

THE GREAT TRIBULATION AND THE DAY OF THE LORD

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**“What shall be the sign of thy
Coming and of the end of the world?”**

Matthew 24:3

For the past few months the Lord has been speaking to me about the End Time and I've had a sense in my spirit that what is generally referred to as The Tribulation period is going to begin very soon; in fact it might happen this year. However, as you will note in this teaching this 7 year period is never referred to in the Scriptures as “the Tribulation” but rather as Daniel’s 70th week. Theologians and Bible scholars have assigned the names “Tribulation” and “Great Tribulation” (a name they’ve attached to the last 3 ½ years of the 7 year period) to this period of time but the Bible never does. Jesus Himself in the Olivet Discourse—the only sermon I’ve been permitted to go back in time and actually witness; not only is there no distance

in the spirit but also no time—referred to a period of time He called “great tribulation” but He did not label it as 3 ½ years; in fact as I will demonstrate from the Scriptures He actually gives the timing of the rapture of the Church when He states that this “great tribulation” period of time “will be cut short.” If you want to know the truth about the timing of the rapture of the Church then just study, read, and meditate on Matthew 24 for a few weeks and the Holy Spirit will make it crystal clear to you because it is there in plain sight.

In this teaching article I want to deal with an error in teaching by most if not nearly all Bible scholars regarding the Tribulation and rapture of the Church. In fact, perhaps the only other error more egregious that I discussed in *Revelations from God, Vol. 1 (RFG)*, than this one is the Doctrine of Eternal Security. I state in RFG that perhaps no other doctrine has caused more people to die and go to hell or not fulfill God’s will for their lives than this one—eternal security. But the false doctrinal teaching on the Pre-trib rapture of the Church is probably next because it deceives Christians into thinking that they won’t have to go through the deadly times and things that are coming upon the earth shortly and may cause many to question their salvation because they were erroneously taught that they would not have to go through seeing the Antichrist on T.V. proclaiming himself to be God.

In 1998 when we were living in Elliston, Montana, one evening after dinner the Spirit of the Lord came upon me suddenly and very forcefully and He spoke the following: “Many thought that they were safe and secure but they were cast into outer darkness.” Then He showed me a person—a woman who had viciously attacked me and the ministry although she claimed to be a Christian and I had seen the Glory of God on her many years before but then she became possessed of the devil. I knew that the Spirit of God was referring to her (as well

as others) so I phoned her and relayed my vision. She responded: “No, I’m okay” and that was that. This particular woman was the first person that the Lord began to reveal the spirit of Athaliah operating in to both Eve and I. The Lord told Eve that Athaliah was “the queen of idolatry” and the purpose of this spirit is to destroy the Kingly Anointing on a person.

Eve and I have since learned that because of the false church and the apostate churches of today where there is no fear of God or sin many, many Christians have become possessed by a religious spirit and it’s this spirit that convinces a person that they are saved, in the family of God and “okay” even though they are living in sexual sin or other sins and, without repentance, are on the road to hell. In fact, since most study Bibles are written by believers in eternal security their footnotes are often quite comical if they even attempt to deal with any of the scores of scriptures that refute eternal security. Do not be deceived my friend, if you sow to the flesh a sinful life then you will reap eternal death. The Bible says, “Without holiness no one will see the Lord” and while the Blood of Jesus will cover any sin that you commit the Holy Spirit expects you to work with Him to overcome sin and stop sinning.

The Apostle John writes it very simply: “My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin.” (1 John 2:1) He didn’t say that it was okay to sin. He further writes in 1 John 3:6, “No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues sinning has either seen him or knows him.” And in 1 John 3:8, “He who does what is sinful is of the devil.”

You cannot continue living with your boy friend as one of our former church members from Montana is doing and expect to go to Heaven—it’s as simple as that; your lifestyle shows that you are not a genuine Christian but a “make believer.” However, this religious spirit will cause you to attend church and think that you are “okay” but you must

**always test your own feelings and “security” with the Scriptures—
what does the Word say?**

Now like most students of the Bible I’ve studied eschatology (the study of end-time prophecy) and I’ve had a lot of supernatural experiences in this area as well. I’ve related in both writings and a few sermons some of the many angels I’ve seen in the spirit; however, the only time an angel ever appeared to me back in 1981 was the angel Gabriel and he spoke to me for a long time about the Last Days. What he said rearranged my theology at that time because I’d always been taught that the Day of the Lord, the rapture, etc., were going to come like “a thief in the night” and he actually referred me to that very same Scripture. Now I did not ask him why he had been sent from the Throne of God where he ministers but I believe it was much like Daniel when he was sent several times to “make Daniel understand” what was going to happen to Israel because Daniel was obviously praying for his people and also studying the Scriptures because the Word is clear that Daniel learned from the Prophet Jeremiah that “70 years” were appointed to Israel.

