;
- Gog and Magog: not discussed at this place in Matthew; not discussed at this place in Mark; not discussed at this place in Luke;
- The Great White Throne and the judging of the nations: Matthew 25:31-46 (note that this is not the gathering for the Millennium in 24:31); not discussed at this place in Mark; not discussed at this place in Luke;
- The New Heaven and New Earth into eternity: Matthew 25:46; not discussed at this place in Mark; not discussed at this place in Luke;
- Three extra notes: This generation will not pass away is the generation of the time of those events (in order to make sense); The elect is interpreted by the document that you are reading to be the elect of that period; Jesus does not address the specific topic of "resurrections" in these passages.
- Matthew 16:28 – Jesus has now achieved His kingdom by the time of His resurrection so this verse likely refers to the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus since by today the end times when Jesus will come with His rewards are obviously far away from the time of Jesus on earth but note that Matthew 16:28 is talking about the end times when Jesus does come with His rewards;
- In the various discussions that use the idea of one shall be taken and one be left - - which is the good one (saved) and which is the bad one (facing judgment with undesirable results) and why? In the various discussions is the one taken, for instance, always the good one or always the bad one whichever the case may be?

- Luke 18:8 – this is likely at the climactic Second Coming and not when He comes for the Church which does have faith;
- After the Church is taken, the Tribulation comments are to help those in the Tribulation who will convert; Jesus' discussion of the end times is guidance partly for those left for the Tribulation and who convert therein.
- Revelation: The following Scriptures, in no particular order, are additional verses to speak to the topic of Revelation:
 - The entire book of Revelation relates to the end times;
 - Revelation is sequential in chronological order unless there is a good reason otherwise that it is something like a look ahead or an interlude;
 - Revelation 17 and 18 – the immoral woman being Babylon represents immoral, false world religion following the imagery example of the book of Hosea (see 1:2 and chapter 3) and other prophets. Does the Antichrist end her so that he can be God in the last half of the Tribulation? Babylon also seems to represent world economic system;
 - John 16:2 – to kill believers they think they do God a service is a concept that continues. People who do not worship the Antichrist will be killed - - but do they really get to everybody? The fact that some will flee suggests that some will get away and be in the Millennium;
 - Revelation 4:4 – Do you have a conjecture as to who the 24 elders are who are at the throne of God? The elders are not angels because in Revelation 5:11 and 7:11 the angels and elders are listed as two separate entities. If the elders are people, then they are resurrected.
 - Revelation 7:9-17 – this is out of order in the sequential book of Revelation since the Tribulation is not over until later in the book. Will those sealed in Revelation 7:1-8 be able to flee and go into the Millennium or will they be killed by the Antichrist people? What is the significance of the fact that not all of the tribes have sealed people but all of the tribes are represented in the end of Ezekiel in the restoration?
 - Revelation 14:14-20 is discussing events that will happen later in Revelation and these events are the battle of Armageddon and the blood of the battle. Revelation 14:7 is discussing the fact that God's judgment is come in the discussion of Revelation here at this point in chapter 14 and in the end of the chapter is the battle of Armageddon. Revelation 14:14-16 – is the reaping for the winepress at the end of the chapter and Revelation 14:17-20 is a continuation of the harvest of the wicked for the battle of Armageddon. Revelation 14:14-16 on the surface appears to be Jesus harvesting the saved in the Tribulation before the battle of Armageddon happens but that is not the case for two reasons. It does not fit the context and Revelation 14:14-16 is more clearly about Armageddon when you examine Joel 3:9-12-17 especially verses 12 and 13 in which the same imagery of the sickle is used to harvest the wicked for the vats like is expressed in both Revelation 14:14-16 and Revelation 14:17-20; Also, Revelation 14 is not about happenings at the Great White Throne or about the binding of the tares mentioned in Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 because

these two things happen over a thousand years later at the end of the age (earth time) and there is still more evil to be judged after the Millennium at the battle of Gog and Magog;

- Does Jeremiah 50 and 51, especially 51:39 relate to the fall of Babylon in Revelation?
 - Revelation 13:18 – 666 may be understood only by those in the end times like the end of the book Daniel at 12:8-9;
 - Revelation 16:12-16 – preparation for the battle of Armageddon, verse 15 points out that for these people here who are not expecting the return of Christ that His return to them will also seem like an expected thief just as when He came for the Church;
 - Does Revelation 20 – Gog and Magog – relate to Ezekiel 38-39?
 - Starting in Revelation 12 the woman and Child and dragon discussion is not in the sequential events of Revelation because of the subject. Is this about Israel and the Christ and the struggle with Satan?
 - When was the war in heaven (Revelation 12:7-9) and what was it about?
 - The Church is married to the Lamb (Jesus Christ) in Revelation 19;
 - The end of the book of Revelation is not sealed like the end of the book of Daniel which is sealed - - so be ready for the coming of Christ which is the subject of Revelation;
 - See the Resurrection section for more discussion of the book of Revelation;
 - You need to read the whole book of Revelation.
- Daniel: The following Scriptures, in no particular order, are additional verses to speak to the topic of Daniel:
 - Take time to examine all of the book of Daniel to get to know Daniel and his messages;
 - Some say an earlier terrible person fulfilled Daniel's prophecy at the end of Daniel; others say that there is some of the prophecy still to be realized at the end times with the Antichrist; Jesus had something to say about Daniel's prophecy in His end times discussions (any conclusion should resolve with what Jesus, the only Son of God, said and interpreted in light of a systematic study of how Jesus interprets the Bible); Bible prophecy can have more than one fulfillment such as "they will look upon Him who they pierced" which was fulfilled at the cross and will be fulfilled at the Second Coming;
 - The resolution of all of the Daniel issues is beyond the scope of the document that you are reading;
 - The terrible abomination sign referenced by Jesus is mentioned in Daniel 9:27, 11:31, 12:11;
 - Daniel 12:1 is the Tribulation;
 - Does an Antichrist discussion begin in Daniel 11:21 and earlier?; Does the end of Daniel 9 discuss the Antichrist?; Is the Antichrist and end times discussed elsewhere in Daniel?; How about Daniel 7:7-9, 7:19-27; 11:36-

45 and earlier; 12:11-13?; Daniel 8 – speaking of end times?; Yes, much end times and Antichrist information is to be found in such places as these;

- Do some fight the Antichrist in Daniel?
 - Notice some of the Antichrist techniques in order to come to power such as flattery;
 - Daniel 9:2 and 9:25 – gives some of Daniel’s time references for the seventy weeks; these relate to Jeremiah and Nehemiah;
 - The 70 weeks discussion starts in Daniel 9:24-27;
 - In the 70 weeks between 69 week (the Messiah cut is off at the crucifixion) and 70 week there is a break because that is the way history is happening to match the 70 weeks (and during this break is the Church age); this break in Scripture is similar to the Old Testament description of 2 resurrections listed together (Daniel 12:2) but in Revelation 20 there are at least 2 resurrections that are separated in time with a break between them; Genesis 29:27-28 has a week equal 7 years and that fits history in Daniel according to those who have studied this issue carefully;
 - The last of the 70 weeks fit Jesus statements and other Bible statements about the end times;
 - In the last seven years (which is the Tribulation) there is a covenant with the Antichrist and then a breaking of it 3 ½ years later - - the Antichrist is a liar and may not have the power to do everything that he says he will do; Note that an Old Testament month is 30 days we see from comparing Genesis 7:11 and 8:4 with 7:24 and 8:3; Comparing numbers in Revelation 13:4-7, 12:6, 13-14 and other number expressions in Daniel and Revelation we see that the expression time, times, and a half time is 3 ½ years - - [see Time Calculations below];
 - Daniel has some extra days in the numbers in a few places in the end of the book that need an explanation or a conjecture;
 - Daniel 12:3 – there will be much travel and much knowledge in the end times;
 - Daniel 12:13 – Daniel will be resurrected in the end times;
 - Daniel 12:8-9 – things may not be understood until the end times;
 - II Peter 3:3-9 explains the break before the seventieth week.
- Time calculation:
 - Time, times, and the dividing of time (or half a time) is used especially in the Tribulation and in relation to the Antichrist who is described in Revelation; we see that this expression means 3 ½ years from seeing the same period described two or more different ways in the Scriptures (some of the expressions have a slightly different number of days to account for which is beyond the scope of this document); note that an Old Testament month is 30 days we see from comparing Genesis 7:11 and 8:4 with 7:24 and 8:3; see and compare Daniel 7:25 and 12:7, 12:11-12, Revelation 11:3 and 12:6, 12:13-14, 13:5, 13:4-7;

