

The Last 1335 Days

End Time Events

Mark of the Beast

Armageddon

Second Coming

Lake of Fire

God's Trial

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Christ

Satan

“World”

Good Cop
United Nations

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Bad Cop
United States

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Abbreviations used:

Gen. = Genesis, *Lev.* = Leviticus, *Isa.* = Isaiah, *Eze.* = Ezekiel, *Jer.* = Jeremiah, *Dan.* = Daniel, *Mat.* = Matthew, *Phi.* = Philippians, *Cor.* = Corinthians, *Thes.* = Thessalonians, *Rev.* = Revelation.

Seven Trumpets = 7 T Seven Last Plagues = 7 LP End Time Events = ETE
 Second Coming = SC Third Coming = TC Spiritual Leader of the World = SLW

1.

Introduction

Without Jesus Christ in any Bible study, you have only head knowledge and not heart knowledge. Without heart knowledge, a deep true love of Jesus, you cannot go to heaven. You will get to know Jesus a little more and feel more confident about His plans and His purpose for the final conflict of the end of this world after reading this study.

Keep an open mind as you study and remember what God said in *Isa. 1:18* “Come now, let us reason together.” God is reasonable and his character can not change. *Mal.3:6* *I the Lord do not change.* Please consider and believe what the Bible says. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you before you read any further.

Acts 17:11 Now the Bereans (the people reading this message) were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the scriptures everyday (you are to) to see if what Paul (Mr. Anderson) said was true.

1 Thes. 5:20 Do not treat prophecies with contempt. 21) Test everything. Hold to the good.

Keep in mind what Jesus said about future events.

John 14:29 Jesus said: I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

15:15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

1Thess. 5:1 The Coming of the Lord: Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, 2) for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3) While people are saying “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4) But you, brothers are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. 5) You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness.

Jesus is our best friend and best friends share secrets. Unfortunately, most people are not friends with Jesus and therefore, ‘the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night’ for the majority of them. Most people are afraid of studying the time when Jesus will come, but we all believe He will come soon. What we really want to know is, “How soon is soon”. The above statement, *1Thess. 5:1~5*, tells us that the times and dates are not to be written down for everyone to know but we who study the Bible will know the signs of the end of the world. It will be when people around the world are saying “Peace and Safety” *1Thess. 5:3*, then sudden destruction will come. If we study about this sudden destruction in the Bible we will know “the day of the Lord” *1Thess. 5:2* (Second Coming) because we are “sons of the light” *1Thess. 5:5* and this day will not surprise us. However, we will not know the date until the start of the sudden destruction and that’s what we are going to study.

I’m willing to answer any question after you have read this entire book. You may email me at: everetta@telus.net

1.1

Over View

This is a survival book that will teach you new truths *from the Bible* about the last 1335 days on earth just before the Second Coming of Christ. That day, the Second Coming, will not take us, God's children, by surprise because we are children of the light and God is light. God's light is God's truth. He has told us before hand of all the events which will take place during the end time. We must study to find the truth.

To understand the end time events, the end of sin events, it is imperative that we understand the beginning of sin events.

Sin started in heaven with Lucifer, later known as Satan, becoming proud, which is the beginning of sin, and wanting to become a god. This resulted in the first trial, the trial of God, with Lucifer being the accuser, the plaintiff; God Jesus (God Michael, which the angels called him at that time, see appendix G), being the defendant and God the Father will be the Judge. This first sin, first conflict resulted in a war in heaven, which I believe was a war of words like two lawyers arguing their case. The earth is the crime scene where the evidence is written in the judgment books of heaven according to what each person has done during their life. The jury consists of every intelligent creation of God. However; there are three different times of judgment.

The *first judgment*, the pre-advent judgment, (before the Second Coming) the first jury, consists of the "Never Sinned", started in 1844 with the family of God; the "Dead in Christ", of which Abel was the first of all the "Dead in Christ". The last people to be judged during this first judgment will be the "Living in Christ" and their judgment will end at the seventh trumpet, which is the close of earth's probation, just prior to the Second Coming.

The *second judgment*, the millennial judgment, the second jury, consists of the "Saved", will start and end their judging during their 1000 years in heaven. This will be after the Second Coming and before the Third Coming of Christ.

The *third judgment*, the final or executive judgment, the third jury, consists of the "Lost", will do their judging after the second resurrection, after the Third Coming, 1000 years after the Second Coming.

Then God, the Father, will pronounce the verdict on the Lost, which is death, eternal separation from God. This will conclude God's trial and there will never ever be anymore sin. Then He will recreate earth and live here. There will be no more death or tears, and everyone will live happily ever after.

Now that we know the beginning and the end we can now look at the last period of 1335 days of earth's history before the Second Coming of Christ.

Just before a jury is sent out to deliberate the verdict, the lawyers of the plaintiff and defendant make their closing arguments. This trial is no different. These closing presentations will be 1260 days during the last 1335 days just before the Second Coming, which is the last probation period for the human race.

The Bible states that when people are saying "*peace and safety*" sudden destruction will come upon them. The sudden destruction will be the first four trumpets of Revelation, which are ecological disasters. The first trumpet will start the end time count down, the 1335 days, as stated in Chapter 12 of the book of Daniel, until the Second Coming. These plagues will cause world wide panic and will result in the election of a Spiritual Leader of the World after 45 days. From then till the Second Coming there will be 1290 days. The next 1260 days after the Spiritual Leader of the World is put into power will be a time of separating the sheep from the

goats; followers of Christ or the Anti-Christ. The whole world will follow the Spiritual Leader of the World and his man made laws except those who will follow the Bible and Bible only. After approximately 2 years another plague, the fifth trumpet, will cause more panic. At this time Satan will impersonate Christ and confirm the Spiritual Leader of the World's new man made laws and blame the plagues on the one's who are following the Bible. He will insist that they be put to death if they do not obey. This decree is the sixth trumpet. At the end of the 1260 days will be the close of probation, the seventh trumpet. The last 30 days will be the seven last plagues, which includes Armageddon then the Second Coming. In summary: $45 + 1260 + 30 = 1335$ days.

When Christ comes the Living Lost will be put to death instantaneously with the brightness of His coming because with the seven last plagues God's wrath is complete!!! Those slain by the Lord will be all over the earth. There will be no one alive to bury them. They will be like garbage lying on the ground. Satan, the tempter, is bound here on earth for a thousand years with no one to tempt. This will be his prison for 1000 years.

The Saved, the second jury, the Dead in Christ are resurrected at this time (the first resurrection) and the Living in Christ, will be caught up to meet Jesus in the air at the Second Coming, and go with Him to heaven for 1000 years to look at what is recorded in the judgment books and do their judging.

The Lost will be resurrected 1000 years later (the second resurrection) to vote in the trial and every knee will bow, *in heaven*, the first jury, the Never Sinned, *on earth*, the second jury, the Saved, and *under the earth*, the third jury, the Lost. All will confess that God's every dealing action was perfect. However, the Lost get off their knees and are deceived by Satan, who is set free for a little while, into thinking that they can take the New Jerusalem city by force. As they march day and night across the earth they will recall and relive their mistakes and this will be mental torment to them day and night for ever, which is until they are put to death. As they surround New Jerusalem and they are killing each other, the blood will be up to the horse's bridles for about 300 kilometers. At that time, out of mercy, because God's wrath will be completed with the seven last plagues, He will put them to death instantaneously as He did at the Second Coming. God will not burn anyone to death; the torment of the Lost is self inflicted mentally. Then the dead bodies of the Lost will be thrown into the Lake Fire, which will burn the entire world, just like the flood cover the whole earth, and the Lost will be ashes under our feet. Then God will recreate earth and make His home here with the Saved.

Everyone wants to know "*How soon is soon?*" It will depend on how fast the United Nations changes from being a peace keeping force to a police force. Then when people around the world are saying '*peace and safety*', sudden destruction will come. The only vehicle that can provide so called world safety from terrorists and bad dictators is the United Nations, who's really power comes from the USA of course. After the sudden destruction there will be 1335 days until the Second Coming of Christ.

1.2

Points to Ponder

This is not only a Bible study on the 1335 days of the end time events that lead to the Second Coming but is a *vindication* of God's character that has been misrepresented for thousands of years by the common understanding of what happens to the Lost in the Lake of Fire.

Points to make in this study:

1. The Start of the End Time Events will be shortly after people are saying "*Peace & Safety*".
2. End Time Events Sequence.

3. From the start of the End Times (1st Trumpet) there will be 1335 days till the Second Coming.
4. Sound Principles of Biblical Interpretation.
5. How sin started and how it will end.
6. Distinguish between the Second Coming and the Third Coming Biblical texts.
7. God is on trial, He is the Defendant and Satan is the Plaintiff.
8. The trial has 3 Juries, (1) the Never Sinned, (sinless angels) (2) the Saved and (3) the Lost.
9. Then “*sudden destruction*” will come, which starts with the 1st Trumpet, Rev. 8:6
10. After the 4th Trumpet a Spiritual Leader of the World (SLW) will be elected.
11. After the 5th Trumpet Satan will impersonate Jesus Christ.
12. The 7 Trumpets precede the 7 Last Plagues. (7 T) (7 LP)
13. God’s purpose for the ETE, the 7 T and the 7 LP, is the last Probation Period on earth.
14. There are no humans alive on earth during the millennium.
15. Good news; the Lost are *not alive* when they are thrown into the Lake of Fire!
16. The Lost will be tormented day and night; tortured mentally not physically. It will be self-inflicted.

1.3

End Time Events Sequence

The last 1335 days before the Second Coming.

All people who have studied the Bible know that we are living in the last days of earth’s history. God stated that the book of Daniel would not be understood *until the time of the end*. It can be understood now, and we will study some of it.

*Dan. 12: **The End Times** 4) But you, Daniel, close up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge. ... 6) “How long will it be before these astonishing things are fulfilled?” 7) **(a) see below** “It will be for a time, times and half a time (3 ½ years = 30 days a month X 12 X 3.5 = 1260 days). When the power of the holy people has been finally broken, all these things will be completed.11) **(b)** “From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, (God’s laws replaced with man’s) there will be 1290 days. 12) **(c)** Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1335 days.”*

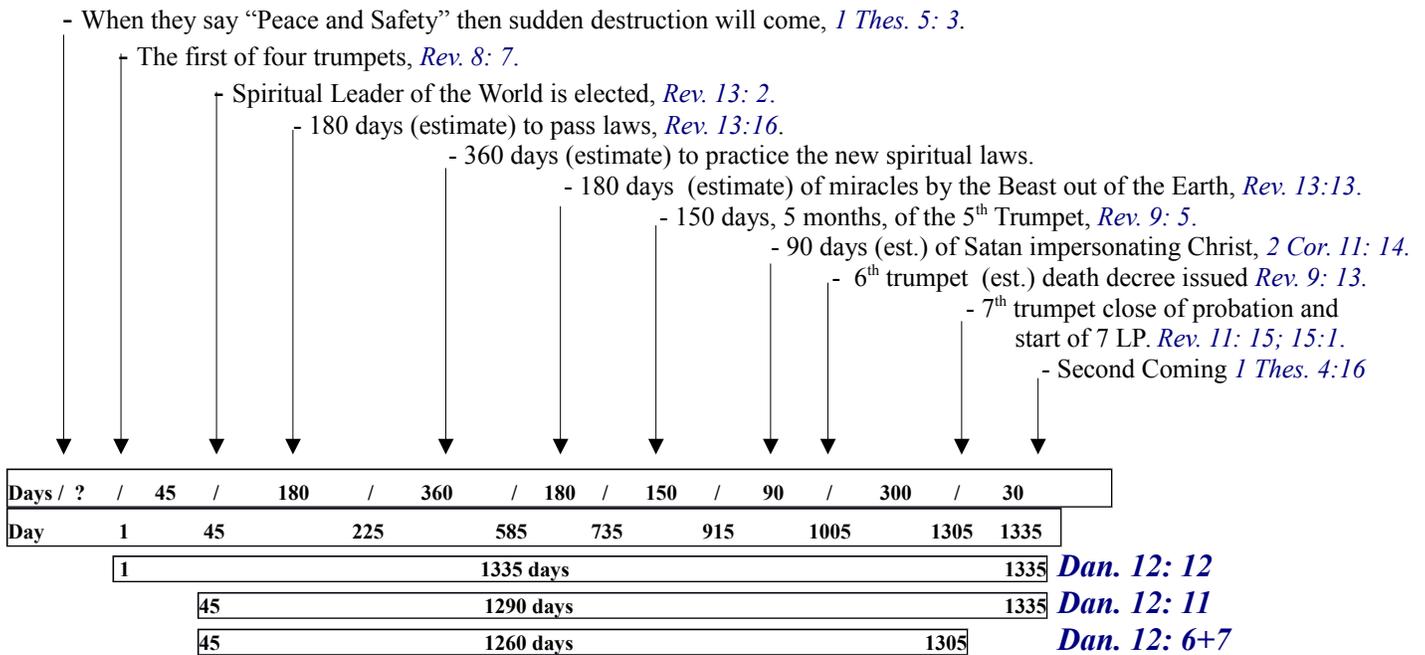
Day 0	0	The 1 st Trumpet is the start of Daniel chapter 12 time frame.
Day 45	45	The Spiritual Leader of the World (SLW) will be elected.
Day 1305	(a) + 1260	The 7 th Trumpet, Close of Probation & the start of the 7 Last Plagues.
Day 1335	(b) + 30	The 7 LP. SLW elected to the Second Coming = 1290
Days	<hr/> (c) = 1335	End Time <i>Second Coming</i> Events

This is a broad overview of the end time events. In later chapters we will study, in detail, Biblical evidence of this time frame.

1.3.1

General Time Frame Chart

Day one of the last 1335 days before the Second Coming starts with the first trumpet and will proceed as outlined below.



2.

Sound Principles of Biblical Interpretation

2.1

Be Prepared

Before we can start any Bible study we must have *sound* principles of biblical interpretation. We must obey what the Bible commands us to do and that is to ‘*be prepared*’, 2 Tim. 4: 2. That means you and not your preacher or anyone else. You are responsible for what you believe. Prayerfully consider this study.

2 Tim. 4: 2 *Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; (all the time) correct, rebuke and encourage with great patience and careful instruction. 3) For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4) They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.*

How are we to ‘*be prepared*’ so that we may know the truth and have ‘*sound doctrine*’ about end time events and not ‘*turn aside to myths*’? Jesus gave us an example of a Bible study.

Luke 24:27 *And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.*

Jesus took one subject, and ‘*all the Scriptures*’ and came up with one doctrine ‘*concerning himself*’ about why he was sent to earth. We have to study all scriptures concerning both the Old and New Testament the end time events to become wise children of the light.

Remember that God wants to call you friends; close friends have no secrets.

John 15:14 *You are my friends if you do what I command. 15) I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.*

In the last days, the final effort of the devil will be to deceive the whole world.

Rev. 13:14 *Because of the signs he was given power to do on behalf of the first beast, he deceived the inhabitants of the earth.*

Mat. 24:12 *Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most (the majority) will grow cold, 13) but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.*

This confirms that ‘*most*’ people will not have the truth during the end times. Only a few fully surrendered Christians will remain loyal to God. (See appendix F.4 “Few Saved”)

Rev. 12: 17 *Then the dragon was enraged at the woman (God’s people, Rev. 12:1, 19:7) and went off to make war against the rest of her offspring, those who obey God’s commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus.*

So be prepared; study this lesson prayerfully.