Also even though other prophets such as Isaiah record more prophetic revelation, Daniel is the only prophet—and he was a Roah prophet—a seer—that God ever showed the full panorama of history to from Daniel’s time and Nebuchadnezzar as the Head of Gold clear to the end of time and the rise of the Antichrist from Rome’s provinces—the feet composed of clay mixed with iron.

The “Times of the Gentiles” began with Daniel and as I’ve pointed out before because it’s quite interesting, the Times of the Gentiles both began and will end with the erection of a statue where men are commanded to worship another man under penalty of death if they do not. The Antichrist will command that he be worshiped after a key *sign* that all will see—yes you if you’re still alive because the Church will

not be raptured before this takes place but rather after as I will demonstrate—and that sign is The Abomination of Desolation that Jesus referred to in the Olivet Discourse. Now you should also be very aware that the Olivet Discourse follows the Book of Revelation and the signs of Jesus' return are quite clear.

One of the reasons that I've not gone back to study End Time prophecy or even preached on it though I've shared some revelation on the Book of Revelation that I've received in some sermon messages. But unlike many Baptists and others who make the rapture not only a divisive doctrine but also claim that if you don't believe in the Pre-tribulation rapture of the Church then you are a heretic and going to hell, I don't believe this to be the case because the rapture of the Church is not a pillar of the Christian faith like for example the virgin birth.

Many great men and women of God like William Branham have held false doctrine but still they were anointed of God and led holy lives; I certainly expect to see Brother Branham in Heaven one day. And in fact even though the majority of all Bible scholars today hold to the Pre-tribulation rapture of the Church they will soon be proven wrong and, in fact, since most of these scholars think that the rapture is "imminent", i.e., it can happen at any moment because it is the next thing on God's agenda for the Church, the very wording of the Scriptures—and what the Angel Gabriel said to me back in 1981—demonstrate that this is not the case. No, the true Church will have plenty of notice and *know* as Gabriel informed me when the rapture is near! So if you want to know how then read on.

Growing up in the Methodist and Southern Baptist churches and accepting Jesus in the Methodist church when I was 8 years old has forced me to hear only sermons that accepted the Pre trib rapture of

the Church as fact but as I studied the Book of Daniel and other Old Testament prophets on The Day of the Lord as well as Jesus' teaching on His return and the writings of Paul and John I began to "see" that the rapture must occur closer to the mid-point of Daniel's Seventieth Week rather than at the beginning.

However, after Gabriel spoke to me about this in 1981, I was never really interested in it as a timing anymore because I had "a more sure word of prophecy" similar to when the Lord spoke to me in 1982 in New York City from a huge ball of bright, white light in my hotel room about abortion. Before that time I had thought that abortion was wrong but I did not have a clear word from the Lord about it but He gave me one that night—Jesus hates abortion! It's murder! And it's one of the grave sins of our land that has loosed the spirit of murder in America. No, guns don't kill people; people kill people but it's the evil spirit named the spirit of murder that causes them to do it and that spirit was loosed to a much stronger degree in America after 1973 because of the murder of innocent babies whose blood—like the blood of righteous Abel—cries out—and God must eventually answer those cries for justice.

But the main reason that I became uninterested in the timing of the rapture back in the early '80s was because of the last thing that the Angel Gabriel said to me before he disappeared. He said, "When the end is near, you'll be told where to go and what to do." Now I'm not clear what this means exactly—whether he will return and tell me where to go and what to do or the Lord will make it clear by some other way but I do have this promise from Heaven so I've never been concerned about the timing of the Rapture since then but the Lord wants me to clarify for you what He's been showing me because if you don't see it and believe it you may not be ready for the Lord's return and Jesus gave us a clear warning about this in Matthew 24 so if you

don't believe me believe Him and thoroughly study the Olivet Discourse.