- Daniel 12:1 is the Tribulation and Revelation includes much on the Tribulation;
- Daniel 9:24-27 – weeks in Daniel means a week is seven years we see from history as examined in the Daniel section. Genesis 29:27-28 has a week equal 7 years.
- Time of the Gentiles and fulfilled:
 - The Bible divides people into two groups – the Jewish people of Israel and those people who are not Jewish and these not Jewish people are lumped together under the name of Gentiles; the time of the Gentiles begins with the captivity of the Jewish people and end at the battle of Armageddon; Some related Scripture would be: Luke 21:24;
 - Romans 11:25;
 - Acts 15:14-18;
 - Amos 9:11-12.
- Become familiar with the books of Joel, Zephaniah, Zechariah, I and II Thessalonians, and I and II Peter; (for those who are not familiar with the facts about Jesus of Nazareth who was born in Bethlehem, read the book of John; Mathew, Mark, and Luke are the other three gospels about Jesus; Luke 1:1-4 describes how that book is written).
- The Tribulation: The following Scriptures, in no particular order, are additional verses to speak to the topic of The Tribulation:
 - The last days start in Acts 2 with Peter’s sermon. But the end times of the last days are described in Revelation, etc.; However, the term “last day” is used in Scripture to usually means the end times;
 - The Tribulation is 7 years based on Daniel’s 70 weeks and the Antichrist is in power in the Tribulation and in terrible world control during the last 3 ½ years (see Daniel 9:26-27 for length and Antichrist period and with the second half worse); the abomination of desolation starts the last half of the Tribulation;
 - Revelation 6:16-17 – points out that the Tribulation (the wrath) has started in that chapter and chapters 4 and 5 set the scene; Revelation 6:12-17 – wrath of the Lamb Who is One with God according to Scripture (John 10:30);
 - Daniel 12:1; Jeremiah 30:7 – some see the Tribulation to be Jacob’s trouble (this verse is at Jeremiah 30:7 in the midst of Jeremiah 30:1-31:14 (especially 30:4-11) and it speaks of no day like this great terrible time);
 - Ezekiel 7 – does this apply to Jacob’s trouble?
 - Is the Tribulation God dealing with the Jews (Israel) only?
 - In Revelation 7:1-8 – 144,000 Jews are sealed for protection from some terrible things of the Tribulation: - - Are these the same 144,000 spoken of later in Revelation 14:1-5? Yes, both have that God mark in their foreheads in 7:3 and 14:1; - - Do these 144,000 get killed by the Antichrist

people? - - Are they converted during the Tribulation? Yes, they are converted during the Tribulation otherwise they would be living members of Christ's Church and would have been transformed for heaven at the beginning of the Tribulation. Are they called firstfruits just of that period in Revelation 14:4? - - Do they flee in the Tribulation and live to be the people of the Millennium? - - Will other Jews make it through the Tribulation, be converted, and live in the Millennium? (the Millennium is the restoration of Israel for 1,000 years);

- Revelation 11:15-19;
 - Revelation 14:17-20;
 - Revelation 15:1,7;
 - Revelation 16:1-21 – wrath of God;
 - II Peter 3;
 - Isaiah 24 (especially verses 17-23) – end times;
 - Zephaniah 1:14-18 – Tribulation and Armageddon;
 - Joel 2:28-32 – Peter's end quote to show that end times beginning then in Peter's day in Acts 2 sermon;
 - Deuteronomy 4:29-31 – do this for God and Christ in the Tribulation and also at Armageddon at the mourning to be saved;
 - In John 16:33 Jesus talked about tribulation but that was not about "the" Tribulation but rather the general tribulations of living in the world;
 - Speeches of Jesus and Daniel 21:1 talk of a terrible trouble and none like it;
 - Isaiah 2:11-21; some call the last half of the Tribulation the Great Tribulation;
 - Revelation 11:2-3 – does this apply?
 - Those converted in the Tribulation are not in the Church because the Church is those believers when Christ was on earth. However, those converted in the Tribulation are Christian even if they are a part of Israel;
 - Mark 13:19, Matthew 24:21;
 - Matthew 24:36-44.
- Fleeing in the Tribulation to stay alive:
 - Revelation 13:15 – followers of Jesus including some Jews will be killed by the Antichrist but other passages imply that they will not get everybody because people are told to flee - - Matthew 24:15-22, Mark 13:14-20, and Zechariah 14:1-5 (since Zechariah is speaking about Jerusalem, these in Zechariah may be Jews - - even some unconverted Jews who will convert at the climactic Second Coming of Jesus Christ who will mourn at His appearing). Will those who flee go into the Millennium?
 - Study Daniel to see if some nations militarily fight against the Antichrist.
 - Zephaniah 2:3;
 - Zechariah 14:16-19 – some are left after Armageddon (also see Ezekiel 36:36);

- So the question is, “Will any come through the Tribulation alive?” What about the spouses and children of Armageddon? Who will be left to go into the Millennium?

- The Millennium reign of Christ: The following Scriptures, in no particular order, are additional verses to speak to the topic of The Millennium reign of Christ:
 - Millennium is not a term found in the Bible but comes from the 1,000 years after Armageddon when Satan is bound and Christ rules on earth and Israel is restored;
 - Revelation 20:1-3;
 - Luke 1:26-33;
 - Isaiah 11, 35;
 - Psalm 22:27;
 - (See Second Coming below);
 - Micah 3:8-4:8 (especially 4:1), 5:2;
 - It is interesting to note that even the terrible Tribulation and neither the wonderful, peaceful Millennium do not turn the hearts of all to God and His only begotten Jesus Christ, the Messiah!
 - Isaiah 2:1-4; 11:1-16; 35:1-10; 65:17-25 (is this discussing both the Millennium and the time after earth time?); 66:14-24;
 - Again, who will be in the Millennium?
 - Zechariah 14:16-19 – some are left after Armageddon (even some from the Antichrist’s kingdom?) but not all are committed even with Satan bound (Revelation) therefore Gog and Magog will happen (Revelation);
 - It seems logical that some will be born during the Millennium (and in the Tribulation);
 - Micah 4:1-5;
 - Daniel 2:44, 7:26-27;
 - Isaiah 9:6-7 with II Sam. 7:8-29 with Acts 2:29-36 with Psalm. 89:19-37 – David forever through Christ;
 - Acts 15:13-17;
 - Luke 2:25-35;
 - Ezekiel 36:21-38;
 - Hosea 2:18;
 - Zechariah 8:1-8;
 - Revelation 11:15;
 - Matthew 19:28;
 - Daniel 7:13-14;
 - Zechariah 14:9;
 - What is the relationship of Jews and Gentile Christians in the restored Israel in the Millennium? Israel (who will mourn at Christ’s appearing) will also be Christian accepting Christ as Savior since Christ rules in the Millennium;

- Isaiah 45:22-25 with Romans 14:11 with Philippians 2:5-11 – every knee will bow to Jesus Christ ultimately;
 - Once again, who is living in the Millennium?
- Gathering of Israel: The following Scriptures, in no particular order, are additional verses to speak to the topic of the Gathering of Israel:
 - Isaiah 11:11-12;
 - Jeremiah 23:1-8; 31:10;
 - Romans 9:23-33, 10:19-11:36 – (the relation of Jews and Gentiles - - the two divisions of people in the Bible – see also Jesus and two folds of sheep in John 10:16 [in the end times since it is about the restoration of Israel, are Israel and Christians separate or one as John says and how does that fit with the apostle judging the twelve tribes?]); (See the next point);
 - Galatians 2:20-3:29 – Gentile Christians are Abraham’s seed even though not Jewish - - also, John 8:56; John 10:16 – Jesus had another fold (Gentiles);
 - Zechariah 13:8-14:21 – 1/3 of Israel saved (13:8-9); Remnant discussion examples are Romans 9:27, 11:5; Isaiah 1:9; Micah 7:18-20;
 - Ezekiel 20:33-44 – judging Israel and gathering at Millennium (exactly when does God gather Israel? Is it after the battle of Armageddon? Is it the same as Christ gathering the elect in Mark 13:26-27 and similar places?);
 - Ezekiel 37:21-28, 39:23-29;
 - Zephaniah 3:8-20;
 - Isaiah 51:3, 11;
 - Jeremiah 23:1-8;
 - Jeremiah 32:37-44;
 - Hosea 3:4-5;
 - Micah 2:12-13, 4:11-13, 7:18-20;
 - Ezekiel 36:21-38 and Isaiah 43:25 - - (God did it for His sake);
 - Zechariah 7:8-14 – one description of how it happened that Israel needed to be gathered; some returned during Ezra’s and Nehemiah’s time and at the time of Christ but they were scattered again?
 - Isaiah 43:5-7;
 - Is the gathering of Israel not to be confused with the gathering of the saints and elect at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ and the gathering at a resurrection for heaven? (Matthew 24:29-31 and Mark 13:26-27 for example).
 - Restoring Israel: The following Scriptures, in no particular order, are additional verses to speak to the topic of Restoring Israel:
 - Israel is restored in the Millennium;
 - Deuteronomy chapters 4, 28, and 30; Deuteronomy 4:23-31 – repenting will work even in the “latter days”;