2.2

Time Frame

We must always consider the 'Time Frame' in which the chapter and verse is applied. It could have applications to (1) the people and/or the church of the time it was written and/or (2) the people and/or the church throughout the ages and/or (3) a historical and/or a futuristic application and/or (4) an application to the Second and/or the Third Coming. Never take the chapter or verse out of context by taking it out of its proper time frame and placing it in the wrong time frame. Don't restrict the word of God to your own belief; the context may have more than one application.

2.3

Bible & Bible Only

I'm a firm believer in keeping explanations short and therefore I quote a lot from the Bible. We must be able to explain any subject (doctrine) from the Bible only. Historical records will confirm the statements in the Bible too. I believe that Bible truths can and should be explained in simple language that all people can understand. If an explanation has to go into too much detail and doesn't quote many scriptures, then people may rightfully doubt it. The Bible has over 40 authors which was written by man as directed by God. None of the authors contradict each other; therefore, if any other person writes about a Biblical subject, their statements should never contradict the other authors of the Bible.

2.4

Use the Entire Bible

2Tim 3:16 All scripture is God-breathed (God is the Author of the Bible, God approved what man wrote, otherwise it would never have been put into His Bible) and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training righteousness.

Prov. 30: 5 Every word of God is flawless.

Psa. 119: 11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Psa. 119: 105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

John 17:17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

1Thes. 5:20 Do not treat prophecies with contempt. 21) Test everything. (Prove it from the Bible) Hold to the good.

Mat. 24:14 Jesus said: And this gospel (Jesus only had the Old Testament, this means all of the Bible.) of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

15) So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation' spoken of through the prophet Daniel; let the reader understand; then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

These are some New Testament commands to study prophecies, not only the New Testament but the Old Testament as well, especially the book of Daniel. These commands are not just for Preachers; they are also for you. You are God's child and His ambassador and you must know the word of God.

2.5

Parables

It is generally understood that parables are designed to teach one fundamental truth, and that the details of the parable need not necessarily have significance in themselves, except as “props” and/or emphasis for the story. In other words, the details of a parable must not be pressed as having a literal meaning in terms of spiritual truth unless the context makes clear that such a meaning is intended.

Out of this principle grows another:

It is not wise to use the details of a parable to teach doctrine. Only the fundamental teaching of a parable as clearly set forth in its context and confirmed by the general tenor of scripture, together with details explained in the context itself, may legitimately be considered as a basis for doctrine.

2.6

Symbolic Prophecy

In the interpretation of symbolic prophecy it is important to permit the same spirit that dictated the vision to identify its symbols; namely the rest of the inspired Bible. Where such identification is lacking, the interpreter is left to guess as to the application; hence one’s own opinion must be weighed with much evidence. Further, as in parables, the various features of symbolic presentations have varying degrees of significance and importance. Parables and symbolic prophecies must not be made to stand on all four feet. Equal importance must not be attached to every detail of their pictures. Some features may be introduced merely to round out the presentation, or to provide a consistent background. As in the case of parables, we must learn the over-all objective of the vision, and what features of the pictorial presentation are intended to convey divine truth.

2.7

Revelation an Open Book

Many servants of God have said that the book of Revelation is a sealed book or at the very least cannot be understood. The very name “Revelation” contradicts the statement that it is a sealed book. ‘Revelation’ means that something of importance is revealed.”

Rev. 22:10 “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book” (Revelations can be understood.)

Rev. 1:1 *The revelation of Jesus Christ, (The purpose of the Book of Revelation is just that; the revealing of Jesus Christ, look for Jesus and His plans in it.) which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. ... 3) Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.*

When John wrote the book of Revelation, approximately 95 AD, he had only the Old Testament for reference. To understand the New Testament, especially the book of Revelation, God has given us the Old Testament to refer to its examples and types.

Be blessed and read this study carefully and completely.

What does “soon, Rev. 1:1; the time is near, Rev. 1:3” mean? Our lifetime is only about 80 years. When you die the next thing you know and see is Jesus coming; that’s soon, a short lifetime.

There are four basic variations of the interpretation of the Book of Revelation. As you study you will see that the most realistic to what the Bible teaches is the Historic. The others are mostly in the past or future.

1. Historicist The prophecies have been fulfilled throughout history and are still being fulfilled today.
2. Preterist Most prophecies were fulfilled during the time of the Roman Empire and do not take into consideration the time frame of the biblical text and subject.
3. Futurist Most prophecies are yet to be fulfilled.
4. Idealists View it as symbolic pictures of victory of good over evil.

2.8

Start at the Beginning

To have a firm foundation of any Bible study you must understand the truth of about how sin started in the universe. We have to view the Bible as a whole and rate all its parts to the one central theme, the great controversy over the *character and government of God*. Without having sound understanding of the past we can't understand the future.

Before we can study about the end time events, just prior to the Second Coming, and the end of sin events, the Third Coming and the Lake of Fire, we must have a clear understanding about the start of sin events. We must also know how and why sin started and why sin was permitted to grow without punishment. If we don't have a firm foundation on these topic we will be led astray by many end time events stories that sound good but are not based on the whole truth, which has to be consistent with God's character.

2.9

Summary

To have sound doctrine we must follow Christ's example (*Luke 24:27*) by using the whole Bible on one topic. We must consider the time frame of which the chapter and verse is to be applied. Parables and symbolism are to be viewed for the message that they are giving which is consistent with the overall theme of the Bible. We must know exactly how and why the great controversy of sin started, which we will clarify now.

3.

God's Trial

3.1

How Sin Started

God has given all intelligent beings on this planet and others (the Bible alludes to the fact that earth is not the only nation outside of heaven.) the freedom of choice to live God's way or to live their own way. By giving this freedom, God knew that one day someone would challenge Him. He knew that there would have to be a trial because by His own nature He does not want to *force* anyone to live by His rules. God is *patient and kind*. His nature can never change to force.

1 John 4:16 *God is Love*
1 Cor. 13:4 *Love is patient and kind.*
Mal.3:6 *I the Lord do not change.*

God knew (*Isa.14 & Eze.28*) that eventually one of His children would rebel. Lucifer, one of the top angels, later known as the King of Tyre (earth, *Eze. 28*), was the first one who didn't want to live God's way. Lucifer became proud and greedy. He wanted to be like God, to take over as a god. God said no, impossible. Lucifer then accused the Father of being unfair and this resulted in the first conflict in God's family, (*Eze. 28*) the first sin, the first struggle for power.

How did disobedience, conflict, evil, sin, start? It started in heaven with God's family of angels. Lucifer developed sin in himself and became Satan, the father of sin, the leader of the **Devils**.

Isa. 14: 12 *How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, (Lucifer) son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! (Possible evidence that there are other planets with inhabitants with free choice because on earth there were no "nations", only 2 people, Adam & Eve, before sin.) 13) You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. (Replace God; take His place as Ruler of the universe. Maybe Lucifer didn't think of murdering God then, but over time his jealousy became hatred, which led to him to crucify Jesus using the Roman army.) 14) I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High. (God's character is love, in the original, agape love, a love that perfectly denies self. That divine self-denial found ultimate expression at the cross, where Satan's hatred also found ultimate expression.)*

Eze.28:1 *The word of the Lord came to me: 2) "Son of man, say to the King of Tyre, (Another name for Lucifer - Satan) "This is what the Sovereign Lord says: "In the pride of your heart you say, "I am god." 12) "You were the model of perfection full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. 13) You were in Eden the garden of God. (As the serpent, Gen. 3.) 14) You were anointed as a guardian cherub, (one of the top angels) for so I ordained you. 15) You were blameless (sinless) in your ways from the day you were created (in heaven) till wickedness was found in you. 16) You were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and expelled you, O guardian cherub. 17) Your heart became proud (first sin in heaven) on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth.*

Rev. 12: 1 *The Woman and the Dragon A great and wondrous sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed*

with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. 3) Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon (Lucifer, Satan) ... 4) His tail swept (convinced) a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. (Here fallen angels are called stars.) 9) The great dragon was hurled down, that ancient serpent called the devil or Satan, (leader of the stars) who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth and his angles (stars) with him. 10) Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser (Satan, plaintiff) of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.

Rev. 9:1 I saw a star (Lucifer, Satan) that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star (Lucifer, Satan) was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss.

Satan and 1/3 of the angels (*Rev. 12: 4*) who believed in him had to leave heaven. The rest of the angels (2/3), *the Never Sinned*, remained in heaven. In every conflict you will have different opinions and I believe that some of the angels that remained in heaven had some questions or doubts. They may have thought that Satan was right about something's but were not sure. I believe God knew that they may have these doubts and so He had to let Satan live and prove to everyone that once you start sinning and you don't want to repent and obey your Heavenly Father, the result will be that you will continue to sin more and more.

How can this first conflict of Satan wanting to be a god; disagreeing with God's governing laws, be settled without God's character being changed?

If God had destroyed, killed or even disciplined Lucifer and eliminated sin, then all the rest of His family would fear Him. They would obey because of fear and not out of love. Do good earthly fathers and mothers want their children to obey out of fear or love? Out of love of course! God wants us to obey because we trust Him.

John 14:15 If you love me, you will obey what I command.

12:50 I know that His command leads to eternal life.

1 John 5:3 This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome.

We can only trust Him if we love Him.

We can only love Him if we know Him.

We can only know Him if we have a personal relationship with Him.

Sin started in heaven with Lucifer; one of the top two cherubim angels. He wanted to be a god which put God on trial. We all know the rest of the story, *Gen. 3*, of how Lucifer (Satan) used a beautiful serpent to deceive Eve into the first sin on earth.

3.2

God Goes to Court

Lucifer wanted to be a god; God said it was impossible. To settle this conflict, the great controversy of who is right and who is wrong, there has to be something similar to our court trial by Judge and Jury. When I say similar, it is and it isn't. The Bible states that Jesus is both our lawyer *Heb. 7:25*, *Rev. 20:4* and our Judge, *John 5:27*; however it also states that the saints will be judges too, *1 Cor. 6:2*. If God was the only judge and jury he could have sentenced Lucifer to death immediately before he cast him out of heaven; however as I stated before God wants people to obey him out of love rather than fear; therefore, this conflict must go to trial. In this *trial illustration* I've given God, the Father, the position of Judge, and God, Jesus the defendant's position. For further clarification you may want to read appendix C.

Plaintiff	Lucifer, <i>the accuser</i> , Rev. 12:10, is the Plaintiff; the person that finds fault with another party and demands justice.
Defendant	Jesus, the accused, is the Defendant. He has to prove His innocents to the jury.
Judge	God the Father is the Judge who will carry out the sentence.
Jury	The Jury will be all the intelligent beings ever created.
Courtroom	Earth is the courtroom.

There has to be juries because it is God, His government and laws which are on trial. He has to be proven 100 percent correct in all His judgments by all the people He has created. If He was the only one to judge then He could have done that when sin first started in heaven. He could have punished Lucifer and thus everyone would obey Him out of fear and not love. Like Shakespeare said, "The whole world is a stage", and everyone has a part. He was right; they are all members of the jury. All will check the books of records to see if God treated everyone fair and just. Thus, God is on trial as well as the people of earth.

3.3

Judgment

All over the world people talk about the Judgment Day. Have you ever heard a Biblical study on Judgment? Most believe that God will be the Judge and Jury, and your judgment takes place when you die and you are sent to Heaven or Hell immediately. To have a firm foundation about where and when we go to heaven or hell, we must first study the doctrine of judgment.

- 1 Cor. 4:4* It is the Lord who judges me. 5) Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes.
- Acts 17: 31* For he has set a day when he will judge (not the day you die)
- Rom. 14: 12* So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God. (Individual account)
- Heb. 7: 25* He always lives to intercede for them. (Jesus our lawyer)
- Jam. 2: 12* Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom
- Dan. 7: 9* As I looked, "thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. 10) The court was seated, and the books were opened. (Court House)
- Rev. 11: 18* The Seventh Trumpet The time has come for judging the dead and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your saints (During the end times)
- Rev. 14:7* The Three Angels "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. (During the end times)
- 1 Peter 4: 17* For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God (The Dead in Christ, the Saved.)
- Rev. 22: 11* Jesus is Coming Let him who does wrong continue to do wrong; let him who is vile continue to be vile; (no second chance) let him who does right continue to do right; and let him who is holy continue to be holy." 12) "Behold, I am coming soon!" My reward is with me." (Second Coming, not when you die.)
- Heb. 11: 32* And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthan, David, Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised. 39) These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. 40) God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect. (The Saved go at the same time, Second Coming.)
- 1 John 2:25* And this is what he promised us, even eternal life. (Immortality, 1 Cor. 15:51)

- 1 Cor. 15:51 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, (The Saved, 1Thess. 4:16) 52) in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. (Immortality only at the Second Coming, 1Thess. 4:16) For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, (first resurrection, Second Coming, 1Thess. 4:16) and we will be changed. 53) For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable and the mortal with immortality.*
- Acts 2:29 Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried and his tomb is here to this day. 34) David did not ascend to heaven, (still sleeping)*
- John 11: 11 Jesus said: “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.” ... 23) Jesus said to her, “Your brother (Lazarus, John 11: 17) will rise again.” 24) Martha answered, “I know he will rise at the last day.” (Second Coming)*
- Eccl. 3:17 God will bring to judgment (future) both the righteous and the wicked, for here will be a time for every activity.*
- John 5:28 Do not be amazed at his, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice 29) and come out, those who have done good will rise to live, (they are not living now) and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned. (Not yet but in the future.)*
- Rev. 20:4 They (souls) came to life (the Saved, first resurrection, Second Coming) and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5) The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. (The Lost, second resurrection) This is the first resurrection. 6) Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be (future) priests of God and of Christ and will reign (future) with him for a thousand years. (In heaven till the Third Coming; when He will make earth His home.) 12) And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead (the Lost) were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. (The time frame for judging the dead, the Lost, is at the Third Coming, one thousand years after the Second Coming. When people die they are put into a grave and they remain there in a dead sleep (no thoughts, Eccl. 9: 10) until they are resurrected. The Dead in Christ are resurrected at the Second Coming and the Lost are resurrected at the Third Coming.*
- Eccl. 9:10 Whatever you hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the grave, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom.*
- Heb.9:27 Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, (no second chance) 28) so Christ as sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to ring salvation to those who are waiting for him. (Salvation comes only once and that is at the Second Coming; again no second chance.)*
- Rom. 2: 12 God’s Righteous Judgment All who sin apart from the law (Gentiles; all who have not heard of Jesus or the Bible) will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law (Jews and Christians) will be judged by the law. 13) For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God’s sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous. 14) Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law, 15) since they show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts now accusing, now even defending them. 16) This will take place on the day (future) when God will judge men’s secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares. (No Second Chance)*

This is sound doctrine that there will be a judgment in the future. If the judgment is in the future this means no one can go to heaven or hell until after they are judged. Nowhere in the Bible is there a place where people go after they die, like purgatory, before they are judged. The Saved will go to heaven at the Second Coming when they receive immortality and the Lost will be raised, judged and condemned at the Third Coming, 1000 years later. (Rev. 20) So the doctrine that all the dead sleep until they are resurrected has to be correct. I believe you will have some questions about this topic so I’ve put in appendix C, Death & Soul Bible Study, D, Answers to Difficult Bible Texts, and D, Answers to Difficult Bible Texts.

3.4

Three Juries

We all know that judgment day is coming and we believe that God will judge us. But in fact it is God that is on trial and all intelligent beings ever created are jury members that will judge Him as to whether He was fair or not in with the lives of humans and the fallen angels. This judgment will determine where we end up; in heaven or not. I will now present biblical texts to provide evidence of the three juries. You will notice that judgment will be determined from what is written in “the books”; which are for the jury’s benefit not God’s because God knows everything. Of course God will pass out the final judgment after the verdict is in.