Many of you are not living like you should for the Lord right now and you need to repent and return to your first love. You can't allow the culture of our times—and especially the apostate church that Paul prophesied about that Jesus has left and like during Ezekiel's day has written Ichabod over the doors. Remember, when the Holy Spirit leaves there is no more anointing, no power, no more glory, and no more protection for the sheep in that idolatrous house.

I believe if Jesus were walking the earth in ministry today just like in His day He would suddenly appear on those Balaam Networks and overturn their money changing tables and call for repentance because the corruption and idolatry today is far worse than in Jesus' time and also today they are sinning against greater light having a more full knowledge of Grace and Truth than the Pharisees and Sadducees of Jesus' day had.

Now keep in mind that my major ministry calling is in the area of spiritual warfare and the Dark Kingdom; however, because the Lord moved Eve and I to Montana in the '90s and began to reveal the false church—the Babylonian church that began under Nimrod and continued on in Paul's day and today by moving to Rome. And as I've written and preached before, especially in the message titled: *Restoring the Foundations* that I preached at our church in Libby, Montana, back in 2004, the false church is patterned after the true church—Satan has his own false Five-fold ministers—false apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers and evangelists—and they have a false anointing that is very close to the real thing. And as I've written and preached scores of times, today is no different than in Old Testament

times—most prophets today are false prophets! But they don't wear a badge titled, "False Prophet" so you have to know by the Spirit and John's warning in 1 John.

And because the work of religious spirits is very subtle, unless you have a good gift of Discerning of Spirits you won't recognize their work in your midst until you've succumbed to it and by this point you will think that you are "okay" as the Holy Spirit showed me in 1998.

When Eve and I first ministered down in the Jasper, Alabama, area and they picked us up at the airport in Birmingham the Lord showed me how pervasive this religious spirit is in the Bible belt. As we were driving the 60 miles or so from Birmingham to where we were ministering I saw so many churches sitting up on a hill with a huge white cross standing in front of the church. Some of these white crosses were easily 100 feet high and they had lights shining on the crosses. It was beautiful! But that night the Lord gave me a vision; He woke me up and in the vision I saw those churches exactly as I had seen them on the drive over there but in the vision instead of a huge white cross in front of the church there stood a giant white tombstone!

Again, a clear reference to Jesus' day and His categorization of the religious system—the Temple, the synagogues, etc.,—as being white washed sepulchers full of dead men's bones while they were "blind leaders of the blind." I submit the same is true today and that is why you need to be in the Word because it's only the Word of God that allows you to know the truth and not be conformed to this world because most churches today have become conformed to the world instead of standing for absolute truth. The religious spirits operating in these false churches have two purposes: 1) to confuse you and cause you to believe a lie—false doctrine (2 Thess. 2:11), and 2) to work with deceiving spirits to take you to hell.

Now one of the problems with the Truth is that without revelation from the Spirit of God you won't see it. In fact you will continue to believe

what you've been erroneously taught for years, e.g., the one we still deal with the most in our ministry is the false doctrine that a Christian cannot be possessed by a demon.

But in the subject we are dealing with—the Day of the Lord—I was erroneously taught as most of you were so I just believed it that the Day of the Lord is the same 7 year period as the Tribulation, even though as I pointed out earlier there is no timing given for the Tribulation; Bible scholars have just assumed that it is 7 years because they equate Daniel's Seventieth Week with the Tribulation and we know that Daniel's Seventieth Week is 7 years but we must also remember that this pertains to Israel! Daniel was shown that Messiah would be "cut off" (i.e., crucified) at the end of 69 weeks (of years, which also shows our Jewish friends that the Messiah has already come so if He's not Jesus then who was He because based on Daniel's time table He has already come). So based on Daniel's prophecy, a week (7 years) remains prophetically for God to finish dealing with Israel but what does that mean for the Church?