- Acts 1:6-7;
- Romans 11:26 (have you learned to use a concordance to find the Old Testament source of the quote?);
- Zechariah 13:8-9, a third of the Jews will be left for the Millennium which will be "all of Israel";
- Romans 11 (also chapter 9) – Israel and Gentiles (Bible's 2 divisions of people) in relationship (see also John 10:14-16);
- Is Israel a separate entity from the Church except that in the Church age converted Jews are also members of the Church? – Romans 11 and Colossians 3:11? But Israel (who will mourn at Christ's appearing) is Christian accepting Christ as Savior in the end time even though Jewish because Christ rules in the end times;
- Isaiah 11:11-12, 16;
- Micah 7:18-20;
- Jeremiah 3:17-18;
- Isaiah 62:6-7;
- Jeremiah 33:7-14;
- Zechariah 2:10-13, 8:1-8;
- Hosea 3 especially verses 4-5;
- Acts 15:13-21;
- Isaiah 2:1-4;
- Jeremiah 30:4-11;
- Amos 9:13-15;
- Isaiah 60:14-15;
- Isaiah 14:1-3;
- Jeremiah 33:7-17;
- Ezekiel 34: 23-31; 37:21-28;
- Jeremiah 46:27-28;
- Jeremiah 24:4-7;
- Revelation 12:17 – the woman is Israel (who gave us the Christ) (see beginning of chapter 12 and the 12 stars are symbolic of the twelve tribes of Israel), then the remnant Israel will be converted to Jesus and obey the Bible;
- Isaiah 44:1-5;
- Daniel 7:18;
- Hosea 2:14-23, 14:1-9 – restoring;
- Ezekiel chapters 40-48 – it has not come to pass and it is considered to be a description of restored Israel - - however, Jesus must be over the leaders in accordance with Revelation - - the sacrifice system must relate to the book of Hebrews and the fact that no more sacrifices are needed in Christ who sacrificed Himself "once for all" (Hebrews 10:10) and "there is no more offering for sin" (Hebrews 10:18) - - also the apostles are in a sense over Israel (Matthew 19:28 and Luke 22:30) - - further there seems to be a surface conflict between the Ezekiel temple (which has not happened yet) and Revelation 21:22 or does the Ezekiel fulfillment precede Revelation

somehow? - - it may not be understood how all of these items fit together until it is fulfilled in the end times just as in Daniel 12:8-9;

- Hebrews 9:24-10:18 – Second Coming, also Jesus Christ is the final and ultimate offering for sin (requires that the end of Ezekiel have an interpretation that is not totally literal to make all things fit together?).

- Armageddon (the battle of): The following Scriptures, in no particular order, are additional verses to speak to the topic of Armageddon (the battle of):
 - Armageddon is at the end of the Tribulation and before the Millennium;
 - Revelation 19:11-21, especially verses 17-21;
 - Zechariah chapter 12, especially 12:1-6, 9-14, chapter 14, especially 14:1-4 (Christ will stand on the mount of Olives to fight); also note in 12:9 that God will destroy all nations that come against Israel!
 - II Thessalonians 1:7-9;
 - Jude 1:14-15;
 - Joel 3:1-21 especially verses 1-2, 9-17;
 - Isaiah 34 (Do these verses apply? One of the decisions to be made about the Bible and the end times is do the verses under consideration actually apply?);
 - Revelation 16:12-16 (verse 16 gives the name Armageddon);
 - Zephaniah 1:14-18, 3:8;
 - Genesis 12:1-3 – God will curse them that curse Israel (see Zechariah 12:9);
 - Jeremiah 25:30-33;
 - Revelation 19:15 and Revelation 14:17-20 uses similar descriptions.

- How Christ conquers in the end times: The following Scriptures, in no particular order, are additional verses to speak to the topic of how Christ conquers in the end times:
 - Revelation 19:15, 21, also 1:11, 16;
 - Isaiah 11:1-4 especially verse 4;
 - Zechariah 12:3-4, 6, 9, 14:12-15;
 - Thessalonians 2:1-12 – the Lord destroys with the spirit of His mouth and the brightness of His coming, also lying wonders destroyed, God will allow unbelievers to have a delusion; see especially verse 8 (conquering the Antichrist) and verses 7-12;
 - Zechariah 13:8-14:21 – the Lord fights at Armageddon, plague, and in tumult they kill each other;
 - Revelation 20:9 at Gog and Magog.

- They will look upon Him Who they pierced and mourn: The following Scriptures, in no particular order, are additional verses to speak to the topic of they will look upon Him Who they pierced and mourn:
 - John 19:31-37;
 - Psalm 22:16-17;

- Zechariah 12:9-14 especially verse 10 (Israel Jewish people realize and regret what Israel has done to the Messiah, they crucified Jesus Christ as a culture and now they realize what is real);
 - Revelation 19:11-21 – the climactic Second Coming when the mourning will happen according to Zechariah 12:9-14; (those who mourn appropriately are fertile ground for realizing Isaiah 53:3-5);
 - Ezekiel 20:42-44, 36:31 – Israel will loathe themselves;
 - Matthew 24:30 and Revelation 1:7 – the whole world will mourn for Him when He comes - - why do the Gentiles mourn? (similar to Israel since the Gentiles, as a culture, helped crucify the Savior of the world by carrying out the penalty of what the Israel Jewish people sought); Joel 2 is the pattern of what to do in trouble at the Tribulation before the Millennium;
 - Peter, the disciple of Jesus, wept for his actions and turned to Jesus; Judas, the disciple of Jesus, acknowledged that he had betrayed an innocent man but Judas did not turn to Jesus - - he hung himself; when Jonah preached to the people of ancient Nineveh, they repented;
 - Why will the whole world mourn but not all be converted? Why will ALL mourn but there will be two different results? Revelation 18 in several verses had people mourning at the fall of Babylon but it was because of what God was doing to upset their lifestyle. When Christ comes at Armageddon there could be similar types of thinking by some relating to having their lifestyle upset. See II Corinthians 7:10.
- Second Coming (for the Church): The following Scriptures, in no particular order, are additional verses to speak to the topic of the Second Coming (for the Church):
 - The beginning and end of Revelation and Revelation 3:11 has Jesus coming quickly like a thief for the Church which we discussed previously; Jesus also said similar things in His speeches;
 - Acts 1:9-11 – Does this go here or in the climactic Second Coming section or both? Why?
 - Titus 2:12-15;
 - Note that Jesus coming quickly is also used in relation to His climactic Second Coming but the main coming quickly is for the Church when we do not know the time of His coming - - the Bible tells us when the climactic Second Coming will happen in relation to the Tribulation so there is no need to be surprised with Jesus coming quickly like a thief. However, Revelation 16:13-16 – He comes as a thief (quickly) is in relation to Armageddon - - possibly “quickly” to the foes of Israel and foes of Christians who are unbelievers and who possibly thought that nothing would likely happen at the battle especially nothing like the climactic Second Coming of Jesus Christ would happen.
 - Hebrews 9:28;
 - I John 2:28-3:3;
 - Matthew 24:36, 25:13, and Mark 13:32.

- Second Coming (climactic): The following Scriptures, in no particular order, are additional verses to speak to the topic of the Second Coming (climactic):
 - The climactic Second Coming is at the battle of Armageddon;
 - Revelation 19:11-21;
 - Acts 1:9-11 – Does this go here or in the Second Coming for the Church section or both? Why?
 - Zechariah 14 (includes battle of Armageddon and the Millennium);
 - Mark 14:62;
 - II Thessalonians 1;
 - Matthew 25:31, 26:64, Mark 8:38, Luke 9:26;
 - Matthew 24:29-31 and Mark 13:26-27 – Is this a gathering (not a resurrection) of people on earth who will be some of those living in the Millennium and a gathering of those resurrected in heaven who will rule with Christ?
 - Jude 1:14-15 – Words used to describe those coming with Christ at the climactic Second Coming are not very definitive and may include saints, holy ones, and angels making it not clear whether these are angels or resurrected people;
 - There are heavenly changes in the book of Revelation and elsewhere at the climactic Second Coming as well as at the New Heaven and New Earth: examples: Matthew 24:29, Mark 13:24-26, Joel 2:30-31, 3:15, Isaiah 13:9-11, Luke 21:25-28, Revelation 21:1, the sun will not burn forever before it burns up but these heavenly changes may well be before the sun has time to burn up with these end times cosmic events happening in other ways - - God has lots of options.