Jury #1	The Never Sinned	started judging 1844 and will finish at the Seventh Trumpet.
Jury #2	The Saved	will start judging after the Second Coming.
Jury #3	The Lost	will start judging after the Third Coming.

Dan. 7:9 *The Ancient of Days (God the Father, Judge) took His seat.*

7:10 *The Court (Jury) was seated and the books were opened. (Everyone's life record)*

Phi. 2:10 *At the name of Jesus every knee will bow, In heaven (Jury #1, The Never Sinned) and on earth (Jury #2, The Saved) and under the earth, (Jury #3, The Lost) and every tongue confess (100%) that Jesus Christ is Lord.*

We have a Court room scene but there are three juries.

The 1st Jury, *in heaven*, all who have never sinned. They will examine the books and agree with God that all the Saved and the Lost were judged correctly according to their life record. The only sinners in the universe are here on earth which includes the fallen angels who are bound to earth. *Rev. 20:2 Gen. 3:22*

John 3:17 *For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn (Judge) the world, but to save the world through him. (Judgment of the world will come later.)*

1 Peter 4:17 *For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God (The Dead in Christ, the Saved.)*

Dan. 9:25 *Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem...*

Dan. 8:14 *He said to me, “It will take 2,300 (Prophetically = 2300 years, *Eze. 14: 34*) evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be reconsecrated. (Judgment started in 1844)*

Rev. 22: 11 *Let him who does wrong continue to do wrong; let him who is vile continue to be vile; let him who does right continue to do right; and let him who is holy continue to be holy.”12)” Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me.”*

The time prophecies of Daniel have been proven, by the date Christ died, to start “*From the issuing of the decree*” *Dan. 9:25*, which was in *Ezra 7:9, October 22, 457 B.C.* By applying this same starting date to the 2300 years prophecy you get October 22, 1844. “*The sanctuary will be reconsecrated,*” *Dan. 8:14* I believe means that judgment started in Heaven (1844). The Never Sinned has to be the first jury because there is no one else to judge them. The ‘*judgment to begin with the family of God*’, *1 Peter 4:17*, shows us that the first to be judged, by the first jury, the Never Sinned, will be the ‘*Dead in Christ.*’ Abel first, then each generation until it is time to judge the ‘*Living in Christ*’. The Saved Living, will also be judged by the first Jury, the Never Sinned just prior to the Second Coming then they are sealed, *Rev. 22:11*.

The 2nd Jury, *on earth*, all the Saved, will start their judgment when they get to heaven. *1 Cor. 6:2*. Like all juries, they will have to look over all the evidence so that there is not a shadow of doubt as to the verdict.

- Rev. 20:4 *I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. They came to life (at the Second Coming) and reigned with Christ (Christ takes them to heaven) a thousand years.*
- 1 Cor. 6:2 *Do you not know that the saints (the Saved) will judge the world?*
- Mat. 19:28 *Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.*
- John 12:47 *For I (Jesus) did not come to judge the world, (Judgment is in the future) but to save it. 48) There is a judge for the one who rejects me (the Lost reject Jesus) and does not accept my words; (Only the Bible, God, Jesus, was the author that gave man the words, visions and dreams that make up the whole Bible.) that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day. (Judgment of the Lost will be at the Third coming, 1000 years after the Second Coming, Rev. 20:4+5.)*

At the Second Coming the Saved will be taken to heaven. (John 14:2) They'll have 1000 years (Millennium Rev. 20: 1-10) to look over the Books of Record of all the lost and saved. They may think, "Why is so and so here and why isn't so and so here?" Just like the Never Sinned, the Saved will have all their questions and doubts answered when they get to heaven and examine the judgment books, the court records of everyone's life.

The 3rd Jury, "under the earth", all the Lost, Phil. 2:10 "every knee will bow and tongue confess", means that 100 percent of all intelligent beings will be in agreement, no question and no doubts, that God's way was and is 100 percent correct. Then sin will never ever happen again. Rev. 21:4.

- 2 Thess. 2:7 *For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work, but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. 8) And then the lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroyed (the Lost) by the splendor (His Glory) of his (Second) Coming.*
- Jer. 25:33 *At that time those slain by the Lord will be everywhere from one end of the earth to the other. They will not be mourned or gathered up or buried. (At the Second Coming Jesus splendor will slay all the lost and there will be no humans alive on earth to bury the dead) but will be like refuse lying on the ground.*
- Rev. 20:5 *The rest of the dead (the Lost, humans) did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.*
- Rev. 20:14 *Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.*

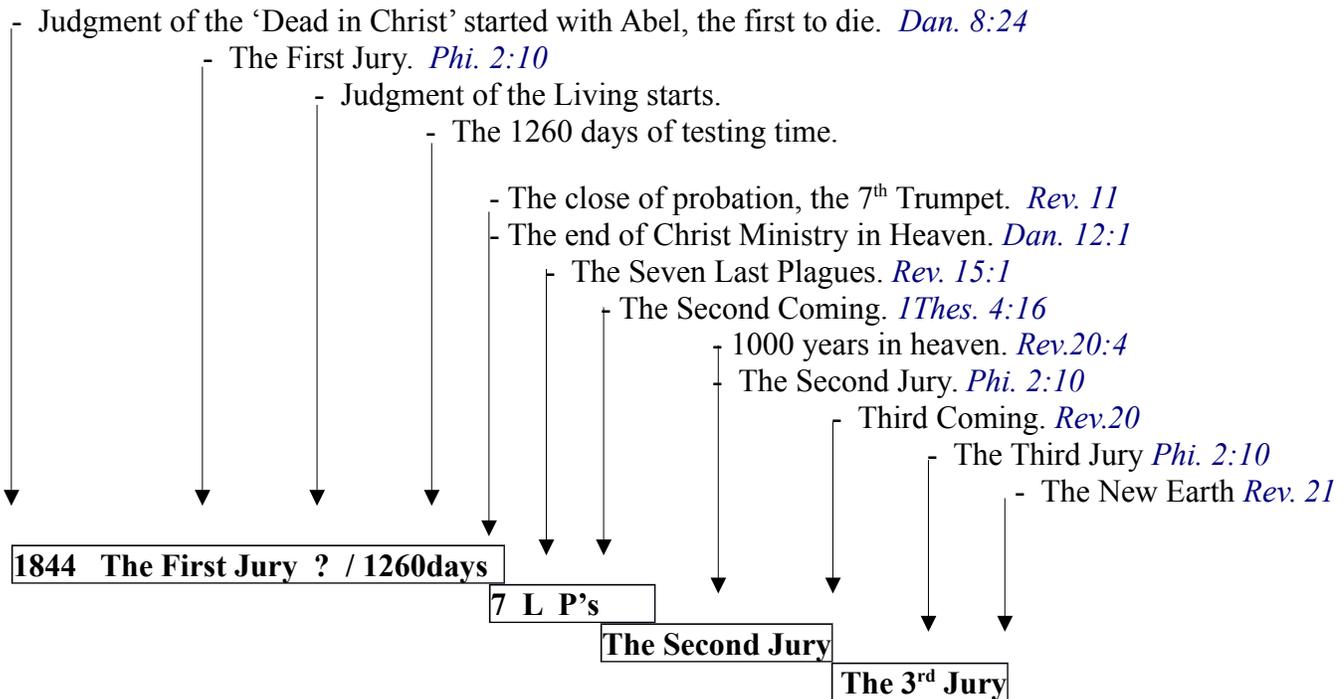
Why will all the Lost be raised from the dead, (Rev. 20:5 "did not come to life,") a 1000 years after the Second Coming just to be put to death a second time? They have to have a *fair trial*. God will reveal to them their life record. All the Lost will agree that God gave them many opportunities to be saved and they will kneel in acknowledgement. (Phi. 2:10)

God will not force anyone to do His will. He will give everyone a vote on a jury. Our Lord is a God of order. God created the world in 6 days and then rested 1 day. He said we are to work the land for 6 years and let it rest for 1 year. We've been on this planet for approximately 6000 years and then we will rest with Him, in heaven, for 1000 years judging the world, Rev. 20:4, "the saints (the Saved) will judge the world" 1 Cor. 6:2. Because this trail has been going on for approximately 6000 years, the Second Coming may happen within this generation.

3.4.1

The Three Jury Time Frame Chart

Judgment has already started with the dead. The exact time the judgment of the living starts is unknown, but the close of judgment will be at the 7th trumpet.



3.5

How Sin Will End

After the third and final Jury gives its verdict, God will pass the death sentence, the second death, on the Lost.

Rom. 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, (not torture) but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Rev. 20:14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.

Rev. 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away... 4) He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. (The time frame is the Third Coming.)

The Lost will be put to death quickly then burnt up in the Lake of Fire. God will recreate the world as it was before sin. This will be discussed in detail in chapter 7.2, The Lake of Fire.

3.6

Summary

From this study we see that sin started in heaven with Lucifer accusing God of having an imperfect government and how this great controversy has to go to trial and all intelligent beings with freedom of choice will be given chance to voice their opinion in a jury, even the Lost will bow in agreement. All agree that God's ways are perfect. Still many will not want to obey Him and they will be put to death, the second death. The rest will live forever with no more tears, pain or death. This gives you the big picture of how sin started and how it will end. Now let's study more in detail the end time events.

4.

The Last 1335 Days ~ Before the Second Coming

4.1

Setting the Stage

Everyone has heard people talk about “The Battle of Armageddon” and “The Great Tribulation” at the end of the world. Have you ever heard any one set the stage for these events Biblically? It is true this world, as we know it today, will go through “*a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations*” *Dan. 12: 1*, and there will be a battle of Armageddon, which will happen just before the Second Coming of Christ.

Dan. 12: 12 The End Times: Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1335 days.

We are going to study what happens during the *1335 days*, when they will start and end.

4.1.1

Signs of the End of the Age

Before we study *Daniel 12: 12* let's read what Jesus said about the “*Signs of the End of the Age*” and keep it in mind as you study further.

Matt 24:4 Signs of the End of the Age: Jesus answered: “Watch out that no one deceives you. 5) For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. 6) You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. 7) Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. 8) All these are the beginning of birth pains. 9) “Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. 10) At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, 11) and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. 12) Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, 13) but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. 14) And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. 15) “So when you see standing in the holy place ‘the abomination that causes desolation spoken of through the prophet Daniel, let the reader (you) understand, 16) then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17) Let no one on the roof of his house go down to take anything out of the house. 18) Let no one in the field go back to get his cloak. 19) How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! 20) Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath. 21) For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now, and never to be equaled again. 22) If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive.

Mark 13:23 *Signs of the End of the Age:* “I have told you everything ahead of time.”

God has told us everything ahead of time in the Bible. We have to study it to find the answers.

In fact Jesus commanded us to do just that, “*let the reader (you) understand, Daniel*” prophecy, Mat. 24: 15.

Luke 21:25. *Signs of the End of the Age:* *There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. 26) Men will faint from terror, (worldwide panic) apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies (meteorites, asteroids and comets) will be shaken. 27) At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28) When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.... 32) “I tell you the truth; this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.”*

From this end time description we can see that the people are terrorized by what is “*coming on the world for the heavenly bodies will be shaken*”, Luke 21:26, not atomic warfare or worldwide depression as some would have you believe. The length that the end time events will last will be less than a generation, which is commonly known to be 20 years, or 10 years for a generation gap. This fits with Daniel’s 1335 days, (3 years 8 months)

4.1.2

Earth’s Last Probation Period

With earth’s last probation period coming soon it’s important to understand the character of God and how it relates to the end time events.

We all know that God is patient and has always given His children a time period or a probation period to mend their ways before He casts judgment upon them. The Old Testament is full of examples of these probation periods. Likewise, before the end of this earth, He will do the same. He will give the people living during the last days of this sin filled earth a probation period in which to repent and come back to Him.

Mat. 25:32 *The Sheep and the Goats:* All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.”

Rev. 18:4 *The Fall of Babylon:* *Come out of her (worldwide false religious system, End time, not yet) my people, so that you will not share in her sins, so that you will not receive her plagues.*

It will be a gathering time of His sheep from all over the world. Mat. 25:32 There will be a starting date and a closing date for Earth’s probation. The starting date will be when *sudden destruction* comes, which will be shortly after people are saying “Peace and Safety”. The closing date will be 1335 days after the sudden destruction.

4.1.2.1

Feast of the Trumpets

To understand the Book of Revelation we must look to the Old Testament. One example of probation is found in Leviticus:

Lev. 23:23 *Feast of Trumpets: “The Lord said to Moses, 24) “Say to the Israelites: “On the first day of the seventh month (Tishri or Rosh Hasharan = Sep. – Oct. Appendix A) you are to have a day of rest, a sacred assembly commemorated with trumpet blasts. (Trumpet blasts are warnings.) 25) Do no regular work, but present an offering made to the Lord by fire.”*
Day of Atonement: 26) The Lord said to Moses, 27) “The tenth day of the seventh month is the Day of Atonement, (Yom Kippur, Appendix B). Hold a sacred assembly and deny yourselves, and present an offering made to the Lord by fire. 28) Do no work on that day, because it is the Day of Atonement, when atonement is made for you before the Lord your God.” 29) Anyone who does not deny himself on that day must be cut off from his people.

Trumpets in the Bible were used to get the people’s attention to what was going to take place such as a warning of approaching danger. (See *Joel 2:1, Jer. 6:1, 51:27, Eze. 33:3, Hos. 8:1, etc.*) The Feast of the Trumpets was 10 days prior to the Day of Atonement. (Yom Kippur) They started with trumpet a blast, which was a preparation time, a probation time, for the people to be ready for the Day of Atonement, which was a type of Judgment Day. The Feast of the Trumpets is an example of the end time probation period, which I believe the Seven Trumpets of *Rev. 8: 6 to 9:15 and 11:15-19* to be. This will take place just before the Second Coming of the Lord. There is a starting and closing date for the probation time.

4.1.2.2

Jewish Nation

Another example of a start and close of probation is that of the Jewish Nation as is found in the Book of Daniel.

Dan. 9:11 *All Israel has transgressed your law and turned away, refusing to obey you. “Therefore the curses and sworn judgments written in the Law of Moses, the servant of God, have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against you. 12) You have fulfilled the words spoken against us and against our rulers by bringing upon us great disaster. Under the whole heaven nothing has ever been done like what has been done to Jerusalem. 13) Just as it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us, yet we have not sought the favor of the Lord our God by turning from our sins and giving attention to your truth. ...*
*24) Seventy weeks are decreed for your people (With respect to the Jew’s role as God’s chosen people. 70 weeks x 7 days = 490 prophetic years, *Eze. 4:6; Num. 14:35*) and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy. (Jesus, *Acts 10:38*)*
*25) “Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem (457 BC see *Ezra 7:9*) until the Anointed One, (Jesus, *Acts 10:38*) the ruler, comes, there will be seven sevens (7x7=49 years) and sixty-two sevens (62x7=434 years). It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble. 26) After the sixty-two ‘sevens’, the Anointed One will be cut off (the Jew’s rejected Christ and had the Romans kill him) and will have nothing. ... 27) He will confirm a covenant with many for one ‘seven’ (week) (7 years). In the middle of the ‘seven’ (week) (3 ½ years) he will put an end to sacrifice, and offering. (Die)
Eze. 4:6 *I have assigned you 40 days, a day for each year.* (40 literal days equals 40 years prophetic time.) (Prophetic time: 1 day = 1 year, *Num. 14:35* states the same.)
Acts 8:1 *The Stoning of Stephen: And Saul was there, giving approval to his death.*
*The Church Persecuted and Scattered: On that day a great persecution broke out against the church at Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. (The Gospel went to the Gentiles.)**

We know from this that the Jewish Nation's probation closed corporately (as a nation but not its individuals) when Stephen was stoned to death, 3 ½ years after Christ's death; 434 + 49 + 7 = 490 years – 457 BC = 33 AD exactly as Daniel prophesied. The Jewish nation ceased being God's chosen people then. Then, after the stoning of Stephen, the gospel was given to the Gentiles to spread the Good News, *Acts 8:1*. We know the close of probation for the Jews individually will come at their death or at the close of probation for the world's people individually.