In all my years of ministry I've only had the Lord change my message once right before I got up to preach and this occurred in October, 1996, at a church in Salem, Oregon. The Lord changed my message because of what was occurring in that church that particular Sunday morning and the Lord changed my message to Amos 5:18 *ff.* which deals with Israel and The Day of the Lord. Like most churches of our day—and this church in Oregon was in trouble with the Lord—Israel was so looking forward to The Day of the Lord because they knew that this was the time that God was going to punish all the nations and judge the nations but what does the prophet say? He gives them a word of warning that if they did not repent of their sins then they too would be judged on that Day so they should not be eagerly looking

forward to it in their current spiritual condition. Similarly, the church of today should not be looking forward to it either.

Now, what the Lord has finally shown me—though He’s tried for many years through the same scriptures, e.g., the warnings by the Lord that this “DAY” would be like Noah and Lot—that although the Day of the Lord is longer than just a 24 hour day, on the Day of the Lord, i.e., the beginning of the Day of the Lord, is when the Church is raptured. Jesus pointed out that it was on a specific *day* that Noah went into the ark and it was on a specific *day* that Lot was led out of Sodom by the two angels. Likewise, on a specific Day the Lord will return immediately following all sorts of cosmic disturbances that the whole world will witness that will cause the true Church to know that the time of the rapture is near—because as Gabriel told me and referred me to the Scripture in 1 Thess. 5:4, “But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you as a thief.” So the true Church will not be surprised but, likewise we will not be raptured before the Tribulation either.

Paul also makes this abundantly clear in 2 Thess. which he wrote to clarify his teaching on the rapture in 1 Thess. In 2 Thess. 2:1 ff. he gives the progression to the rapture and states that it will occur on The Day of the Lord: he states that the rebellion or apostasy must come first and we are in that stage now. This applies to both the church and the world. We are clearly seeing the rebellion of the world, especially here in America, against all that is Christian or godly. Likewise it applies to the church (cf. 1 Tim. 4:1, et al.) because most churches, denominations, etc., having followed their “mother of harlots”—the Roman Catholic Church—into apostasy after which he writes that the next step is that “the man of sin (or lawlessness, i.e., the Antichrist) is revealed”; question—who is he revealed to? Not the world, they will embrace him and worship him and his counterfeit

miracles of the Messiah; no, he is revealed to the Church and he will be revealed to Israel after 3 ½ years when he commits The Abomination of Desolation! We will see him and know him long before he commits the Abomination of Desolation. And during this period—the beginning of sorrows or woes as Jesus referred to it that scholars normally term the beginning of the 7 year tribulation period—is where the Book of Revelation shows the Antichrist riding the White Horse—the horse of peace, prosperity. It is also the clear sign of a false sign because the true Messiah—the Lion of the tribe of Judah—is also depicted in Revelation as riding a white horse.

So now let's look at some key scriptures so that you may understand that although the Church will go through the Tribulation period but this "Great Tribulation" period Jesus said would be "cut short" for the sake of His elect because we will be raptured before—as typed by both Lot and Noah and confirmed in the Scriptures by Paul that we "are not appointed unto wrath."

THE GREAT TRIBULATION

Now if we read Matthew 24 with The Eye of the Eagle we will notice that Jesus speaks about "the beginning of sorrows" as the beginning of Daniel's Seventieth Week and notice His words which we are beginning to see now and about which Eve and I have prophesied about for over 20 years—the hatred and persecution of the Church by the whole world and especially America which forbids Christianity in our schools but while screaming "separation of church and state" is now openly embracing Islam.

Jesus prophesied this: “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake.”

Those who think that He is speaking about the Jews here need only realize that the Jewish people don’t even recognize Jesus as their Messiah so clearly He is not only speaking to His disciples but He is clearly referring to them—the Church—as well.

Now notice as Jesus continues on here that this is a time of testing for the Church. “And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures (Gk. Means “to hold one’s ground in conflict and stand firm under pressure) to the end shall be saved.”

Endures to the end of what? This time of sorrows and great tribulation.

Jesus continues on after speaking what every church pastor quotes after they have left out all of the above: “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.” (24:14)

Now Jesus speaks about the time He refers to as “great tribulation” and He marks its beginning as an event that all Jews and His disciples as well as the early Church and Paul after Him understood—“the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place.”

But notice how He states that although the Great Tribulation as we refer to the last 3 ½ years of Daniel’s Seventieth Week begins with this event—the abomination of desolation which we know from other scriptures including Daniel and Paul’s writings means the Antichrist claiming to be God the Messiah—Jesus states emphatically that “those days” would “be shortened” for the sake of “the elect” so that means that the Great Tribulation period will not be 3 ½ years but less than this time.