- Second Comings which are false:
 - False Christs appearing as a Second Coming are not Jesus, what is the test for real? Example Scriptures: Matthew 24:23-28, Mark 13:21-23, Matthew 24:23-28, and other speeches of Jesus;
 - II Thessalonians 2:1-4.

- The Antichrist: The following Scriptures, in no particular order, are additional verses to speak to the topic of The Antichrist:
 - Those who live in the Tribulation would be wise to know how the Antichrist comes to power and how he acts;
 - II Thessalonians 2 especially verses 3-12 and in verse 4 the Antichrist presents himself as God;
 - Matthew 24:15-22 (especially verse 15) with Mark 13:14 with Daniel 9:26-27 – the prince that shall come (Antichrist) commits abomination of desolation (see also abomination in Daniel 11:31 and 12:11) with II Thessalonians 2:4 with Revelation 13:12-15;

- Does Daniel 11 apply to the Antichrist?
 - For more on the Antichrist see also the beast of the sea in Revelation 13 especially verses 1-9;
 - Note that the peace and safety of I Thessalonians 5:3 could be a false peace like Jeremiah 6:14 or not even happen and it relates to the Daniel 9:27 covenant (a week is seven years in Daniel's counting as discussed earlier) and to the Daniel 11 (especially verse 21);
 - Some do not fight the Antichrist who gains control of some with false peace and flattery (which could include promises "because you deserve it" but these promises are false like the politician who seeks election by false promises rather than merit, good ideas, vision, and leadership) in order to gain power and conquer. Also see the lying covenant in Daniel's seventieth week and the breaking of that covenant;
 - See Revelation 6 especially the first 2 horses (the crown may not be one of the crowns promised to believers);
 - Also see the complacent attitudes of the people of Noah's and Lot's time in Matthew 24:37-39 and Luke 17:26-30;
 - I John 2:18-27 especially verses 18 and 22; I John 4:3; II John 1:1-13 especially verse 7;
 - See the horns and the little horn of Daniel 7 and the whole chapter 7 and compare the chapter with Revelation 17;
 - Daniel 11:21-45 compare with Revelation 13 and 17;
 - Daniel 8:23-25;
 - Do all nations submit to the Antichrist; Do some resist always or temporarily? (start your study of this point with Revelation 13:4 and think back on some of the Daniel Scriptures);
 - Do all of these previous verses in this section apply to the Antichrist (this is a good question to ask in all of the topics)?
- "islands of the sea":
 - Isaiah 11:11 and Daniel 11:18 and Jeremiah 31:10 – "isles", for example, some have conjectured may include the United States of America. If the United States exists as a separate nation at the time of the Tribulation, it appears that it will be one of the nations at the battle of Armageddon when all of the nations of the earth gather to fight against Israel and Jesus Christ. There seems to be an absence of conjectures that the United States has a significant place in end times Bible prophecy: is this because the United States civilization then has declined and passed away or is it because a sizable portion of the United States is Biblical Christians and is removed from the earth when the Church is removed from the earth just preceding the Tribulation?

- Death: The following Scriptures, in no particular order, are additional verses to speak to the topic of Death:
 - Matthew 22:32 Abraham, Isaac, Jacob recognizable (not told how) in the spirit's resting place implied (this is before the resurrection – the resurrection has not happened for them yet in Matthew 22:23) (the spirit's resting place is not a second chance – Hebrews 9:27 “it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment”);
 - Luke 22:30 the disciples will be at the table of Jesus in heaven and will sit on thrones and judge the twelve tribes of Israel implies that the disciples are recognizable in heaven where this will take place;
 - Eating and drinking of some sort in heaven implied (Matthew 26:29, Mark 14:25, Luke 22:18, 30);
 - In the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) Jesus is recognizable in His bodily resurrected, transformed body;
 - Genesis 3:19 – dust; Ecclesiastes 12:7 – dust;
 - I Corinthians 6:18-20 – Body and spirit, also Philippians 1:20-24;
 - I Corinthians 15 and I Thessalonians 4:13-18 – (very important discussions);
 - Matthew 22:23-33, Mark 12:18-27, Luke 20:19-40 – in the resurrection no marrying and we are like angels but not angels;
 - Enoch in Genesis 5:24 and Hebrews 11:5 and Elijah in II Kings 2:1-18 never experienced death but were transformed;
 - Until Christ comes to get the Church, there are no transformed or resurrected people in heaven except Jesus Christ, Enoch, and Elijah;
 - I Thessalonians 5:9-10;
 - II Corinthians 5:1-9 – our 2 states in Christ;
 - I John 3:2-3 – we Christians of the Church age (this is to who it was written) will be like Him when Christ comes to get us;
 - The Transfiguration - - Matthew 17:1-9; Mark 9:2-10; Luke 9:24-36 (also talking of aspects of the Kingdom coming then in the time of Jesus); Spirits of people are recognized of those transformed and of those not transformed (Jesus had to tell the disciples who was there because the disciples never met Moses [not yet resurrected] and Elijah [transformed and not needing resurrection]); The spirit of unresurrected Abraham is recognized in Luke 16 as well as the rich man recognized the beggar Lazarus who was not resurrected since it is understood these bodies are buried and their resurrection had not taken place - - thus spirits are recognizable in the spirits' holding place;
 - Luke 23:39-43 – the thief on the cross was told he would be with Jesus “today” after death in Paradise implies that he, as a spirit not yet resurrected and bodily transformed, would be able to recognize the resurrected and transformed Jesus in Paradise; thus we can recognize each other in the Paradise of the spirit's holding place before our transformed bodies are resurrected;

- Was Christ changed at the ascension or did He already have His transformed body? Why? The things He did after the resurrection before the ascension suggest that He already had His transformed body because of the supernatural things He could do.
- Heaven: Heaven in the Bible could be said to be used in four senses. (1) heaven is the term used to describe the good part of the holding place of the spirits after death until the resurrection where we are in some special sense with God and Jesus Christ. When speaking to the thief on the cross, Jesus described the good part of the holding place of the spirits after death until the resurrection with Him as being Paradise. (2) heaven in a more complete sense is the term used to mean living with God in His realm after the resurrection (which takes our spirits out of the holding place after death and joins them with our transformed bodies) or it could be, for some living at the time, being transformed to that realm without passing through death. Revelation also describes this place as Paradise. This is the place where Jesus says that He has prepared a place for us. (3) At the very end of earth time there will be a New Heaven and a New Earth. (4) heaven may also be used in another sense of sky, sun, moon, stars, etc. ***** The following Scriptures, in no particular order, are additional verses to speak to the topic of Heaven:
 - Revelation 4:1-2;
 - Psalms 17:15, 23:6;
 - John 5:29 – life;
 - Daniel 12:2;
 - Revelation 21:1-7 and other end of Revelation descriptions like chapters 21 and 22;
 - Jesus and mansions and a place prepared for us in John 14:1-6;
 - Romans 8:10-14, 18, 22-23;
 - Revelation 11:17-18;
 - Matthew 8:11;
 - Hebrews 12:22-23;
 - Look up words as needed and note the lists in the New Testament that say, “if you do these things, you will not inherit the Kingdom of God” such as Galatians 5:19-21; First Corinthians 6:9-11; Mark 7:20-23; Mark 10:23-27; Matthew 7:21-23; Romans 1:18-32, 2:1-11; Ephesians 5:3-7; Matthew 5:20-22, 27-30 (comments on sinning in our hearts and minds even if not put into physical action); First Timothy 5:8; Second Timothy chapter 3; Colossians 3:5-9. These lists provide things to avoid and if already involved, then seek repentance. [this entry is also in the Hell section];
 - Speaking of children (who die as children) and heaven: let the children come to me: faith like a child – Luke 18:16-17, Matthew 18:3, also 18:10;
 - Matthew 26:29, Mark 14:25, Luke 22:16, 18, 24:39-43 (the resurrected, transformed, supernatural Jesus) – these verses imply that there will be some sort of eating and drinking in heaven;
 - Luke 3:16-17;