You may ask, "What about" *Romans 11:26*, '*And so all Israel will be saved*', which *seems* like the Jewish nation still has a roll to play in the end time. Paul is not referring to Israel of the flesh. In the previous verses 16 ~ 25 he states that the "*natural branches*" (v. 21) or Jews, were "*cut off*" because of unbelief and believing Gentiles were accepted as *spiritual Israel*. Daniel's prophecy was conditional, just like all prophecies regarding the Jews and the Jewish nation. They failed.

God's promises are made conditional upon man's cooperation and obedience. God warned Israel that blessing goes hand in hand with obedience and that a curse accompanies disobedience. (see Deut. 4:9; 8:19; 28:1,2, 13, 14; Jer. 18:6-10; 26: 2-6; Zech. 6: 15; etc.) Continued obedience was necessary to the continuance of divine favour; whereas persistent disobedience must inevitable culminate in the rejection of the Jewish nation as God's chosen instrument; for caring out the divine plan. (Deut. 28: 15-68)

Mat. 21:43 Jesus stated: "*Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you (the Jewish nation) and given to a people who will produce its fruit.*

1Pet. 2: 9 *But you (Gentiles) are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10) Once you were not a people, (God's chosen people, the Jew's were) but now you are the people of God; once you had not received; mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

Rom. 2:28 *A man is not a Jew if he is only one outwardly, ...29) No, a man is a Jew if he is one inwardly,*
Rom. 9:6 *For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel.*

Rom. 11:5 *The Remnant of Israel So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. 6) And if by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace. 7) What then? What Israel sought so earnestly it did not obtain, but the elect did. 13) Engrafted Branches I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I make much of my ministry in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people (Jews) to envy and save some (Jews) of them. ... 23) And if they (Jews) do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in,*

Col. 3: 11 *Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. 12) Therefore, as God's chosen people, (now the Gentiles) holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.*

Gal. 3:28 *There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

:29 *If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*
Gal. 6:15 *Neither circumcision nor un-circumcision means anything; what counts is a new creation. 16) Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, even to the Israel of God.*

The Bible states that there is no end time prophecies relating to the Jews or their nation only if you are a Jewish person who "*belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed.*" *Gal. 3:29*. Salvation for Jewish and Gentiles will be on the same basis; personal faith in Jesus Christ.

John 14:6 *Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ... 15) "If you love me, you will obey what I command." 21) "Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me." (Before Jesus died, only those who*

believed in God and fully surrendered to His guidance will be in heaven. After Jesus died only people who have fully surrendered to the guidance of the Holy Spirit can go to Heaven.)

John 3: 16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17) For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Eternal life is God's unconditional eternal promise to all human's; however just as unconditional eternal promises to the Jewish nation they are conditional. God gave human's freedom of choice to sign on to the conditions or not; as are fully illustrated in *Deut. 28; blessings for obedience or curses for disobedience*.

God commissioned one nation, one denomination, the Jews, to spread the truth about salvation. When they failed I believe He would have no other denomination in control of the truth for fear of history repeating itself. I believe that's why we have so many different denominations now.

Mark 9:38 Who is not against us is for us. "Teacher," said John "we saw a man driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us." 39) "Do not stop him," Jesus said. "No one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, 40) for whoever is not against us is for us. 41) I tell you the truth; anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward.

This is just one reason why we should not judge other denominations. However, just prior to the Second Coming there will be only one fold, one flock and one Shepard.

Rev. 18:4 The Fall of Babylon: Come out of her (False religious system) my people, so that you will not share in her sins, so that you will not receive her plagues.

For every truth that God has, Satan has a counterfeit. I believe the counterfeit that Satan is using against the true end time events is the Old Testament prophecies to restore the Jewish nation back to power. If you study these prophecies you will see that they are all conditional. "If" the Jewish nation followed God's ways He would fulfill the prophecies. They didn't and even went so far as to crucify Jesus.

John 19: 15 But they (Jews) shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!" "Shall I crucify your King?" Pilate asked. "We have no king but Caesar." the chief priests answered. 16) Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.

Mat. 27: 24 When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "'It is your responsibility!" 25) All the people (Jews) answered, "Let his blood be on us and on our children!" 26) Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

*Exo. 19: 5 Now **if** (conditional) you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession.*

*Jer. 12:14 This is what the Lord says: "As for all my wicked neighbors who seized the inheritance I gave my people Israel, I will uproot them from their lands and I will uproot the house of Judah from among them. 15) But after I uproot them, I will again have compassion and will bring each of them back to his own inheritance and his own country. 16) And **if** (conditional) they learn well the ways of my people and swear by my name, saying, 'As surely as the Lord lives, even as the once taught my people to swear by all, then they will be established among my people. 17) **If** (conditional) any nation does not listen, (which includes the Jewish nation) I will completely uproot and destroy it, declares the Lord.*

Jer. 18: 6 “O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?” declares the Lord. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. 7) If (conditional) at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed 8) and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. 9) And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, 10) and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it.

The Jews did not listen, and the Lord uprooted them and scattered them all around the world. For further study on this subject see appendix B, The Role of Israel in End Time Events.

The great city (Jerusalem) where also their Lord was crucified, Rev. 11: 8 on the other hand, is involved in the end time events. More on this subject later in 4.2.3 of this book.

4.1.2.3

The Flood

Another example of a probationary period is in the story of the Flood. Noah preached for 120 years, Gen. 6:3, while building the Ark, warning the people to prepare for the destruction of the earth.

Gen. 6:3 Then the Lord said, “My Spirit will not contend with man forever, for he is mortal; his days will be a hundred and twenty years.” –
7:6 Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters came on the earth. 7) And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives entered the ark to escape the waters of the flood. 8) Pairs of clean and unclean animals, of birds and of all creatures that move along the ground, 9) male and female, came to Noah and entered the ark, as God had commanded Noah. 10) And after the seven days the floodwaters came on the earth.
:12 And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. (Everyone died except those in the ark.)
Mat. 24:37 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 38) For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. (Why do they not know anything?)
2Thes. 2:10 They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. 11) For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie. 12) And so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.

The start of probation was when Noah began warning the people. When the door on Noah’s Ark closed, it was a type of close of probation, and then there was 7 days, followed by 40 days of flooding.

These are examples of probationary periods given by God to His people during the Old Testament time. To be consistent with His character I believe He will do the same for His people before the close of earth’s probation. I believe he explains *earth’s final probation period* to us in the *Seven Trumpets* (7 T) of Rev. 8: 6, which will warn the world and will be followed by the *Seven Last Plague*, Rev. 15:1. Noah’s 120 years of warning the world is an example of Dan. 12:7 1260 days of warning to the world. Noah and his family were in the Ark for 7 days before the destruction of everyone. I believe this is an example of the time of the Seven Last Plagues (7 LP) just before the Second Coming destroys everyone. 1Thes. 2: 8

4.1.3

The Sealing

Before the Bible describes the 7 T it describes the sealing of the 144,000; God's end time people. God seals His children after they have been judged. Sealing is a process. The sealing of the living takes place during the 7 T probation period as His people come out of Babylon, which is a false religious system.

2Cor. 1:21 *Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, 22) set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.*

Rev. 7: 1 *144,000 Sealed After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds (destructive forces) of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. (symbolizes universal destruction) 2) Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: 3) "Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." 4) Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel. (Spiritual Israel, Gal. 3: 28, 29, Rom. 9: 6)*

Rev. 7:3 + 4 appears to apply to the first four trumpets and the 7 LP. However, this can only be applied to the 7 LP because probation is closed and the saints are sealed before the *land, sea* and *trees* are harmed. Judgment started with the saints; Abel first and down the ages up to the time of the living. As people come out and take their stand for God they are sealed. The sealing process ends with the 7th trumpet. The first 4 Trumpets harm the earth but just enough to wake up the whole. When you compare these plagues you will notice that the real harm to the world comes with the 7 LP.

God knows his children and His children know His voice, *John 10:14*. God will seal all the living Saved prior to the close of probation. The seven trumpet's period is the time God will separate them and have the Saved come out into one fold, one flock. *Rev. 18:4, John 10:16*

Rev. 18:4 *The Fall of Babylon (Spiritual Babylon, people who will follow the Spiritual Leader of the World) "Come out of her my people, so that you will not share in her sins, so that you will not receive her plagues."*

John 10:14 *The Shepherd and His Flock "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me, 15) just as the Father knows me and I know the Father and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16) I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.*

Rev. 9: 4 (The fifth trumpet) *They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads.*

Rev. 9: 4 confirms that the sealing takes place before the seventh trumpet. *Rev. 18:4* confirms that the sealing takes time and will be completed at the seventh trumpet. *Rev.11: 15 - 18*

4.1.4

The World Uniting Catalyst

I'm going to jump ahead of this study to introduce a topic that is commonly known to all; that is, the end time Spiritual Leader of the World, (SLW). The reason I'm going to jump ahead is to establish a foundation for the start of this study. I have read and listened to hundreds of speakers from many different theological backgrounds on this subject but none of them have given a Biblical explanation as to **why** "*The whole world was astonished and followed the beast.*" *Rev. 13: 3.*

Rev. 13: 8 *The Beast out of the Sea (SLW) All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast, all whose names have not been written in the book of life.*

Rev. 17: 1 *The Woman on the Beast (SLW) One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the punishment of the great prostitute, who sits on many waters. 2) With her the kings of the earth committed adultery and the inhabitants of the earth were intoxicated with the wine of her adulteries.” (false doctrine) 3) Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a desert. There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns. 4) The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and was glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls. She held a golden cup in her hand, filled with abominable things and the filth of her adulteries. 5) This title was written on her forehead. *Mystery, Babylon the Great, The mother of Prostitutes and of the Abominations of the Earth.**

15) The many waters you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations and languages.

18) The woman you saw is the great city that rules over the kings of the earth.

In the end times people will follow God or Satan. A woman in the Bible is depicted by a colour; white, Rev. 12:1, for God’s people and red, Rev. 17:4, for Satan’s people and their false religious system made up of manmade laws, *abominable things and the filth of her adulteries, Rev. 17:4.*

What catalyst will unite all inhabitants of the earth; the Buddhists, Moslems, Hindus, Jews, Protestants, Catholics, Kings, Queens, Dictators, political leaders, etc., except the Saved Christians, to *worship the beast, Rev. 13: 8*, a false religious system?

Will the catalyst be a worldwide depression? No, we’ve had those before. Would World War 3 or atomic warfare do it? No, we’ve had two of those also. Many people have tried to unite parts of the world and were not successful; therefore, I believe that man can do nothing that will unite the whole world. If man can do nothing to unite all the inhabitants of the world, then only God can.

I believe that everyone in this world is religious. They all believe in a higher power and that the higher power controls Mother Nature, Earth. During a crisis, especially a natural disaster, all look to a higher power for peace and safety. There is no such thing as an atheist in a foxhole, every one prays to a God when they’re under fire, and threatened with death. I believe that worldwide ecological disasters will be the catalyst to have all the people of the world go to their religious leaders for answers; the Buddhists, Moslems, Hindus, Jews, Protestants, Catholics, etc. The leaders will then go to their leaders until all the head leaders of the religious world will get together and elect a Spiritual Leader of the World, “*The Beast out of the Sea*” in Rev. 13. We have seen the start of this already in September 2000, when over 1000 religious leaders of the world gathered at the United Nations to seek worldwide cooperation. Also 911, September 11, 2001, has helped to unite the world as a community. In February 2002, all the Arab Moslems nations asked the European Union, (EU) members to a meeting to confirm that they want to be part of a world community that works for world peace and safety. The Hindus believe in many gods and when they are asked to worship another they will readily agree as long as they are not asked to give up any of their gods.

Luke 21: 25 “*There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. 26) Men will faint from terror; (panic) apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. 27 At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28) When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.*” (Jesus will come soon after.)

I believe that the first four of the seven trumpets of Rev. 8: 6-12 describes worldwide ecological disasters which will produce worldwide panic; Luke 21: 26. I believe God’s purpose for the seven trumpets is to be the

catalyst to wake up the world in preparation for the Day of Judgment, the real “Day of Atonement” and the Second Coming of our Lord.

4.1.5

Moslems and Christians Become Brothers.

When I was in Beijing, in 1994, I taught English to many Embassy officials from countries of Islamic faith. One of them stated that Moslems and Christians are brothers because we all worship the same God; we just call Him by a different name. This liberal idea will have to spread throughout the world in order for “*the whole world ...to worshiped the Beast*” Rev. 13:3+4, to become true. There has to be a healing process take place first.

I believe that the war in Iraq, which at present has the majority of Moslems around the world up in arm verbally if not physically against Christians, will help this healing process in time. I believe Iraq will have a democratic government similar to Turkey’s, complete with freedom of religion. The Iraqi people will prosper as the result of the Christian coalition freeing them from Sadam Insane’s totalitarian regime. They will be observed by all Moslem people around the world and hatred for Christians will diminish among the majority even to the point of brotherly love in some cases.

The healing has begun; May 28, 2003, the Crown Prince of Iran stated on CTV that the separation of religion and state would eliminate terrorism. Moslems and Christians can and will live in peace as they do now in democratic counties.

There will be a minority of extremists around the world. They will be called terrorists against the peace of the world and will be banished by all governments; then “*while people are saying “Peace and safety, destruction will come on them suddenly,”* 1 Thes. 5:3

The “*destruction*” is what we will study next.

4.2

The Seven Trumpets

The seven trumpets are the start and close of probation. This is the time period where all of earth’s inhabitants will go through trials and tribulations. This will be the final test before the Second Coming of Christ. People will be separated into two camps: God’s and Satan’s.

The first four Trumpets will be ecological disasters. The 5th Trumpet will be a plague of sores inflicted on people by Satan similar to the Old Testament Job’s experience. The 6th Trumpet will be a death decree issued against the people who are not following the Spiritual Leader of the World’s new laws. The 7th Trumpet will be after everyone has chosen to follow man’s or God’s laws.

4.2.1

The Golden Censer

John’s first vision of the seven trumpets takes place in heaven. Rev. 8: 2 ~ 5. This vision gives us a picture of the two end time events that involves the heavenly sanctuary. A censer was used in ministerial services in the sanctuary. It is a small metal container filled with fire and incense and attached to 3 or 4 chains that were

swung back and forth by a priest in the sanctuary. Smoke of incense coming from a censer represents prayers to God. Rev. 8: 4

Rev. 8: 2 *And I saw the seven angels who stand before God and to them were given seven trumpets. 3) (First Picture) Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all the saints, on the golden altar before the throne. 4) The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of the saints, went up before God from the angel's hand. 5) (Second Picture) Then the angel took the censer, filled it (again, second time) with fire from the altar, (no incense, prayers) and hurled it on the earth; (close of probation, the 7th trumpet) and (then the 7 LP) there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake.*

Rev. 7: 14 *"These are they who have come out of the great tribulation." (7 LP after 7 T)*

Rev. 16: 17 *The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, "It is done!" 18) Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake.*

The first picture is a censer with much incense, which I believe to be the seven trumpet period; the time of tribulation, before probation closes, because prayers are still effectively being presented to God. The second picture is a censer without any incense but filled only with fire which is hurled on the earth. I believe this to be the close of probation, which is followed immediately by the seven last plagues, Rev. 15 + 16, the time of great tribulation, Rev. 7: 14. The 7th plague of the 7 LP, Rev. 16:18, is the same as this second vision of Rev. 8: 5.