Jesus also goes on to emphasize this fact in v. 29 when He says, “Immediately after the tribulation of those days (i.e., the Great Tribulation) the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens (i.e., the Dark Kingdom since their ruling hierarchy abides in the heavens above the earth) will be shaken. *Then* (italics added for emphasis) the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet (Eve had a vision of this back in the ‘80s; she was preaching in Africa to a large group of people and she heard the sound of a trumpet behind her and as she turned around to look she began to rise in the air and she turned back around to see those that she was preaching to and they too were rising), and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.”

Now as before I encourage you to meditate on all of this chapter and chapter 25 as well because the parable of the ten virgins applies to the Church as well and this End-time period because Jesus continues on with 25:1, “Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins ...”

But I simply want to finish this teaching regarding proving that the Rapture of the Church must occur after the Great Tribulation because Jesus says that it is “cut short” because of “His elect” who are then “gathered from the earth” on that “Day” which is the beginning Day of the Day of the Lord and it is the time spoken of in Revelation (Rev. 6:12 ff.) when God’s wrath is poured out upon a sinful, unbelieving world. But since the Church—as well as God’s righteous as evidenced by Jesus likening His return (remember what the disciples asked Him: “...what will be the sign of your coming, and of the end of the age?”) to the “day” of Lot and the “day” of Noah—does not go through the wrath

of God because it is only poured out upon unbelievers then the Church is raptured before the Seventh Seal in Revelation 8.

So you can see from Matthew 24 with the Eye of the Eagle that it's all there and as it was revealed to me by Gabriel over 30 years ago to "rearrange" as I've stated my eschatology because it was wrong—I'd been wrongly taught that the Church was raptured before the 7 year period. And I had erroneously been taught that nobody knew when the Lord would return but Gabriel showed me from the Scriptures that this was false and we see it right here in Matthew 24: Jesus said, "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but my Father only" but you see He is clearly speaking about The Day of the Lord, the very first Day when He will appear in the clouds to rapture His Church! And He only says that we would not know "the day or hour"; He never said that we would not know the time or season; in fact we should if we know the Lord and His Word because we will begin to see all these cosmic disturbances that will mystify the world and unbelievers.

As I've shared before, I'm convinced based on what the Lord said to me back in 1998: "When the Bride is ready the Bridegroom will appear" that the Bride is in fact holding up the Lord's return because she has not "made herself ready."

He goes on to reveal, what I shared at the beginning of this teaching, that this rapture will be on one day—a certain day that we are to be prepared for and that we will know is coming—because He likens it to "the days of Noah" by making the statement that they were going on about their lives until "the day that Noah entered the ark"; that was one specific day, not a seven year period. He further proves His point in Luke 17 when He states that "the day Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone." And Jesus goes on to say that it will "be just like this on the Day that the Son of Man is revealed" (Luke 17:30).

So according to Jesus we are to look for the Rapture of the Church after the Great Tribulation that is cut short by The Day of the Lord when He states (Mt. 24:39-42) “That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. Therefore keep watch, for you do not know on what day your Lord will come.” Now although Finis Dake and many others have commented that these verses don’t apply to the Rapture clearly they do!

Remember, Jesus said that we were to “watch and pray”; why? He tells us: “that you may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass and to stand before the Son of Man.” (Luke 21:36) Are you watching and praying? Now if the Pre-trib rapture of the Church were true and it can occur at any time without any signs then why do both Jesus and the Apostle Paul encourage the church to be watchful and prayerful? It would make no sense to “watch” because according to Pretrib believers there is nothing to watch for. Yet the Bible is very clear from the Old Testament prophets, Jesus’, Peter’s and Paul’s teachings as well as Revelation that the major signs immediately preceding the return of Jesus will be cosmic disturbances such as the sun turning dark and the moon turning blood red as well as one more sign—a great earthquake.

So although the Church will go through the Tribulation period and many will be martyred by the Antichrist because they will not deny their Lord, those who “remain faithful till the end will be saved.”

We need only remember the words of the Spirit through Paul: “Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.” (Phil. 1:6)

Praise the Lord! Maranatha