- Matthew 25;
 - We do not become angels we judge the angels although we are somewhat like the angels (Psalm 8:3-5, I Corinthians 6:3, Matthew 22:30, Mark 12:25, Luke 20:35-36) and note that there were no wings on the resurrected Jesus or transformed people who were there when Jesus was transfigured (will leave this to you to find the places where this is recorded in the Bible as has been done with some other items in this document);
 - Luke 10:20 – rejoice that your name is written in heaven, worldly accomplishments and pleasures pale in comparison to this fact.
 - When Jesus gave up His Spirit and died on the cross, it is likely that He was carried by the angels to the spirits’ holding place as described in Luke 16; He told the thief on the cross that today he would be with Him in Paradise. Three days later Jesus took His Spirit out of the spirits hold place and joined it with His transformed now supernatural body and He was raised from the grave! Later He ascended to heaven from where anytime He will return to earth to set the world right;
 - The term hades will be discussed in the topic below on the spirits’ holding place after death.
- Hell: The following Scriptures, in no particular order, are additional verses to speak to the topic of Hell:
 - Revelation 1:11-18;
 - John 5:29 – damnation (the use of good does not mean that you can earn your way to heaven);
 - Revelation 14:9-12 – tormented with fire and brimstone, smoke, no rest;
 - Lake of fire burning with brimstone, torment: Revelation 19:20, 20:10, 14-15;
 - Daniel 12:2 – shame and everlasting contempt;
 - Isaiah 66:24 – their worm shall not die, fire not be quenched, an abhorring to all flesh;
 - Degrees of mercy / degrees of punishment: Matthew 10:14-15 – more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorra than for that city, Matthew 11:20-24, Mark 6:11, Luke 10:10-16, Luke 12:46-48 – more required of some. See also II Peter 2:20-21;
 - Revelation 20:14 – second death (a name for going to hell) also death and hell cast into the lake of fire (lake of fire seems to be the final and worst development of hell);
 - Revelation 20:11-15 – not in the book of life (by choice as explained by the rest of the Bible) (at the Great White Throne we are judged by works but no one can pass by works alone and the works should be evidence of faith see Ephesians 2:8-10, Romans chapter 4 especially verses 1-5, and James 2:14-26; [this entry is also in the Judgment section];
 - Tares: Matthew 13:24-30, 37-43 furnace of fire, wailing and gnashing of teeth;

- Matthew 25:30 – outer darkness, weeping, gnashing of teeth, Jude 1:7 – eternal fire and things that led to the fire, Jude 1:11-13 – the blackness of darkness forever ever though Revelation puts all in the lake of fire burning with brimstone (does it and how does it burn in darkness not releasing light?);
- Look up words as needed and note the lists in the New Testament that say, “if you do these things, you will not inherit the Kingdom of God” such as Galatians 5:19-21; First Corinthians 6:9-11; Mark 7:20-23; Mark 10:23-27; Matthew 7:21-23; Romans 1:18-32, 2:1-11; Ephesians 5:3-7; Matthew 5:20-22, 27-30 (comments on sinning in our hearts and minds even if not put into physical action); First Timothy 5:8; Second Timothy chapter 3; Colossians 3:5-9. These lists provide things to avoid and if already involved, then seek repentance. [this entry is also in the heaven section];
- Luke 12:4-5 and Matthew 10:28 – fear Him who can kill and cast into hell;
- Matthew 25:41-46 cursed, everlasting fire, prepared for the Devil and his angels, everlasting punishment;
- Luke 16:23-24 – in the holding place of the spirits of the people waiting until the resurrection, in the hellish division of that place, they are tormented in flame and there is no water;
- Matthew 24:50-51 – bad end: weeping and gnashing of teeth;
- II Thessalonians 1:7-12 – everlasting destruction;
- Revelation 21:8 – lake that burns with fire and brimstone - - the second death;
- Revelation 21:27 and 22:15;
- II Peter 2 especially 4-9;
- John 3:34-35;
- Hebrews 10:10, 26-29;
- Matthew 13:41-42, 47-50 – the angels will gather offensive to God at the end and cast into fire where is wailing and gnashing of teeth;
- II Thessalonians 2:1-12 – God will allow unbelievers to have a delusion and Satanic lying wonders shall appear;
- James 1:14-15 – the sequence of getting deeper and deeper into sin until death of soul (little innocent seeming steps unrecognized as disastrous - - three times Peter denied knowing the Jesus the Christ after saying that he would die for Jesus: we can be victims of any kind of sin when Satan desires to sift us – Luke 22:31-34, 54-62, John chapter 21 especially verses 15-23, read Job 1:6-22 with the humbling caution of Romans 12:3);
- II Peter 3:1-9 – God is patient wanting all to repent and not perish;
- Isaiah 66:24 – their worm shall not die and their fire shall not be quenched;
- Hebrews 2:1-4;
- Revelation 11:17-18;
- Matthew 25:14-30 – talents parable with Luke 19:11-27;
- Matthew 25:41, 46 – everlasting fire and everlasting punishment;

- Luke 3:16-17 – burn with unquenchable fire (also good and bad kinds of fire);
 - Note that hell as we are using the term is different from that place called the pit, the bottomless pit, into the deep, the abyss (depending on the translation), or the prison which are terms for a temporary holding place for spirits of God's realm, not people spirits and not the people's holding place of Luke 16: these spirits of God's realm are held in the bottomless pit for a period of time or until judgment. See Luke 8:30-31, Revelation 9:1-12, 11:7, 17:8, and (Satan bound for a thousand years) 20:1-3, 7. In Revelation 21 Satan the Devil is taken out of the prison of the bottomless pit and ends up in hell in the lake of fire; the bottomless pit is not the same thing as the lake of fire which is the final hell destination. II Peter 2:4 and Jude 1:6 speak of angels in chains in hell waiting for judgment: this use of hell in these two passages sounds like it refers to the hellish division of the holding place in Luke 16;
 - Psalm 63:9, Ephesians 4:9-10, and similar places – this descending into the lower parts of the earth may mean nothing more than being in the grave;
 - Revelation 2:11 – there is a way to overcome and escape hell;
 - Matthew 7:21-23 – following Jesus Christ is not a causal matter;
 - Matthew 18:7-9 and Mark 9:43-48 – a poetic expression of the urgency of avoiding hell;
 - Final end of Satan the Devil and the two beasts of Revelation: Revelation 19:20, 20:10;
 - Genesis 3: first sin and Satan evil in the world and nature, also Luke 13:10-17, and Job 1, 2 – some work of Satan;
 - Revelation 1:11-18 Jesus has the keys of hell and death;
 - John 3:16-17 – Jesus did not come to condemn the world but to save it.
- Spirits' holding place (after death and until the resurrection of the body): The following Scriptures, in no particular order, are additional verses to speak to the topic of the Spirits' holding place (after death and until the resurrection of the body):
 - Luke 16:19-31 describes the Spirits' holding place (after death and until the resurrection of the body) to be two separate places with a great gulf between them so that no one can go from one of these places to the other: thus the verse that says once to die and then the judgment is immediate at the time of death so that the angels know where to take us. However, for those who believe in and follow Jesus, this judgment takes place at conversion (John 5:24). This judgment may not be the total judgment that is facing us after death (Revelation 20:13);
 - One of these two places in the spirits' holding place is called Paradise by Jesus when speaking to the thief on the cross beside Him (Luke 23:43). This same place is called Abraham's bosom in Luke 16. In Luke 16 the other place in the spirits' holding place is called hell and being in torments in flame without water. Note that Paradise is the term used for the good

place in the spirits' holding place and it is the term used for what seems to be heaven in II Corinthians 12:2-4 and Revelation 2:7 thus it may be the name for a place or it may be a descriptive term for somewhere. However, since both the bad place in the Luke 16 spirits' holding place and the ultimate eternal hell are both called hell and since both the good place in the Luke 16 spirits' holding place and the ultimate eternal heaven are both called Paradise it implies that the two spirits' holding place are somehow a part of hell and heaven respectively;

- Note that hell, hades, and sheol are sometimes not used very definitively so make sure you know what the terms are referring to in the context. hades could be used to mean both parts of the spirits' holding place or hades could mean just the torment part. Also hell and hades are sometimes used interchangeably especially in translations. These terms could also be just referring to the grave (Acts 2:27, 31 with Psalm 16:9-11 and Acts 13:28-39);
- In Revelation 20:13 hell is used here as the bad part of holding place of the dead;
- In Philippians 1:20-24 and in Luke 23:43 there is a sense that we are with Christ immediately at death if we are in the good part of the spirits' holding place even though Christ has not come to get us as promised and has not raised and transformed our bodies to be fully in heaven;
- In contrast to the last point: Is the good part of hades eliminated at the ascension of Christ (Christ ascended to heaven and told thief on the cross beside Him that today they would be in Paradise suggests that this says that Jesus is the gathering all from the spirits' holding place at that time)? The writer of the document you reading is inclined to say no because there is no resurrection yet and thus the spirits' holding place is still needed;
- Study the following related miscellaneous verses: Ephesians 4:8-10 (lower parts of the earth seems to mean the grave), and II Corinthians 12:1-4 (speaks of what we call heaven), John in Revelation 4:1-5 (speaks of looking into heaven), I Peter 3:19-20 (does this mean that the Spirit of Christ preached in earlier eras?) and I Peter 4:6 (does this mean that Christ preached to them while they were alive but they have since died?). These two preceding Peter statements do not mean that there is a second chance after death because such an idea is eliminated by the Hebrews "once to die and then the judgment" statement: "once to die and then the judgment" clearly applies and this has to be done immediately at death for the angels to know which section of the spirits' holding place we should be in unless you are a believer in Jesus Christ and follow Him because this type of judgment happens at conversion for believers (John 5:24);
- God, Jesus Christ the Son of God, and the Holy Spirit of God and Christ know every detail of our lives and can do a type of prayer communication with us mentally. However, can people who have died before us see us from the Luke 16 holding place of the spirits of people waiting for the resurrection or can they communicate with us from there? Can the people in the spirits' holding place go to a heavenly library and check out a movie