4.2.2

The First Four Trumpets

Now remember that when John wrote the Book of Revelation no one knew what a meteorite shower, an asteroid, a comet or a red tide was. Just like the people of Noah's days did not know what "rain" was, but rain came, Gen. 7: 4-12. John described the things he saw in the language he knew. Take note that the first four trumpets are significantly different from the last three.

It's the start of (the close of) probation. It's time to wake up the world, and the wakeup call is just as it was when I was in the army, a blast from a trumpet.

Rev 8: 6 *Then the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to sound them. 7) The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with Blood, and it was hurled down upon the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up. And all the green grass was burned up.*

The book of Revelation is a symbolic and prophetic book. My interpretations of the main characters in the first three trumpets are symbolic and the results will be literal to the point of sound principles of prophetic interpretation. That is, while the general points are to be interpreted literally, literal interpretations are not exact and are described as best that the writer (John) could with the knowledge of the times. John did not know anything about asteroids or Meteorite shower then. I believe "hail and fire mixed with blood and it was hurled down upon the earth. Rev 8: 6" to be symbolic of a meteorite shower. Have you ever seen a meteorite shower, even on TV? It looks just like a hailstorm of fireballs.

Could a third of the earth be damaged by a meteorite shower? Yes this could literally happen.

I believe the first trumpet is the start of the close of probation for the world, which is the start of the sudden destruction of parts of the earth.

1 Thes. 5: 3 While people are saying "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly,
Rev. 8: 8 The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea, a third of the sea turned into blood, 9) a third of the living creatures in the sea died and a third of the ships were destroyed.

I believe the "huge mountain, all ablaze, Rev. 8: 8" is an Asteroid. I believe this is what Luke is referring to in:

Luke 21: 25 "On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea."

Could the sea turn into what looked like blood, red? Yes! This is what scientists have to say: "The splash of an extraterrestrial impact, an asteroid six miles in diameter, in the ocean would bring up anoxic water (water with very little oxygen in it) from the depths. The seas would look like the aftermath of a global red tide... dead animals floating everywhere. Most of the world's fish would perish." National Geographic, June 1989, p. 681. "Even a quarter-mile asteroid would create a tidal wave hundreds of feet high...large enough to destroy ships and obliterate any coastal area that it washed over." (Comets, Asteroids, and Meteorites, p. 52. Time Life Books)

Rev. 8:10 The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water, 11) the name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters turned bitter, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter.

I believe the "great star, blazing like a torch, Rev. 8: 10" is a comet; a comet made of a poisonous substance similar to alkaline, which when mixed with water tastes bitter and could cause something similar to acid rain.

From these three trumpets we can see that the whole earth is affected. (1/3 times 3 = 3/3 = the whole earth)

Rev. 8: 12 The fourth angel sounded his trumpet and a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them turned dark. A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night.

With the fourth trumpet, no cause is named. I believe, according to other end of time Bible accounts, (*Eze. 38:19, Mat. 24:7, 28:2, Rev. 6:12*) that along with the above meteorites, asteroid and comet, there will be other natural disasters such as volcanoes and earthquakes that will cause smoke and pollution that will block out the sunlight in the fourth trumpet.

I believe these worldwide ecological disasters will be the catalyst to have all the people of the world go to their religious leaders for answers, the Buddhists, Moslems, Hindus, Jews, Protestants, Catholics, etc. The leaders will then go to their leaders until all the head leaders of the religious world will get together and elect a Spiritual Leader of the World, "The Beast out of the Sea" of *Rev. 13*.

"The Beast out of the Sea" *Revelation 13: 1- 10*, describes a worldwide religious system. Religious people worship a higher power which has been given different names, most commonly called God. They believe they are following the one and only true God, they certainly don't believe they are worshiping the Devil, the deceiver, and the father of all lies. However, if they do not follow the Bible and it's teaching, they will be following the Devil and his lies as he works through his human agents that sets up a worldwide religious system with a Spiritual Leader.

I believe the Spiritual Leader of the world will then say that God caused these four trumpet plagues, these so called *acts of God* because the world has not united to worship Him. To make God happy everyone will have to unite and worship God together. This will easily accomplish because of the panic and the different faiths will not be asked to change much, just one or two points. All agree that there is a God and they will all worship Him in their own way but will be united on a few points. This will result in:

Rev. 13: 8 *All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast, all whose names have not been written in the book of life.*

I know that this Biblical prophecy is a bitter pill to swallow but all Biblical prophecy comes true. I believe many will find it difficult to believe that with the entire world worshipping, praying and giving thanks to God that they are actually worshipping the devil. They may think that God would not be so deceiving. When, in fact, it is the Satan who is the one who deceives those who do not study or believe in the Bible. God always has a reason for allowing Satan and his angels for doing bad things as in the story of Job.

Rev. 12:9 *The great dragon was hurled down, that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray.*

Mat. 24:12 *Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most (the majority) will grow cold, 13) but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.*

The first four trumpets will wake up the world. There will be world wide panic and the economy will be shattered. It will look like God is at war with earth and history has proven that the first casualty of war is truth. People who haven't studied the Bible will not know the truth, which will result in demands that fast action be taken to provide the basic necessities for living. New laws will be put into place quickly. There will be new religious laws that the greater majority of the world will agree with.

4.2.3

Spiritual Leader of the World = The Beast out of the Sea

God will allow natural disasters to wake up the world in preparation for the Day of Atonement, *Lev. 23:26* (Day of Judgment) and the Second Coming of Christ. After God has the whole world's attention, after the first four trumpets, the world religious leaders will elect a Spiritual Leader of the World (SLW) very quickly, 45 days after the first trumpet. The SLW will then pass new laws. I estimate this will take at least six months and then the laws will be *practiced* for some time, maybe one and a half years. (They will not be *forced* onto people until the sixth trumpet.) During this time there will be a lot of miracles performed by Satan's agents.

I believe that the SLW will set up his headquarters in Jerusalem after he is elected because of all the activity that happens in *Rev. 11: 1-13*. Also, before people can say "*peace and safety*", the fighting over Jerusalem will have to stop. The Jews and the Moslems will never give up their holy land, thus the only solution is for Jerusalem to become an international neutral city under the United Nations. This proposal has already been introduced in the UN. The USA, with its Christian roots, will push for this UN proposal in the best interest of religious stability of the Christian, Jew, and Moslem world.

Rev. 11: 8 *The great city (Jerusalem) where also their Lord was crucified,*

Revelation 13 is a description of the time period between the 4th and 6th trumpet of what Satan's people will be doing during the close of probation for the world, let's take a quick look at it.

Rev. 13: 1 *"The Beast out of the Sea" "And the dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. He had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on his horns and on each head a blasphemous name. 2) The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet*

like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon (Satan, Rev. 12:9) gave the beast (SLW) his power and his throne and great authority. 3) One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was astonished and followed the beast. 4) Men worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, "Who is like the beast? Who can make war against him?" 5) The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months. (Literal, future, 1260 days) 6) He opened his mouth to blaspheme God and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven. 7) He was given power to make war against the saints and to conquer them. And he was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. 8) All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast, all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world. 9) He who has an ear let him hear. 10) If anyone is to go into captivity, into captivity he will go. If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword he will be killed.

"The Beast out of the Sea" describes a worldwide religious system. Rev. 13:8 *All inhabitants of the earth will (future) worship the beast* (SLW). This system will have power for "forty-two months" Rev. 13: 5, which has to be literal and not a symbolic interpretation of 42 months; which is 42 months times 30 days in a month which equals 1260 days = years. Remember that the end time events only last less than a generation. Luke 21:32

4.2.4

God's Workers

After the first four trumpets God's people will know exactly what's happening and go forth throughout the world with a loud cry between the fourth and seventh trumpet, 1260 days.

Rev. 14:6 *The Three Angels* *Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel (the Bible) to proclaim (the word of God) to those who live on the earth, to every nation, tribe, language and people.* 7) *He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."* 8) *A second angel followed and said, "Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great, which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries."* 9) *A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: "If anyone worships the beast and his image (To worship anyone is follow their laws) and receives his mark on the forehead or on the hand, he, too, will drink of the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength in to the cup of his wrath.*

:12 *This calls for patient endurance on the part of the saints who obey God's commandments and remain faithful to Jesus.*

Jon. 3:4 *On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: "forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned." (Here is an example of God giving a time period, a probation period, for people to repent and be saved. History will repeat it's self with God's workers, during the seven trumpets, giving the exact days till the Second Coming of Christ.)* 5) *The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. (Unfortunately during the end times the majority will not repent and be saved.)*

Mat. 7:21 *Jesus said: "Not everyone who says to me 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22) Many will say to me on that day,*

(Judgment day for the Lost at the Third Coming) *'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles? (These are professed Christians.) 23) Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me you evildoers!'*

There are many professed Christians but not many have fully surrendered to God's will. God knows the hearts of his children and where they are. He has to gather them into one fold. He has to separate them from the Lost. In the end times there will be false prophets that will even *"drive out demons and perform many miracles"* Mat. 7:21 but in order not to be deceived by false doctrine you must study the Bible yourself.

John 10:16 Jesus said: *"I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, (the Bible, 2 Tim. 3:16) and there shall be one flock and one shepherd."*

2Tim. 3:16 *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.*

Rev. 18: 2 *Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great! ...*
: 4 *Come out of her (Babylon, Satan's church, Rev. 17) my people, (God's) ...so that you will not receive any of her plagues.*

This is the call for God's people to come out of fallen Babylon. Not all people are in this false religious system now, but later, it will absorb any person who is not fully committed to Christ, His word; the Bible. God's children will come out prior to the close of probation.

At the same time as the Spiritual Leader of the world is asking, *"all inhabitants of the earth to worship the beast," Rev. 13:8.* God's people will be giving *"The Three Angels"* Rev. 14:6~9 messages. Now what is the difference if all are worshiping God? The difference will be those who follow the Beast will not be following the teachings of the Bible. They will obey man's law rather than God's law.

History has shown us that the majority of religious people were in favor of manmade laws and they thought they were following Gods laws by murdering Jesus. Jesus said:

Mat. 15:9 *They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.*

When the Spiritual Leader of the World presents the worldwide law, many will reason *"We would be out of harmony with the world if we disobey this law. What can we hope to accomplish by going against it?"*

Although God's people know the truth and are proclaiming it to the whole world, it will be like 1844 relived.

Rev. 10: 10 *I took the little scroll from the angel's hand and ate it. It tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it, my stomach turned sour.*

Unfortunately, the message of the Second Coming is sweet when we speak it but the harvest will be disappointingly sour.

4.2.5

Confirmation Time ~ 5th Trumpet

After God has informed the world of the truth He will allow a final test. The 5th trumpet will cause more trouble and the 6th trumpet to issue a final ultimatum, kill or be killed. It will be people's final decision-making time; the final time to "separate the sheep from the goats" Mat. 25:32, and "all inhabitants of the earth" Rev. 13: 8 will have to confirm which laws to follow, man's or God's.

Rev. 8: 13 *As I watched, I heard an eagle that was flying in midair call out in a loud voice: "Woe! Woe! Woe (5th, 6th & 7th Trumpets) to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels!"*

Rev. 9: 1 The 1st woe is the 5th trumpet; confirmation time.
Rev. 9: 13 The 2nd woe is the 6th trumpet, death decree and final decision time.
Rev. 11: 15 The 3rd woe is the 7th trumpet, the close of probation, where sinners are
lost forever.

Rev. 9: 1 *The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star (Satan) was given (God is directing these events, not man.) the key to the shaft of the Abyss. 2) When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss. 3) And out of the smoke locusts came down upon the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth. 4) They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. (God is directing these events against the wicked.) 5) They were not given power to kill them, but only to torture them for five months. And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion when it strikes a man. 6) During those days men will seek death, but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them.*

Rev. 9:11 *They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek, Apollyon.*

There are four main characters in this fifth trumpet, the star, the abyss, the smoke and the locust. They are symbolic and I will go into the meaning of each.

The *fallen star*, Rev. 9:1, is Satan, Lucifer, the former number one angel of heaven that was cast down on to the earth.

Isa. 14:12. *How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star. (Satan Rev. 12: 7) son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!*

Rev. 12:7 *And there was war in heaven. (I believe that it was a war of words like that of lawyers.) Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. 8) But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. 9) The great dragon was hurled down, that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth and his angels with him.*

John 12:31 *Jesus said... Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world, (Satan John 16: 11) will be driven out.*

John 16: 11 *And in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.*

1 John 5:19 *We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. (Satan)*

The star of Rev. 9:1 is Satan. Identification is confirmed in Rev. 9:11 which describes the star as king of the Abyss whose name is "Abaddon & Apollyon", which both mean destroyer.

Good news is found in the words “was given” Rev. 9:1. Here “*The star (Satan) was given (at the command of Jesus, no one else has control of the Abyss except God, Rev. 20: 1-3) the key to the shaft of the Abyss*” Jesus is allowing the key to the shaft of the Abyss to be given to Satan. The good news is that Jesus is in control.

The next character is the *Abyss*, Rev. 9:2. I believe this is a prison where fallen angels are kept in control and only a few can come out under certain conditions. I believe that Abyss is a prison based on the following.

Rev. 20:1 *And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. 2) He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. 3) He threw him (Satan) into the Abyss (Bottomless Pit, KJV) and locked and sealed it over him; to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. 7) Satan’s Doom: *When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison.**

Luke 8:30 *Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” “Legion,” he replied, because many demons had gone into him. 31) And they begged him (Jesus) repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss. 32) A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons (fallen angels) begged Jesus to let them go into them, and he gave them permission. 33) When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs*

It appears to me that the (*demons*) fallen angels of Luke 8:30 were allowed loose from the place where they did not want to go back to because “*they begged him (Jesus) repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss, Luke 8:31*. The “Dictionary of the Bible” defines the *Abyss* in Rev. as “the abode of the demons”

2 Peter 2:4 *For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment....*

Here the Bible definition of “*hell*” 2 Peter 2:4 is a “*gloomy dungeon*”. In a dungeon the worst torture is self-inflicted mentally.

The term *abyss* must be symbolic because the abyss, prison, and gloomy dungeons of the fallen angels are not the same as the ones that we have but the effects are the same, they are under a controlled environment like our prisons.

The next character, verse 2, is *smoke*.

Rev. 9:2 *When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss.*

Everyone has heard of the expression “smoke and mirrors” which means someone or something is covering up the whole truth. Smoke in the Bible is used to express the same (except for smoke from incense burning in a censer, which represents prayers) and here the fallen angels, through human agents, will spread *false doctrine*, it sounds good, looks good but it’s not the Biblical truth, it’s “smoke and mirrors”.

Jer. 11: 4 *The terms I commanded your forefathers when I brought them out of Egypt, out of the iron-smelting furnace. (produces black smoke) I said, ‘Obey me and do everything I command you, and you will be my people, and I will be your God.*

God brought his people out of Egypt, the land of false doctrine, darkness, into the wilderness and into the land of light, to teach them truth. Smoke from an iron-smelting furnace is very dense and dark; it blocks out the sunlight, and truth.

The last character, verse 3, is the *locusts*.

Rev. 9:3 *And out of the smoke locusts came down upon the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth. . 4) They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. 5) They were not given power to kill them, but only to torture them for five months. (Literal) And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion when it strikes a man. 6) During those days men will seek death, but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them.*

I believe the locusts are fallen angels because of their actions, they inflict sores similar to what they did to Job 2+3, Rev. 9: 3-5, “were given power like that of scorpions” and Rev. 9:11 *They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek, Apollyon*, confirms the locust leader is Satan.

The *scorpion* Rev. 9:3, in the Bible have represented evil ones.

Luke 10:19 *Jesus said, “I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.”*

Ezekiel 2:6 *And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them or their words. Do not be afraid, though briars and thorns are all around you and you live among scorpions. Do not be afraid of what they say or terrified by them, though they are a rebellious house.*

The good news in Rev. 9:4 is that they will not harm His obedient children of God. The good news is that God is in control of the Locusts power, Rev. 9:4, “*they were told*” and Rev. 9:5, “*were not given power*”. The *five months*, Rev. 9:5, I believe must be literal days, not symbolic years, (because of the results and actions) and this interpretation is dealing with end time events which are futuristic not historic. Also Luke 21:32 “*this generation will not pass away*”. In symbolic prophecy a day is a year, for historic interpretation. See Numbers 14: 34 & Ezekiel 4:6. However, when referring to events you have to consider whether it is symbolic or literal, historic or related to end-times. This torture could not last 150 years (5 months x 30 days = 150 years)

The suffering in Rev. 9:5+6 sounds like history repeating itself when Satan accused God of protecting Job, (Job 1:9) and God allowing Satan and his angels to torture Job.

Job 2:4 *Job’s Second Test: “Skin for skin!” Satan replied. “A man will give all he has for his own life. 5) But stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse you to your face.” 6) The Lord said to Satan, “Very well, then, he is in your hands; but you must spare his life. 7) So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and affected Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the top of his head. 8) Then Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it as he sat among the ashes. 9) His wife said to him, “Are you still holding on to your integrity? Curse God and die! 10) He replied, “You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?” In all this, Job did not sin in what he said.*

Job 3:21 (Job) “longed for death, but it does not come,”

Job 1:22 In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

Job came to know God even better through intense and seemingly unreasonable suffering, because he had 100 percent faith, trust and *I will rejoice in the Lord always, Phil. 4:4*, even though he did not know why tragic things were happening to him and his family.

After the 5th trumpet people will ask the SLW why God still angry and the SLW will blame it on the few who are not following man’s laws.

Rev. 12: 17 Then the dragon (Satan, Rev. 12:9) was enraged at the woman (the true Christian people, Rev12:13+14, who do not worship the Beast) and went off to make war against the rest of her offspring, those who obey God’s commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

I believe Satan will impersonate Christ just after the 5th trumpet. He will perform many miracles and confirm the SLW new laws. He will have one final deception, as follows.

4.2.6

Satan Impersonates Jesus

[2 Cor. 11:14](#) For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

Satan will use the false beliefs of the Lake of Fire to try to imitate God’s fire of Rev. 20: 9. Satan has always tried to make God out to be a hard and punishing Father especially when it comes to dealing with the Lost. This is the furthest from the truth. God will cry over the death of all His lost children, even Lucifer, just as the example He gave to us of King David’s crying over the death of his wicked son Absalom, 2 Samuel 18:33, because God’s love is unconditional.

After the 5th trumpet Satan himself will try to impersonate Christ, Mat. 24: 23 + 24. Satan’s and / or his agents will claim that God, the Father, has poured out the plagues of the first five trumpets because He is angry with those who are not following the laws of the SLW, “the Beast out of Sea” Rev. 13. To try to prove that he (Satan) is Christ; he will “even cause fire to come down from heaven and thus “deceive the people of the earth.” Rev. 13:13 & 14. The use of “even” indicates to me that this is Satan’s final or grandest deception before the Second Coming.

Mat. 24: 23 Signs of the End of the Age: At that time (end time) if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or, ‘There he is!’ do not believe it. 24) For false Christ’s and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive ever the elect if that were possible.

Rev. 13:13 And he (Satan’s agent) performed great and miraculous signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to earth in full view of men. (Physical not symbolic) 14) Because of the signs (Physical) he was given power to do on behalf of the first beast, he deceived the inhabitants of the earth.

5T p 698 In the last days he (Satan) will appear in such a manner as to make men believe him to be Christ come to the second time into the world.

These fires have to be literal, because “*he (Satan) deceived the inhabitants of the earth*” *Rev. 13:14*. 99.99 percent of all Christians believe in a physical fire coming down from God to burn up living sinners. I believe Satan will tell them to read *Rev. 20: 9* and then he will say something like “I will prove to you that I am God”, and he will *even cause fire, (literal) to come down from heaven in full view of man, Rev. 13:13*. Satan can not duplicate God’s fire of *Rev. 20*. We know that Satan can never duplicate the Second Coming; he can never cause fire to come down from heaven the same way God does in *Revelation 20:9*.

We must examine Satan’s fire that comes down from heaven. *Rev. 13:13* Second Coming
We must examine God’s fire that comes down from heaven. *Rev. 20:9* Third Coming

I could make this study short by stating the fact that the time frame of *Rev. 13* is just before the Second Coming and *Rev. 20* is just after the Third Coming but for those who disagree I will continue.

Rev. 20:7 *Satan’s Doom:* *When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison 8) and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. 9) They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God’s people, the city (New Jerusalem) he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. 10) And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night forever and ever. 11) “Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was not place for them. 12) And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.” 13) The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. 14) Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. 15) If anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”*

I believe most people think that these verses are sequential, that they follow one after each other. *Rev. 20:10*, they are “*thrown into the lake of burning sulfur,*” and then *Rev. 20:10* “*They will be tormented day and night forever and ever.*” But notice that after this comes the judgment in *Rev. 20:12*, “*The dead were judged*” and after that comes the second resurrection, *Rev. 20:13*, “*The sea gave up the dead*”. So these events are not sequential.

So be aware of Satan, disguised as Christ, trying to prove that he is Christ, *even causing fire to come down from heaven to earth in full view of men. Rev. 13:13*

What will Satan want to do to God’s people? He will want to enforce a worldwide death decree, the 6th trumpet. To do this he will have to use a worldwide police force. Bring on the United Nations.

4.2.7

The Beast out of the Earth United Nations ~ USA Good Cop ~ Bad Cop

Right now the United Nations is speaking like a lamb; they want every country to have peace. They want every country to have the same freedoms the democratic countries enjoy, namely political, religious and economical. They want every country to be safe from terrorism and dictators that oppress their people.

The USA is the force behind the UN. If you sit back and take a look at them, they are playing the parts of Good Cop verse Bad Cop. It is very effective and prophetic when you look at it in the light of *Rev. 13: 11 a lamb and a dragon*. The results will lead the world nations to unite against the axes of evil and will produce “*Peace and Safety*”. Then after the 5th Trumpet they will really play their roles.

After the first four trumpets the UN will join with the SLW and will speak like a lamb stating that the new laws that the SLW wants to be implemented are good for the world. However, after the 5th Trumpet plague the UN will speak like a lion and issue a death decree, the 6th Trumpet, on the one’s who are not following the new laws.

Rev. 13: 11 “*The Beast out of the Earth*” *Then I saw another beast coming out of the earth. He had two horns like a lamb, but he spoke like a dragon. 12) He exercised all the authority of the first beast on his behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. 13) And he performed great and miraculous signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to earth in full view of men. 14) Because of the signs he was given power to do on behalf of the first beast, he deceived the inhabitants of the earth. He ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. 15) He was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. 16) He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, 17) so that no one could buy or sell (individual economic sanctions) unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name. 18) This calls for wisdom. If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man’s number. His number is 666.”*

“*The Beast out of the Earth*” describes a worldwide police force, which will join forces with “*The Beast out of the Sea*”. The UN is the only worldwide institution that has this capability. It doesn’t have total power yet but it will very soon. Everyone knows that the main power of the UN comes from the USA, which has imposed economic sanctions on nations. (For more on the USA see appendix ‘A’) During the last days these economic sanctions will be placed on individuals rather than nations. Many countries have asked the UN to be a police force already but changing policies and procedures from a peace keeping force to a police force takes time. However, these changes are being made and will be completed soon. Many countries are now in support of a worldwide tax to fund the UN.

Rev. 13:11 *Then I saw another beast coming out to the earth, he had two horns like a lamb but he spoke like a dragon. 12) He exercised all the authority of the first beast on his behalf, and he made (forced, new laws) earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast.”*

2Thes.2: 9 *The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, 10) and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.*

What is the *catalyst* that will have the whole world give up their civil rights to a worldwide police force? In a state of emergency people are willing to give up their civil rights. An example of this happened in October of 1970. The FLQ (Freedom Liberation Quebec) in Quebec Canada kidnapped and murdered Pierre Leporte the Labour Minister of the Provincial Government of Quebec. Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau instated the War Measures Act, which took away people’s civil rights. There were very few complaints. The fifth trumpet, the ‘State of Emergency’, will be the catalyst that will call for the UN to put into effect the sixth trumpet laws.

Another example of lamb like qualities turning into dragon like qualities is the child protection laws of Canada. They are very good for children, however; when taken to extremes they are distorted against God’s laws. A true example of this happened in a city in eastern Canada. A member of parliament went to a church

and heard the minister speaking on the Biblical principle of ‘*spare the rod and you will spoil the child*’. Later she visited several parents that belonged to the church and asked them if they believed and practiced this principle. Some of them said yes. Later the Member of Parliament had the Police come with welfare people and removed the children from their parent’s homes. This type of action will be repeated in the end time events.

The 5th trumpet releases Satan and all his fallen angels from their prison, it seems that hell is breaking loose. All around the world, people are being tortured and long to die. *Rev. 9: 1~6* This is a worldwide state of emergency. Bring on the Police force of *Rev. 13, “The Beast out of the Earth.”* Do we have a worldwide police force now? No, but we have a worldwide peace force. The United Nations present (1995) policies are for a peacekeeping force. (However, with the present world’s situation, i.e. Iraq, North Korea, Ireland, Israel, Palestine etc, the United Nations will change their present policies of peacekeeping to become a police force.) The UN starts out like a lamb but will end up like a Lion.

Maybe you will see that this police force unit will be made up of volunteers, mercenaries, and hired guns willing “*to kill a third of mankind*” *Rev. 9: 15*

The results of the 5th trumpet will be the catalyst for the war against those who “*obey God’s commandments*” *Rev. 12:17* and “*who refused to worship*” the beast. *Rev. 13:15*

Notice that this *Beast* (UN) start’s out *like a lamb* but will later speak *like a dragon*. The UN will make polices and laws after the 5th Trumpet at the request of the Spiritual Leader of the World that will seem necessary at the time. The new laws, *Rev. 13:12*, will be the death decree of the 6th Trumpet, which will be used against His people, and go against God’s law.

I believe after the Beast out of the Sea makes new laws that (*Rev. 13:13*) *he* (some representative of the Beast out of the Earth) *performed great and miraculous signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to earth in full view of men. 14) Because of the signs he was given power to do on behalf of the first beast, he deceived the inhabitants of the earth. (Speaking like a lamb.) He ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. (Speaking like a lion.)* After this the 5th trumpet plague will fall for five months and cause the world to wonder why God is still angry with them. I believe it is at this time Satan will appear impersonating Christ, he will be The Anti-Christ.

2 Cor. 11:13 For such men are false apostle, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ. 14) And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. 15) It is not surprising, then, if his (Satan) servants (Beast out of the Sea and Earth) masquerade as servants of righteousness.

I believe Satan will be the one who will, *even causing fire to come down from heaven to earth in full view of men. Rev. 13: 13.* He will convince the Lost that only a death decree will appease God.

4.2.8

The Mark of the Beast

For every truth that God has, Satan has a counterfeit. The majority of the people around the world believe that the *Mark of the Beast* is an identification system that is implanted in the back of the hand or in the forehead. There will be an identification system in the future that will control people so that will not be able to buy or sell but the identification system is not the Mark of the Beast.

Rev. 13: 14 *The Beast out of the Earth (UN):* *He ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. ... 16) He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, 17) so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name.*

The Mark of the Beast is not a literal mark, brand or stamp but a sign of allegiance *The Beast out of the Sea*, the SLW. They will honor by submitting to the Beast's new laws for two reasons; convenience, *hand*, labor, or conviction, *forehead*, one's belief. By observing these man made law's they will be paying homage to the power of the Beast, thus forming an image to the Beast. When Christian's follow Christ's law's, we form an image to Christ. That's why we are called Christians.

Will we have a One World Government before the Second Coming? Never, but we will have a New World Order in which the SLW will be in charge. Will there be a one world currency? Maybe, the first four trumpets will cause a worldwide financial disaster, and out of the panic anything could happen.

4.2.9

Queen Ester's Death Decree Repeated 6th Trumpet

History often repeats itself, and here is a case. In the Old Testament (*Ester 3*) there is a story, during the time of Queen Ester, of a death decree being issued against God's people. In *Rev. 9:13*, there will be another death decree issued against God's people; it will be the sixth trumpet. The good news is, just like in Queen Ester's story; God's people are not harmed. *Ester 9 & Rev. 22*. I believe *Rev. 9:13* death decree is issued at the sixth trumpet.

After the sixth trumpet death decree is issued, *Rev. 9:13*, everyone in the world will have to choose, to make a decision ... to worship the image or not ... to kill or be killed ... to follow God's commandments or man's commandments.

Rev. 13:15 *The Beast out of the Earth (UN):* *He was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and cause all who refuse to worship the image to be killed.*
Rev. 9:13 *The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the horns of the golden altar that is before God. 14) It said to the sixth angel, who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." 15) And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind."*

The following is another example of "to kill" God's people from the Old Testament.

Ester 3:12 *Then on the 13th day of the first month.... 13) Dispatches were sent by couriers to all the kings provinces with the order to kill, destroy and annihilate all the Jews (Who were Gods people.) ... on a single day, the 13th day of the 12th month." (Maybe this is the origin of "unlucky 13")*

I believe this is an example of what is to come in *Rev 13:15* and *Rev. 9:15*. Now why do I believe Queen Ester's story is an example of the end time events? One reason is as follows which is from the NIV Study Bible, the last paragraph of the introduction of the book of Ester:

“An outstanding feature of this book -- one that has given rise to considerable discussion -- is the complete absence of any explicit reference to God, worship, prayer, or sacrifice. This “secularity” has produced many detractors who have judged *the book to be of little religious value*.

From this, I conclude that one of the main purposes of the book of Ester is to give us an example of the end time events, because as stated above the book of Ester has “little religious value”.

Just like Queen Ester's decree (*first month - 12th month = 11 months Ester 3:12 +13*). There will be a *time delay* for people to make up their mind, *to make a decision*. Along with this death decree will come the following order:

Rev. 13: 16 He (The Beast out of the Earth, Rev. 13: 1, UN) also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, 17) so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name.

Gods moral laws are the 10 commandments, the sixth is:

Exo. 20: 13 “You shall not murder.”

Mark 7:7 (Jesus stated) They worship me in vain. Their teachings are but rules taught by men. 8) You have let go of the commandments of God and are holding on to the traditions of men.

When the SLW issues an order to kill and God commands that “*You shall not murder.*” You will have to choose sides.

Trials and tribulations are two of God's means of bringing people to repentance. These are what the first six Trumpets are for. Throughout the history of the Old Testament these have always been very effective, and Revelation describes similar hardships: *Rev. 13:15 “no one could buy or sell”, Rev. 9: 17-21* describes a war; people have been killed by the plagues. In *Rev. 9: 20 “The rest of mankind that were not killed by these plagues (the 7 T plagues; the others are the 7 LP) still did not repent.”* This shows that the six trumpets take place prior to the close of probation, which is the seventh trumpet, *Rev. 11:15*, because they still had a chance to repent. This also shows that the 7 Last Plagues come after the 7 Trumpets.