of our lives to see us as we are? In the Luke 16 holding place, people in hellish division could talk to Abraham in the Paradise division but not get there 16:26. In Luke 16:26 people in the spirits' holding place could not talk to people on earth. The rich man asked that Lazarus be sent to earth with a message 16:27-28 but the request was refused and really may not even be possibly (with the exception of Moses and Elijah returning to earth at the transfiguration of Jesus Christ in Matthew 17 and Mark 9). In regard to being aware of what is going on on earth, the writer of the document you are reading found no Biblical evidence that people in the spirits' holding place do or do not know what is going on on earth. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, Luke 8:17, 12:1-3, and Romans 2:16 talk about secret, hidden things being revealed and even proclaimed from housetops but this likely refers to some things that may happen on earth and/or refers to things that God and Jesus Christ can know rather than some library in heaven open for all to see. However, there is some earthly history known in heaven about the people that are in heaven (Revelation 6:9) which relates to their works that show their faith. God and Jesus Christ obviously know what is going on on earth and the angels in heaven know what is going on on earth (Matthew 18:10, Luke 15:10, Psalm 44:21). Also, I Samuel 28:3-25 involving Saul, witchcraft, and possibly religion mixed in should not be used for general conclusions because it involves using things that the Bible opposes. We can talk to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit in heaven in prayer even with our eyes open but there is no Biblical evidence found by the writer of the document that you are reading that we can communicate with anyone else in heaven other than a rare visit of an angel or angels to earth. John in the book of Revelation got a look into heaven;

- The spirits' holding place is functionally needed until the Great White Throne judgment at the end of earth time (Revelation 20:13).
- Resurrections: The following Scriptures, in no particular order, are additional verses to speak to the topic of Resurrections:
 - John 5:21-30 – 2 kinds of resurrections (not necessarily only 2 resurrections): life and damnation (the use of good does not mean that you can earn your way to heaven as discussed elsewhere in the document you are reading - - see and understand the theology about Jesus saying that He is the way to God);
 - John 11:21-27 – Jesus is the resurrection and life!!!
 - Jesus is also the only way to get to God in John 14:6!!!
 - John 6:39, 40, 44, 54 – Jesus will raise up those who believe in Him at the time period of the last day;
 - Matthew 22:23-33 and (the same) Mark 12:18-27 and Luke 20:19-40 – no marrying in the resurrection; also, we will be like the angels but we will not be angels;

- Luke 14:13-14 – rewards at the resurrection of the just (at the resurrection of the Church, at the first resurrection after the Tribulation, and at the resurrection at the Great White Thrones);
- Acts 24:24-25 and Acts 26:22-29 – not everyone responds to Christ and the resurrection;
- Revelation 20 has 2 resurrections separated by at least a thousand years after the Tribulation, see especially Revelation 20:4-6, 11-15 (note that the first resurrection of Revelation 20 does not match the description of the resurrection in I Corinthians 15 and I Thessalonians 4:13-18);
- After the Great White Throne: Revelation 21:1-7 – description of life in the New Heaven and New Earth (see all of Revelation 21 and 22 for a fuller description);
- Revelation 22:12 – Jesus is coming with His rewards; also Matthew 16:27;
- Romans 6:5 – we will be like the resurrected Jesus Christ in our resurrection; also I John 3:2 – we will be like Him when He appears the second time and also Philippians 3:18-21 – transformed body like unto body of Jesus;
- I Corinthians 15 – a lengthy discussion of resurrection (and it describes the resurrection of the Church in the opinion of the document you are reading) and I Thessalonians 4:13-18 speaks some of the same things, also the resurrection of those who do not believe does not happen at this time (that is described at the end of earth time at the Great White Throne);
- Daniel 12:1-3 especially verse 2 – speaks of 2 types of resurrections after the Tribulation, (“many” [not “all”] will be raised so there must be other resurrections), also bodies of believers and those who do not believe are resurrected at some time during the end times;
- In Daniel 12:13 Daniel is promised a resurrection at the end of earth time.
- In I Thessalonians 4 dead Christians are raised first then those believers living on earth at the time are transformed and go to heaven without passing through death (this changing of the living is also discussed in I Corinthians 15) (this is the resurrection of the Church in the opinion of the document you are reading); however in Matthew 13:24-30, 37-43 the people representing the tares (unbelievers) are processed first but this is at the end of that age, this is another example of “first” getting its meaning from its context series;
- Jesus was raised in a transformed body never to die again, in a unique and predicted resurrection;
- Some in the Bible were raised but died again later (like Lazarus in John) to be resurrected in the last days;
- II Corinthians 4:14 – we will be raised like Jesus was raised;
- Resurrection appearances of Jesus: Matthew 28:1-20, Mark 16:1-20, Luke 24:1-53, John 20:1-31, 21:1-25, Acts 1:1-11, 9:1-22, I Corinthians 15:1-10, and, of course, Revelation;
- John 5:16-47, Acts 24:15 – resurrection of the just and unjust; Acts 24:14-16 – says resurrection of the just and unjust but it only says resurrection not how many resurrections;

- Isaiah 25:8, 26:19; Job 19:25-27; Psalm 23 end – resurrection verses;
- Use a concordance to study Melchizedek (Melchisedec) who is an exceptional, unusual being in the Bible;
- Revelation 6 presents a difficult interpretation problem when resolving it with the rest of the end times and this is the tentative conclusion of the writer of the document that you are reading concerning Revelation 6: Jesus tells us in John 14:2-3 that He will come get us (resurrect our bodies for believers who are already dead at the time) and take us full functioning into heaven and thus our spirits in the spirits' holding place would at that time be taken out of the spirits' holding place to be joined with our new bodies plus those believers living at the time will have their bodies transformed and taken to heaven since this happens right before the Tribulation. Thus people functioning in Revelation in heaven are resurrected people. When Jesus comes to get us, Revelation 22:12 tells us that He will bring His rewards with Him as does Matthew 16:27. Some of these rewards are described in the beginning of the book of Revelation at the discussion of the Churches in chapters 2 and 3 and these are primarily heavenly rewards. However, Jesus can give rewards whenever He wants to. Now to the interpretation problem of Revelation 6: in Revelation 6 there are martyred souls under the altar (meaning that they are in the spirits' holding place since they are just spirits [souls] but they get a white robe which is called a reward (in the list of basically heavenly rewards earlier in the book of Revelation). Here Jesus is giving one of the heavenly rewards early before their resurrection and they are told to rest. If the martyrs of the Church are resurrected before the Tribulation and the martyrs of the Old Testament are resurrected at the Great White Throne (see last two points in this section), then these souls must be the souls of those martyred during the Tribulation and are then resurrected at the end of the Tribulation in the Revelation 20 first resurrection if they were beheaded otherwise they are resurrected at the Great White Throne. Looking at this interpretation from another angle: Note that Revelation 6 is only about the Tribulation. Revelation 6 gives opening statements about the Tribulation as it describes the havoc that is coming in the Tribulation and gives the start of the Tribulation; thus, it would make sense that these martyred souls under the altar in the opening statements about the Tribulation are of the souls of some of those already martyred (during the Tribulation implied) and they are told that more would be added to them (in the Tribulation before justice comes at Armageddon implied);
- Note that the Revelation 19 wife (the Church who is the bride) of the Lamb (Jesus) needs to be in heaven before the Revelation 20 first resurrection because this marriage event happens in Revelation before the Revelation 20 first resurrection; and also note that the apostles of Jesus need to be in heaven to judge the tribes of Israel (Matthew 19:28, Luke 22:30) because some of the people being judged at the Revelation 20 first resurrection may be members of the twelve tribes of Israel; likewise Christians need to be in heaven to start judging the world In the

Revelation 20 first resurrection (I Corinthians 6:2-3); furthermore there are resurrected people in Revelation such as the 24 elders; plus many people in Revelation have the basically heavenly rewards promised in Revelation 2-3 which implies that they are likely already resurrected: these facts present difficulties when the position of the Revelation 20 first resurrection is interpreted to indeed be the first resurrection;

- To test the ideas in the document that you are reading, consider the following question and see what kind of problems you get into when resolving all Scripture: How would this document that you are reading have to be changed if the Revelation 20 “first resurrection” was indeed the first of all resurrections?
 - The reason for several resurrections is that not all resurrections fit into the conditions of earlier resurrections: only Christians of the Church fit the conditions of the resurrection before the Tribulation (and of course those in the Church living at the time who are transformed and go the heaven); only some Tribulation martyrs fit the conditions of the Revelation 20 first revelation; and thus the rest of the resurrection of the all people on earth (and of course those living at the end of earth time who qualify to be transformed and go to heaven) is left until the time of the Great White Throne;
 - To tie all of this resurrection section together, the writer of the document your reading sees three resurrections: the resurrection of Christ’s Church immediately before the Tribulation, the “first” resurrection of Revelation just after the Tribulation is a resurrection of the martyrs of those who are converts during the Tribulation, and the resurrection that needs to take place at the end of earth time at the Great White Throne which would include the resurrection of the unbelievers plus the resurrection of any converts during the Tribulation who were not martyred during the Tribulation plus any who converted since the Tribulation plus the Old Testament people who had the Abraham faith that looked forward to Jesus such as in John 8:56 and John 12:41 (the just of Old Testament times do not fit the definitions of the other two resurrections of the just (technically they are not in the Church, thus it is concluded that they must be at the resurrection at the Great White Throne) (also any just who are living at the end of earth time at the Great White Throne will be transformed to heaven like the living members of the Church when Jesus comes to get the Church immediately before the Tribulation and it would seem that the same would be true for any unjust living at the Great White Throne only they will be transform to hell).
- Judgments: The following Scriptures, in no particular order, are additional verses to speak to the topic of Judgments:
 - Hebrews 9:27 “it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment”;

- John 5:24 – “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that hears My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, has everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.”
- Luke 16:19-31 – makes it “seem” necessary for a certain amount of judgment to take place at the time of death so that the angels know where to take our spirits – to a good place or a bad place with no chance to go back and forth between the places! However, this judgment happens at conversion for those who follow Jesus (John 5:24 – “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that hears My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, has everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.”).
- Luke 14:13-14 – rewards at the resurrection of the just;
- Matthew. 16:27 – (these rewarded works are works of faith and diligently seeking God and Christ as discussed later in this heading); Revelation 22:12; Matthew 16:27; Revelation 11:18 – judged to give rewards to servants of Christ (the seven Churches of Revelation 2 and 3 also have rewards);
- John 12:47-50;
- II Timothy 4:1;
- In the book of John, Jesus did not pronounce final judgment on anyone while He was on earth because He came to save the world not to condemn the world (John 3:16-17, 8:15, 12:44-50); however, after His resurrection both He (Matthew 25:31-46) and His words judge (John 12:44-50); this implies that Jesus is on the Great White Throne of Revelation 20:11-15; also Romans 2:16 implies that Jesus rather than God is on the Great White Throne and John 5:22-23, 27, 30 states clearly that eternal judgment is in the hands of Jesus;
- Do the tares and the Matthew 25:31-46 judgment fit with Great White Throne? Yes, the tares are at the beginning statement of the Matthew 25:31-46:31-46 judgment (unbelievers first in the tares in Matthew 13:24-30, 37-43, 25:32-33 and believers first later in Matthew 25:35 judgment);
- Revelation 20 makes it clear that some are already raised before the Great White Throne and the Second Death thus making it clear that some do not appear at the Great White Throne at the time of the Second Death;
- Revelation 20:11-15 – discusses being not in the book of life (but it is by choice as explained by the rest of the Bible) (at the Great White Throne we are judged by works but no one can pass by works alone and the works should be evidence of faith see Ephesians 2:8-10, Romans chapter 4 especially verses 1-5, and James 2:14-26; [this entry is also in the hell section];
- Comments in the last point about works also apply to the works in the Matthew 25 judgment of the nations;
- In II Corinthians 5:10 it states that at some point we must all appear before Christ (for judgment and/or rewards) (see also Romans 14:10-12 – for some this will happen before the White Throne of Revelation 20:11-15 since some are already resurrected or transformed for heaven at the

beginning of the Tribulation or at the resurrection mention in the beginning of Revelation 20);

- Some of the rewards mentioned in Revelation 2 and 3 are shown given to people in heaven in Revelation after the Tribulation. Revelation 22:12, Mathew 16:27 – Jesus Christ is coming with His reward; it seems logical to the writer of the document that you are reading that we who are dead in Christ at the beginning of the Tribulation and those who are transformed for heaven at the coming of Christ at the beginning of the Tribulation will appear before Christ at His coming in order at that time to be ready for the rewards He brings at that time; - - Also note in II Corinthians 5:10 – it is reasonable that Jesus can judge many at once just as God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit can hear many prayers at once – multi-tasking;
- Speaking to Christians of the Church age, I Corinthians 6:2-3 says: Christians will judge the world and the angels. However we were made a little lower than the angels (Psalm 8:5 and Hebrews 2:6-8). Do we judge just the fallen angels? See also II Peter 2:4, Jude 1:6. Furthermore, does this mean that when Christ sits on the Great White Throne of Revelation and judges the nations in Matthew 25:31-46 that He will be working through us? Do we assist at Great White Throne? In Matthew 19:28 and Luke 22:30 the disciples will sit on thrones and judge the twelve tribes of Israel. In Revelation 20:4 who is on thrones - - the disciples or us? Do these thrones of judgment include the Revelation 3:21 throne? The understanding of the writer of the document that you are reading is that when Christians of the Church die, they are judged at that moment to know where they will go until the resurrection of the Church at the Second Coming and Christians alive at the Second Coming will be judged at the moment that they are transformed for heaven. At some point in time, Christians will have to appear before Christ as examined earlier. Then, starting at the battle of Armageddon, the disciples and the Christians of the Church age will be on thrones helping with various judgments as they happen;
- A popular idea of Judgment Day is really the Great White Throne but many are already totally judged by then;
- Jude;
- John 12:44-50 – the words of Jesus will judge the nonbeliever;
- Matthew 12:36-37 – we will have to give an account for our idle words;
- Hebrews 4:13 – we are naked and open to judgment; however, Hebrews 4:12-16 – the Bible can help us see those things which could lead us into bad judgment and show us how to obtain mercy;
- John 5:21-30 – end time judgment and Jesus;
- II Peter 2:9;
- I Corinthians 3:6-15 – rewards;
- I Peter 5:4 – crown of glory;
- Matthew 6:19-21, Luke 12:20-21 – treasures in heaven;
- Hebrews 11:6 – rewards in definition of faith;
- James 1:12;

- Revelation chapters 2 and 3 – Seven Churches - - rewards (and judgment);
- Romans 2:16 – will have secrets judged; also Ecclesiastes 12:14;
- Romans 8:1 – no condemnation in Christ (something to remember when we appear before Christ); Colossians 2:14 – our sins are nailed to the cross;
- Matthew 5:12;
- Luke 6:22-23;
- II Timothy 4:8;
- James 5:9, 12 – spoken to Christians;
- II Timothy 4:1 – His appearing is a matter of a block of time (as discussed earlier) and some of His judging (Great White Throne) is over a thousand years after the beginning of His Second Coming;
- I Corinthians 4:5;
- II Thessalonians 1:7-10;
- Philippians 3:18-21;
- Acts 10:38-43;
- Revelation 20 – Satan judged twice (II Corinthians 11:14-15) (Isa. 14:12-17) (Luke 10:18) – Satan’s fall; Is Satan a fallen angel? (Revelation 12 implies that he is an angel) (thus do we help judge him since we judge the angels?) (Revelation 12:9, 20:2 – dragon is Satan); (Satan is the same as the Devil is the same as the Lucifer and the dragon in Revelation and the serpent in the Garden of Eden in the beginning of Genesis);
- Matthew 25:14-30 – talents parable with Luke 19:11-27;
- Revelation 20:6;
- Luke 1:1-9, 13:23-30;
- Mark 8:38; Luke 9:26;
- I Corinthians 9:25;
- Matthew 11:20-24; Luke 10 1-20;
- I Corinthians 1:7-8;
- I Thessalonians 3:12-13, 5:23;
- II John 1:8-9;
- I Peter 4:5;
- I Peter 4:6 – preached to the dead back when they were alive;
- Matthew 5:11-12, 6:22-23 – great reward also implies lesser reward; (see degrees of mercy in hell discussion which is similar);
- Revelation 7:11 – distinguishes between angels and the 24 elders (who also have their reward of white robes);
- Nothing seems to suggest that everyone will be dead by the time of the Great White Throne. Do those still living at the Great White Throne judgment get transformed for the eternal state, are judged, and then go into their proper place for the eternal state at the time of the for New Heaven and Earth state? The writer of the document that you are reading conjectures that the answer is yes;
- II Peter 3:7.