After the sixth trumpet death decree is issued it will be time for God's people to ‘*flee to the mountains*’, *Mat. 24: 16*.

Mat. 24: 16 Signs of the End of the Age: (Jesus stated) Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17) Let no one on the roof of his house go down to take anything out of the house. 18) Let no one in the field go back to get his cloak.

Col. 1:25 *I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness, 26) the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints.*

2Thes. 2:8 *And the lawless one will be revealed*

Just prior to the seventh trumpet God's work of trying to convince people that his ways lead to eternal life will be finished because everyone will have chosen sides after the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints; the full truth has been revealed to all.

Rev. 10: 7 *The Angel and the Little Scroll: But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God ("the word of God" Col. 1:25, the plan of salvation) will be accomplished.*

John 16:8 *The Work of the Holy Spirit: When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment.*

When everyone has made up their mind, their God given freedom of choice, then God's (Holy Spirit) job is finished, because, everyone will have made their final choice prior to the seventh trumpet, which is the close of probation. On one side there are the sheep, on the other side the goats, *Mat. 25:32*, the wheat and the weeds, *Mat. 13: 24*, God's people and Satan's followers.

4.2.10

The Close of Probation ~ 7th Trumpet

At the seventh trumpet there will be a grand celebration in heaven because God is now in full control. The great controversy of who is right, Lucifer or God, is finished. The universal trial that started in heaven is over!!! *Rev. 12:7* "and there was war in heaven," a war of words, like two lawyers in a courtroom. Lucifer, the plaintiff, accused God, the defendant, of being unfair and it continued on earth, Satan's battleground. At the close of Earth's probation comes the time for judging, rewarding and destroying.

Rev. 11: 15 *The Seventh Trumpet: The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "the kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever. 16) And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying: 17) "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. 18) The nations were angry; and your wrath has come. The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your saints and those who reverence your name, both small and great and for destroying those who destroy the earth. 19) Then God's temple in heaven was open and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. (The end of the sanctuary service in heaven; no more intercession for people. No more chances to repent.) And there came flashes of lightning, rumbling peals of thunder, and earthquake and great hailstorm.*

Jesus will make the following announcement at the close of probation.

Rev. 22: 11 *Let him who does wrong continue to do wrong; let him who is vile continue to be vile; let him who does right continue to do right; and let him who is holy continue to be holy. 12) Behold, I*

am coming soon. My reward is with me, and I will give (future, when He comes) to everyone according to what he had done.

Dan. 7: 26 The court will sit, and his (The Little Horn, Dan. 7:8, which is The Beast out of the Sea, Rev. 13:1, controlled by Satan, Rev. 13: 2) power will be taken away and completely destroyed forever. 27) Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be handed over to the saints, the people of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him.

Rev. 11: 15 The Kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ.

Rev. 11: 17 Lord God Almighty...you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.

John 12:31 Jesus said... Now the prince of this world, (Satan, 1 John 5:19) will be driven out.

1 John 5:19 We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. (Satan)

The reign of power will be taken from the Prince of Darkness and given to the Prince of Light. The great controversy, the great trial, will be over!!!

You may ask; ‘Why is it necessary to have the Seven Trumpets, and this time of trouble?’

Mat. 25:31 When the son of Man comes (Second Coming) in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. 32) All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33) He will put the sheep (God’s obedient children.) on his right and the goats (God’s disobedient children.) on his left. ... 41) Then he will say to those on his left, (goats) ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared (future, no hell now) for the devil and his angels.

John 16:8 The Work of the Holy Spirit: When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment.

Mat. 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Rev. 9:20 The rest of mankind that were not killed by these plagues (7 Trumpets) still did not repent.

This is the time when the sheep will be separated from the goats. Many people believe that people cannot follow the Bible and God’s laws but this will prove to the universe that God’s children will be faithful to Him and His laws even when the death decree is issued. It is also necessary for the Seven Last Plagues to be issued to show the universe that the Lost character does not change even after they know they hear the truth because they “*still did not repent.*” Rev. 9:20

The seventh trumpet takes place entirely in heaven and not on earth, Rev. 11: 15. *The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, Rev. 11: 19, Then God’s temple in heaven was open and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant.* Therefore, I conclude that the close of probation, the seventh trumpet, takes place a short time before the Second Coming of Christ. Rev. 22:12 “*Behold, I am coming soon!! My reward is with me.*”

4.3

Seven Last Plagues

4.3.1

God Wrath is Completed!!!

After the 7th Trumpet, which is the close of probation and the living are divided into two camps: the Saved and the Lost, it will be a time to test, to confirm people's commitment to their choice, even to the point that they are willing to die for the truth. God's seven last plagues wrath will be poured out on earth, *Rev. 16: 1*. I estimate the time frame of this to be the last 30 days before the Second Coming.

Before the seventh trumpet, the close of probation, people still have a chance to repent and come out of the false religious system, *Rev. 18: 4*. During the seven last plagues there is no chance and no repentance. These two points show that the seven last plagues come right after the seven trumpet plagues and that they are separate and do not take place during the same time period.

- Rev. 11: 15* *The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said:*
Rev. 11: 18 *The time of your wrath has come... (after the 7th Trumpet) time has come for judging the dead,*
and for rewarding your servants the prophets. _
Rev. 11: 19 *Then God's temple in heaven was open and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant.*
(The end of the sanctuary service in heaven; no more intercession for people. No more chances to repent.) And there came flashes of lightning, rumbling peals of thunder, and earthquake and great hailstorm.
Rev. 15: 1 *I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign: seven angels with*
*the seven last plagues last because with them **God's wrath is completed.***
Rev. 18: 4 *Then I heard another voice from heaven say: "Come out of her, my people, so that you will not*
share in her sins, so that you will not receive any of her plagues;

Notice the time frame. God's wrath is completed after the seven last plagues not at the Third Coming! (1000 years after the Second Coming, *Rev. 20: 5*) Keep this in mind during later studies.

- Rev. 15: 1* *Seven Angels With Seven Plagues* *I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign:*
*seven angels with the seven last plagues; last because with them **God's wrath is completed.** ...*
5) After this I looked and in heaven the temple, that is, the tabernacle of the Testimony, was
opened. 6) Out of the temple came the seven angels with the seven plagues. They were dressed
in clean, shining linen and wore golden sashes around their chests. 7) Then one of the four
living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls filled with the wrath of God, who
lives for ever and ever. 8) And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from
his power, and no one could enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were
completed.

Some people believe that Jesus Christ will come and live on earth and "rule them (nations) with an iron scepter." *Psalm 23:8*. How can that be when *Rev. 15: 1* state's *God's wrath is completed* after the 7LP, and the sanctuary service has ended, *Rev. 11: 19*?

- Rev. 16: 1* *The Seven Bowls of God's Wrath* *Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the*
seven angels, "Go, pour out the seven the seven bowls of God's wrath on the earth."
- :2* *1st ugly and painful sores*
:3 *2nd the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a dead man, (like jelly) and*
every living thing in the sea died.
:4 *3rd rivers and springs, and they became blood.*
:8 *4th the sun was given power to scorch people with fire*

- :10 5th *darkness. Men gnawed their tongues in agony*
 :12 6th *Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called
 Armageddon.*
 :17 7th *From the sky hailstones of about a hundred pounds each fell upon men..*

What is *the purpose* of the seven last plagues? Why does a merciful loving God pour out seven last plagues on people after the close of probation? Only a sadist would torture a people after they've been condemned to death, unless there was a very good reason.

I believe God has to, He's on trial, He doesn't want to, but He has to allow the plagues to prove to the universe, the jury members, that *the character* of the living Lost does not change after they have heard the truth (*Mat. 24: 14*) and even with worse plagues (the seven last plagues) than the seven trumpet plagues.

The 7LP can only last a very short time because of the effect it will have on earth. All oceans will become *blood like that of a dead man, Rev. 16:3* (like jelly) and there will be no drinking water; *rivers and springs, and they became blood. Rev. 16:4*. The end of all life on earth will cease after the Second Coming.

The Holy Spirit's job is to convict all people of what is right and what is wrong. After the seventh trumpet close of probation there will be no one left to "*convict*". Then the Holy Spirit will completely withdraw conviction of what is right and wrong from the people that are lost. The results will be that even with the 7 Last Plagues the Lost still "*refuse to repent*" *Rev. 16: 8 & 10* "*they cursed God*" *Rev. 16: 21*. This proves that God's judgment on the Lost is correct because their character does not change.

But even then God's merciful protection is still not totally withdrawn. He protects His own, the Saved, of course.

Psa. 23:4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.

Mat. 24: 20 Pray that your flight (from the 6T death decree) will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath. 21) For then there will be great distress, (7LP) unequaled from the beginning of the world until now, and never to be equaled again. 22) If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.

The days, not months, will be cut short because no one would or could survive much longer than 30 days of the 7 LP.

Rev. 14:6 The Three Angels: Then I saw another angel flying in mid-air, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth, to every nation, tribe, language and people. 7) He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water." 8) A second angel followed and said, "Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great, which made (Force) all the nations drink the maddening wine (unable to understand plain truth) of her adulteries." 9) A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: "if anyone worships the beast and his image and receives his mark on the forehead or on the hand, 10) he, too, will drink of the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. He will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb.

11) *And the smoke of their torment rises for ever and ever. (Which is until they die.) There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and his image, or for anyone who receives the mark of his name.”* 12) *This calls for patient endurance on the part of the saints who obey God’s commandments and remain faithful to Jesus.*

Many people use *Rev. 14: 10 & 11* to refer to the burning of the Lost in the Lake of Fire which takes place at the second resurrection, however; the above time frame is prior to the Second Coming and not after the Third Coming. Remember God’s wrath is complete after the 7 LP, *Rev. 15:1*.

The seven last plagues show the universe what happens when the Holy Spirit removes the conviction of right and wrong; if sin is left unchecked, people will not do what is right.

4.3.2

Armageddon

There has always been a lot of misconception about Armageddon. Let’s look what the Bible says.

Rev. 16: 13 *Then I saw three evil spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, (Satan) out of the mouth of the beast (The Beast out of the Sea) and out of the mouth of the false prophet. (The Beast out of the Earth.)* 14) *They are spirits of demons performing miraculous signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.* 15) *“Behold, I come like a thief! Blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with him, so that he may not go naked and be shamefully exposed.”* 16) *Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.*

Rev. 17: 12 *“The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast. 13) They have one purpose and will give their power and authority to the beast. 14) They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers.”*

Rev. 19:17 *And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, “Come, gather together for the great supper of God, so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and mighty men, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, small and great.”* 19) *Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his army.* 20) *But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image.*

The time frame for the above events is the 6th Last Plague, which is the war of Armageddon. Satan will have armies ready to kill the saints. *Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.* *Rev. 16: 16.* I believe that *the place called Armageddon*

is symbolic for the UN. That is the Headquarters for the war effort against the Saints. The sixth trumpet death decree will be issued from the UN by the *kings, generals, and mighty men*.

4.3.3

The Great Tribulation

The following shows that after the seven trumpets time of *tribulation*, there will be a time of “great tribulation” Rev. 7:14, which is seven last plagues.

Rev. 7: 13 *Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes, who are they, and where did they come from?” 14) I answered, “Sir, you know.” And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. (They depend completely on Christ’s righteous.) 15) Therefore, “they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple: and he who sits upon the throne will spread his tent over them. 16) Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. (This is the same as the 4th plague of the seven last plagues.)*

Rev. 16: 8 *The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was given power to scorch people with fire.*

Rev. 16: 8 is the fourth plague of the 7 LP which Rev. 7: 14 descriptions is the same.

Dan. 12: 1 *The End Times: “At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. (At the close of probation, which is the 7th T) There will be a time of distress (7 LP) such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people, everyone whose name is found written in the book, will be delivered. 2) Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake; some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. (No second chance. Contempt for sin; a reminder forever of the how repulsive sin is and thus it will never happen again.)*

Dan. 12:1 also describes the same event as Rev. 16 and the 7 LP’s. With the Great Tribulation, the 7 LP, God’s wrath is complete. It is now time for the Second Coming.

4.4

Summary

Jesus has told us everything about the end time events before they happen, but only the wise will understand. There will be a probationary period (the last 1335 days before the Second Coming), a time of trouble, (the Seven Trumpets) and a time of great tribulation, (the Seven Last Plagues). The first four trumpets are ecological disasters that affect the whole world, which is a worldwide wake up call. During the seven trumpets time period, earth’s inhabitants will be separated into two camps, God’s and Satan’s. After everyone has been divided there will be a time of *great tribulation* that earth has never experienced before, which is the Seven Last Plagues. This will happen just prior to the end of earth’s sinful history and the Second Coming of our Lord. At the Second Coming the Saints, dead and living, will put on immortality and meet Jesus in the air and then go to heaven with Him. The living Lost at the time of the Second Coming will be put to death quickly by

the brightness of God's Glory and will not be buried because all living things on earth are dead. At that time the Lost are clothed with perishable bodies, which means they are not immortal and live forever.

5.

Second Coming

5.1

Christ's Appearance

Every living person will see Jesus coming down from heaven, *Rev. 1:7*, to harvest the earth of *all*, both living and dead. He will take His faithful obedient people with Him back to heaven. The living Lost and all living creatures will be dead because of the plagues and His brightness.

Rev. 1:7 Look, he is coming with the clouds, (angels, *2Thes. 1: 6 & Mat. 25:31*) and every eye will see Him.

2Thes. 1: 6 God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you 7) and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. (Second Coming) 8) He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9) They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord (Jesus will not live with the Lost.) and from the majesty of his power 10) on the day he comes to be marveled at among all those who have believed. (Past tense, no second chance.)

2Thes. 2:1 The Man of Lawlessness (SLW) Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, (Jesus does not stay on earth at the Second Coming) we ask you, brothers, 2) not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by some prophecy, report or letter supposed to have come from us, saying that the day of the Lord has already come. 3) Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come, until the rebellion occurs (after the SLW is elected) and the man of lawlessness is revealed; the man doomed to destruction.

- Rev. 14:14 The Harvest of the Earth I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one “like a son of man” with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. 15) Then another angel came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud, “Take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.” (No second chance, there is only one harvest.) 16) So he who was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested. (double harvest, the righteous and the unrighteous.) 17) Another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. 18) Still another angel who had charge of the fire, came from the altar and called in a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, “Take your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of grapes from the earth’s vine, because its grapes are ripe.” 19) The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great winepress of God’s wrath. 20) They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horse bridles for a distance of 1,600 stadia.
- 1 Thes. 4:13 The Coming of the Lord Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, (in Christ, the Saved) or to grieve like the rest of the men, who have no hope. (The Lost, Rev. 20: 5.) 14) We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. (Back to heaven, John 14:1) 15) According to the Lord’s own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede (to go to heaven, the saved do not remain on earth during the millennium) those who have fallen asleep. 16) For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17) After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 18) Therefore encourage each other with these words.

If “every eye will see Him” Rev. 1:7 and “with the trumpet call of God” 1 Thes. 4:16 raising the “dead in Christ” 1 Thes. 4:16, then the Second Coming is a very visible and loud event. There is nothing secret about the Second Coming of Christ.