- Bible human history: See a concordance to find these in the Bible.
 - God (Genesis 1-2) through Jesus the Christ created the heavens and the earth in John 1 and Colossians 1; Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega
 - Creation of the universe and the creation of man with Adam & Eve
 - Satan enters earth through the sin of not believing what God said
 - Genesis 3:14-15 – predicts the struggle of Satan the Devil and Jesus Christ with Christ winning.
 - Noah and the flood
 - Abraham, the Father of the Hebrew Jewish nation of Israel; through Abraham all nations will be blessed – Genesis 22:17-19, 26:1-6, Galatians 3:6-14, 26-29
 - Jacob and the twelve tribes of Israel
 - Joseph and 400 years in Egypt; Genesis 15:16
 - Moses
 - Joshua and the Holy Land
 - Judges
 - Kings including David
 - Divided nation
 - Captivity
 - Some return to build the Temple
 - John the Baptizer (not John the Apostle, the disciple of Jesus); Matthew 11:13; Luke 16:16
 - Jesus Christ the Son of God; Jeremiah 31:31-32 New Covenant (Testament) – Bible expects no other Covenant because the NT Covenant completes the plan – no add or subtract to the Bible as word of final authority: Revelation 22:18-19, Deuteronomy 4:2, 12:32, Proverbs 30:5-6; Luke 1:68-70;
 - The Church
 - Jesus crucified for the sins of human history in place of us
 - Jesus rose from the dead as the ultimate support for who He is
 - Jesus ascended to heaven – the beginning of the end times (latter days) at the coming of the Holy Spirit
 - Jerusalem destroyed as predicted by Jesus; the destruction is not recorded in the Bible but happened 70 A.D. according to secular history records; also later in the Tribulation is the destruction by the Antichrist
 - Israel begins returning
 - Second Coming for Biblical Christians (the Church)
 - The Tribulation
 - Armageddon and the climactic Second Coming (for the world)
 - Satan bound
 - Millennium
 - Satan released
 - Gog and Magog
 - Great White Throne; see II Peter 3; judgment of the nations

- New Heaven and New Earth into eternity
 - Jesus gives all to God at the end (I Corinthians 15:24)
 - Within the above is all judgments, all resurrections, Daniel's 70 weeks, the Time of the Gentiles, and our deaths with later resurrections or transformations to heaven without going through death
 - Some Bible history summaries: Psalm 78:1-72; Acts 6:8-7:60 and 8:1-4.
- Living while we wait: The following Scriptures, in no particular order, are additional verses to speak to the topic of Living while we wait:
 - II Timothy chapters 3 and 4 especially 3:10-17;
 - James 5:7-12;
 - I Thessalonians 5:1-11 – watch and be sober, etc.;
 - Ephesians 6:10-18;
 - Luke 21:34-36;
 - Titus 2:11-14;
 - Ephesians 4:17-5:21;
 - I John 3:2-3;
 - I Peter 1:7, 13-25;
 - I John 2:28-29;
 - II Chronicles 7:14, 34:24-28;
 - Daniel 9:3-19 especially 9:18 – Daniel's prayer looking to God's mercy;
 - How should we live while we wait? See speeches of Jesus on end times;
 - II Peter 3;
 - Mark 13:32-37;
 - Luke 12:35-40;
 - Jesus said in John 14:15, "If you love Me, keep My commandments." Furthermore Jesus said in John 15:5, "I am the vine, you are the branches: He that abides in Me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without Me you can do nothing.";
 - Matthew 24:42-44, 25:13; (The most important concept in all of these references is to "Watch" and "Be Ready" for whenever might happen);
 - Matthew 25:1-13 – virgins and lamps; there comes a time that the door will be shut.
- Approaching end times: The following Scriptures, in no particular order, are additional verses to speak to the topic of Approaching end times:
 - We are in the break in Daniel's 70 weeks after week 69; the break started in New Testament times and continues up until today with the patience of God so hopefully none would perish referred to in chapter 3 in II Peter;
 - Acts 2:17 – in Peter's speech he considered the last days to be starting at that time (but this is not the end times as we are discussing in this document that you are reading);
 - The speeches of Jesus discussed previously; (the end is not yet section is fulfilled; the beginning of sorrows section has much fulfilled but will be

completely fulfilled in the first half of the Tribulation; the gospel of Jesus Christ has spread around the world);

- The message about Jesus Christ has spread over the earth – Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 1:8;
- Daniel 12:9 suggests that we are closely approaching the end times because Daniel’s book is no longer sealed in that people are beginning to understand it (the book is supposed to be sealed until the time of the end);
- Daniel 12:4 has happened if we take the plain meaning of the end of the verse – knowledge is increasing and people are traveling to and fro;
- Note that some things were already being fulfilled in New Testament times;
- II Timothy 3:1-9; (already fulfilled);
- Jude 1:17-19; (already fulfilled);
- I Timothy 4:1-6; (already fulfilled);
- Israel returned partially in the days of Ezra and Nehemiah; the temple was destroyed shortly after New Testament times; the Jews are returning to Israel and Jerusalem now and they are somewhat surrounded by enemies; the armies of the world will meet in Israel for the battle of Armageddon; how many nations stand up for Israel today rather than for the enemies of Israel?; When Jesus Christ comes for the Church, then the armies of the world will drastically change because the membership of the armies would be drastically changed making Armageddon an easy decision;
- II Thessalonians 2:1-12 and John’s letters are about antichrists and the Antichrist but the Antichrist has not been revealed; technology has helped the world for good but technology has also made it easy for the Antichrist to rule the world when he comes; things are available to the Antichrist now for his ruling and world conditions are ripe; the Antichrist can easily and instantly control the world with the internet; by gaining control of nations producing oil which is needed for the modern world the Antichrist could strangle the modern world - - the Antichrist could take advantage of nations’ tendencies to make themselves dependant on other nations rather than use what God has given them when He gave man dominion over the earth to subdue it rather than making regulations to let the earth have dominion over us and subdue us (Genesis 1:26-28) - - thus nations do not develop and seek natural resources which God has given them which may be adequate until the Second Coming - - Israel in the wilderness did not seek out and learn how to use God’s blessings associated with the coming Promise Land and that generation ended up losing the Promise Land; also, by gaining control and/or disrupting the world’s economic system which is becoming more globally entwined to avoid crashing and pay debts from over spending, the Antichrist could thus control the world or in the case of ruining the world economic system the Antichrist could then take over by promising to come in as a financial savior even if he could not be one; as we have discussed earlier the Antichrist has flattery and lying covenants at his disposal; review the section on the Antichrist;

- God is delaying the end times we see in II Peter 3. Can we also delay the end times and why would we? No is the answer. However, if our national civilization is decaying and we have a civilization that makes it easier to live in and also spread the gospel in the worsening times preceding the Tribulation, we can delay the decay of our civilization up until the time of the Tribulation. The Deuteronomy chapters 4, 28, and 30 state the blessing or curses of God available to the nation of His chosen people telling how to choose national blessing rather than curses. (Deuteronomy 4:23-31 state that repenting will work even in the “latter days”.) These blessings or curses were for God’s chosen people but can a Gentile nation hope for any better treatment? Important things to notice are: Psalm 106:9-15 (seek the guidance of God and Christ before acting); Deuteronomy 31:20; Deuteronomy 8:17-20. God’s way to get a nation back into blessing from a time of curses is discussed many times in the Old Testament with II Chronicles 7:11-22 especially 7:13-14 being probably the best known. Also, Abraham got God to agree to delay or change His plan to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah in Genesis 18:16-19:29 if He found just ten righteous in the city so that the righteous would not be destroyed with the wicked. Righteous in the Bible is defined as trusting and seeking God and Christ doing works that show that faith and the presence of God and Christ working in your life. When a civilization is decaying, the best political solutions of man will not be fruitful unless God blesses their efforts. If a civilization does not acknowledge God, why should God acknowledge them?
- There is much reason to believe that the time of the Gentiles is nearing the fulfillment although no one knows the times or the seasons;
- Revelation 1:1-3, 22:10 – the time is at hand and these verses say that it is fulfilled in New Testament times; if these verses be true both then and now, then there is some way that it can be true in both cases: the time is at hand if the Second Coming of Jesus comes quickly now and also the time is at hand for Jesus coming quickly in that our death can come quickly and the next big spiritual event in our lives is Jesus coming quickly for His own after our deaths; this is the explanation given to resolve the matter by the document that you are reading because this explanation would be true both in the “now” of New Testament times and in the “now” of today;
- Revelation 22:20.

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