- John 13: 36 Simon Peter asked him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus replied, “Where I am going, (to heaven) you cannot follow now, but you will follow later.”
- John 14: 1 Jesus said: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. 2) In my Father’s house (in heaven) are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. (in heaven) 3) And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you (not stay with you on earth) to be with me that you also may be where I am.” (Jesus is presently in heaven.)
- John 17: 24 “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, (in heaven.)
- Mat. 25: 31 The Sheep and the Goats “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. 32) All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33) He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ...41) “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, (Jesus will not live with the Lost) you who are curse, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ... 46) “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, (not punishing, only the Saved will have immortality) but the righteous to eternal life.”
- Rom. 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, (second death for the Lost; no immortality) but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

When Jesus comes, He will not remain on Earth, in fact His feet never touch earth at the Second Coming. The living Saved and the dead in Christ “will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever 1 Thes. 4:16 and “I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.” John 14: 3.

Notice that Jesus never touches the earth at the Second Coming. The saved will meet Him in the air and He will take His people back to heaven “and (they) reigned with Christ a thousand years” Rev. 20:4, see below, at Second Coming.

5.2

First Resurrection

The first resurrection, the resurrection of the Saved (dead in Christ) is at the Second Coming, *1 Thes. 4:13-17*, and the second resurrection, the resurrection of the Lost, is at the Third Coming, *Rev. 20:5*, one thousand years later.

- John 5: 28 Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good (the Saved) will rise to live, 29) and those who have done evil (the Lost 1000 years later) will rise to be condemned.*
- Acts 24: 15 And I have the same hope in God as these men, that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked.*
- Rev. 20:4 I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their forehead or their hands. They (souls) came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5) The rest of the dead (souls) did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. (Second Resurrection) This is the first resurrection. (Second Coming) 6) Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years. (In heaven till the Third Coming when He will make earth His home. *Rev. 21: 3*)*
- Mat. 24: 30 At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. 31) And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect (only the Saved) from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. (You only gather things to take them someplace other than where they were; thus proving the Saved do not remain on earth during the millennium.)*
- 1Cor. 15: 22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. 23) But each in his own turn; Christ, the first fruits; then, when he comes, (Second Coming) those who belong to him. (the Saved) 24) Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. 25) For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26) The last enemy to be destroyed is death. (1000 years after the Second Coming, *Rev. 20:14*) ... 51) “Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, (death is called a sleep) but we will all be changed in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. (Second Coming) For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. (At the Second Coming not when we die.) 53) For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable and the mortal with immortality. (no second chance)*
- Mat. 16:27 For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done. (past tense)*
- Rev. 22: 12 “Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.” (past tense, not what he will do, no second chance)*

The first resurrection takes place at the Second Coming just after the 7th LP. The Dead in Christ will come out of their graves and be changed into immortals and together with the Living in Christ, who are also changed then into immortals, be caught up in the air to meet Christ and

then be taken to heaven for 1000 years where they will serve as the Second Jury. Note that all will be changed at the Second Coming; either perishable (the Lost) or immortal (the Saved). There is no second chance after the Second Coming.

5.3

Death at the Second Coming

The *time frame* for the following verses is at the Second Coming when the Saved are taken to heaven to live and the Lost are put to death quickly, *Zep. 1: 18*, by the Glory of God, *2 Thes. 2: 8*. Satan and his angels will have no one to torment because they are confined to this planet, *Rev. 20: 3* and there is nothing living on it for 1000 years, *Zep. 1: 3*, *Rev. 11:18*. The Lost are brought back to life after 1000 years, *Rev. 20: 3*.

- Rev. 11: 18* The Seventh Trumpet *The time has come for destroying those who destroy the earth.*
2 Thes. 2: 1 *Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him ... 8) And then the lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy (quick death) by the splendor (His Glory) of his coming. (Along with the rest of the Lost, *Zep. 1: 18*)*
- Isa. 13: 9* *See, the day of the Lord is coming, cruel day with wrath and fierce anger, to make the land desolate and destroy the sinners within it. (At the Second Coming the Lord will destroy the sinners not let them live on earth during the millennium.)*
- Mat. 24: 37* Signs of the End of the Age *As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 38) For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark; (the same will be before the close of probation; the 7th trumpet) 39) and they knew nothing about what would happen (of the 7LP and the Second Coming) until the flood come and took them all away. (Death to all)*
- Mat. 24: 27* *For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. (Second Coming) 28) Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather.*
- Rev. 19: 21* The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, (Jesus at the Second Coming) and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.
- Zep. 1: 2* Warning of Coming Destruction: *“I will sweep away everything from the face of the earth, (this does not mean only Israel) declares the Lord.” 3) “I will sweep away both men and animals; I will sweep away the birds of the air and the fish of the sea. The wicked will have only heaps of rubble when I cut off man from the face of the earth,” declares the Lord.*
The Great Day of the Lord: *18) Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord’s wrath. In the fire of his jealousy the whole world will be consumed, for he will make a sudden end (quick death) of all who live in the earth.*
- Jer. 25: 33* The Cup of God’s Wrath *At that time those slain by the Lord will be everywhere, from one end of the earth to the other. They (the Lost) will not be mourned or gathered up or buried but will be like refuse lying on the ground.*
- Rev. 20: 3* *He (an angel from heaven *Rev. 20: 1*) threw him (Satan, *Rev. 9:1*) into the Abyss, (the earth after the Second Coming *Rev. 20: 7*) and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations (this is more possible proof that there are other planets like earth, because all the sinful nations of people on earth are dead during the millennium.) anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.*

As a father I have had to put to sleep our family cat that we all loved dearly. I put it to death the quickest way that I knew. God will do the same to all the living Lost, *both men and animals* at the Second Coming, *by the splendor* (His Glory) of his coming. He will do the same at the final judgment at the Third Coming too.

6.

The Millennium

6.1

1000 Years of Rest

God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh day. There has been approximately 6000 years of sin in this world and the millennium will usher in 1000 Years of rest from sin.

2Pet. 3: 8 With the Lord a day is like thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.

If you believe that there will be life on earth during the millennium then you will certainly have to read carefully appendix “F”, ‘Problems with Millennium Life’.

The word millennium is not found in the Bible, but the expression comes only from *Rev. 20: 1 - 7* where it is mentioned 6 times. **Any definition or description of the millennium must be based on the framework of the millennial doctrine set forth in Rev. 19 and 20**, for this is the only Scripture passage that deals directly with this doctrine.

That the Second Coming precedes the millennium is clear from the fact that the narrative of *Rev. 19* and *20* is continuous. The Second Coming is symbolically portrayed in *Rev. 19: 11-21*, and the narrative is carried on without a break into *Rev. 20*, which discusses the millennial period. The continuity of narrative is clearly demonstrated by the interrelation of events. The three great powers that will oppose the work of Christ and

gather the kings of the earth to battle immediately prior to the Second Coming are identified as the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet (Rev. 16.13). According to Rev. 19.19, when “*the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse*” (Jesus) at the time of the Second Coming, the beast and the false prophet are “*thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur*” Rev. 20, 21. The narrative of Rev. 20: 2 proceeds to show the fate of the third member of the trio, the dragon, **Satan**, who is seized and cast into the Abyss, where he remains for **1000 years** with **no one to tempt**.

If there were people on earth during the 1000 year millennium, and Satan was not tempting them, they would all be saints ... what is the point of living on earth as saints for 1000 years ... There is none.

Rev. 16: 13 *Then I saw three evil spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of **the dragon**, out of the mouth of **the beast** and out of the mouth of **the false prophet**. 14) They are spirits of demons performing miraculous signs, and they go out to the kings of **the whole world** to gather them for **the battle on the great day of God Almighty**.*

Rev. 19: 11 **The Rider on the White Horse (Jesus)** *I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called **Faithful and True**. With justice **he judges** and makes war. 12) His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. ... 16) On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: King of Kings and Lord of Lords. 17) and I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to **all the birds** flying in midair, “Come, gather together for **the great supper of God**, 18) so that you may **eat the flesh of kings**, generals, and mighty men, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of **all people**, ... (the Lost are destroyed and left unburied, Zep. 1:2)*

Zep. 1:2 **Judgment on the Whole Earth in the Day of the LORD** ² “I will sweep away **everything** from the face of the earth,” declares the LORD. ³ “I will sweep away **both man and beast**; I will sweep away the **birds** in the sky and the **fish** in the sea— and the idols that cause the wicked to stumble.” “When I destroy **all mankind** on the face of the earth,” declares the LORD, ⁴ “I will stretch out my hand **against Judah** and against **all who live in Jerusalem**. ... ¹⁸ Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on **the day of the LORD’s (Second Coming) wrath**.” In the fire of his jealousy **the whole earth** will be **consumed**, for he will make a **sudden end** of all who live on the earth.

Jer.4:23 *I looked at **the earth**, and it was **formless and empty**; and at the heavens, and their light was gone. ²⁴ I looked at the mountains, and they were quaking; all the hills were swaying. ²⁵ I looked, and there were no people; every bird in the sky had flown away. ²⁶ I looked, and the **fruitful land was a desert**; **all its towns lay in ruins** before the LORD, before his fierce anger.*

2 Peter 3:10 *But **the day of the Lord** (Second Coming) will come like a thief. The **heavens will disappear** with a roar; the **elements will be destroyed by fire**, and the **earth and everything** done in it will be laid bare. ¹¹ Since **everything will be destroyed** in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives ¹² as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. ¹³ But in keeping with his promise we are **looking forward** to a **new heaven and a new earth**, where righteousness dwells.*

Jer. 25: 33 *At that time those slain by the LORD will be everywhere—from **one end of the earth to the other**. They will **not be mourned or gathered up or buried**, but will be **like dung** lying on the ground.*

Lost are destroyed and left unburied, Zep. 1:2, 3+18; Jer. 25: 33, Rev. 19:18) _

Rev. 19: 18 (continue) *free and slave, small and great.*” 19) Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his army. 20) But **the beast** was captured, and with him **the false prophet** who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. **The two** of them were **thrown alive** into the **fiery lake of burning sulfur**. (Note that the time frame of this event is just prior to the Second Coming, whereas; Rev. 20: 10 happens 1000 years later and when “the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet **had been thrown**”, 1000 years before. Also note that it does not state that they are alive this time.) 21) **The rest** of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the **birds gorged themselves on their flesh**.

Thus, these two events are similar yet differ somewhat. I believe that the Second Coming wrath of God will destroy the Lost along with all life form, Zep. 1:2 – 3 + 18; Jer. 25:33, but 1000 years later He will destroy all the Lost and then cleanse the earth with fire, Rev. 20: 14 before He creates a new heaven and a new earth. Rev. 21:1

Rev. 20: 1 And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the **Abyss** (Same word used in Genesis 1:2, means void, no people, Abyss is a prison, Rev. 20:7) and holding in his hand a great chain. 2) He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or **Satan**, and **bound** him for **a thousand years**. 3) He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him; to **keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended**. (This seems like there are still people for Satan to deceive during the 1000 years; however, according to other Bible texts, there is no one alive. So this statement shows the purpose of his confinement, which is that he will have no one to deceive *anymore* for 1000 years. The Lost are already deceived, dead, waiting till the second resurrection at the end of the 1000 years and the Saved are now in heaven.) After that, he must be set free for a short time. 4) I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5) The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. 6) **Blessed and holy** are those who have part in the **first resurrection**. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priest of God and of Christ and **will reign with him** for a thousand years. (In heaven with Jesus, John 14:3 see below.)

Satan’s Doom 7) When **the thousand years are over**, **Satan** will be **release** from his **prison** (Abyss is a prison) and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog to gather them for battle.

When the beast and the false prophet are cast into the lake of fire, Rev. 19:20, “the rest” (v. 21) of their followers are slain by the sword of Christ. These are the “kings, generals, mighty men”, and “all people, both free and slave” (v. 18). The same classes are mentioned under the sixth seal, as seeking the hide from the face of the Lamb (Rev. 6:14-17) when the heavens depart as a scroll and every mountain and island is moved, obviously these scriptures depict the same earth-shattering event, the Second Advent of Christ.

How many are involved in the death of “the rest” Rev. 19: 21? According to Rev. 13: 8 there will be only two classes on earth at the time of the advent: “All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast, all whose names have not been written in the book of life” It is evident, therefore, that when “the rest” are “killed with the sword” Rev. 19: 21, there are no survivors except those who have withstood the beast, namely, those who are written in the book of life, Rev. 13:8. Before mentioning that this group enters upon its millennial reign Rev. 20:4, John relates how the third great enemy, the dragon, will begin to receive his retribution Rev. 20: 1 – 3.

The above shows clearly that there will be no living human on the earth during the millennium.

John 13: 36 Simon Peter asked him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus replied, “Where I am going, (to heaven) you cannot follow now, but **you will follow later.** (not stay on earth during the millennium.)

John 14: 1 Jesus said: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. 2) In my Father’s house (in heaven) are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. (in heaven) 3) And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and **take you** (not stay with you on earth) to be with me that you also may be where I am.” (Jesus is presently in heaven.)

John 17: 24 “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, (in heaven.)

Rev. 21: 1 Then I saw **a new heaven and a new earth.** for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away and there was no longer any sea. 2) **I saw the Holy City,** the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3) And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the **dwelling of God is with men,** and he will live with them.

During the millennium the Saved will be taken to heaven to live with Jesus in the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, until the end of the millennium when they **return to earth.**

7.

The Third Coming

7.1

Second Resurrection

One thousand years after the Second Coming Christ and His Saints, the Saved, will return to earth (the Third Coming) for the final jury and destruction of the Lost who are brought back to life, which is the second resurrection, *Rev. 20:5*. The future tense, *will be*, *Rev. 20:4* & *will reign*, *Rev. 20: 6*, of the following verse also proves that you don’t go to heaven or hell when you die. Jesus made it very clear that when you die you will sleep, *John 11:11-15*, until after you are judged and then resurrected either at the Second Coming or 1000 years later at the Third Coming. The following confirms this doctrine.

Eze. 18:4 The soul who sins is the one who will die. (Third Coming, *Rev. 20:5 + 15*)

Psa. 49: 15 But God will redeem my life (or soul) from the grave; (Second Coming, *1 Thes. 4:16*) he will surely take me (His saved child) to himself.

Rev. 20:4 The Thousand Years They (Saved souls) came to life (first resurrection) and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5) The rest of the dead (Lost souls) did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. (Second resurrection at the Third Coming) This is the first resurrection. (First resurrection at the Second Coming) 6) Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection.. (Second Coming) The second death (eternal death) has no power over them, but they will be (future) priests of God and of Christ and will reign (future) with him for a thousand years. (In heaven till the Third Coming when He will make earth His home. *Rev. 21:3*)

Rev. 21:3 *The New Jerusalem* “Now (After the millennium and after the Third Coming) *the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them.* (He will not live on earth during the millennium.)

What’s the purpose of bringing back to life the Lost?

It seems that our God of mercy and love has a vengeful way of torturing people who don't obey Him. He kills them at the Second Coming and then raises them from the dead 1000 years later in the second resurrection just to kill them again. Why does He resurrect the Lost to kill them again, which is *the second death*, Rev. 20: 5? I believe God has too for two reasons:

First, I believe He knows that His children trust Him but He wants to prove to us beyond a shadow of doubt that everything He’s done is correct. Some of the saved may wonder, still have doubts about whether or not some of the lost would have changed their ways if they had known the true nature of the Antichrist. Yes, they still might wonder, even after examining the books for 1000 years in heaven. God has to prove to all, that He gave everyone a chance to have eternal life.

Second, the Lost, the third jury, *Phil. 2: 10*, have to judge themselves, before being sentenced to death. After the second resurrection, the Lost will be shown where the Holy Spirit gave them many opportunities to choose eternal life.

Heb.9:27 *Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, (no second chance) 28) so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.* (Salvation comes only once and that is at the Second Coming; again no second chance.)

Phi. 2:10 *At the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven (1st Jury) and on earth (2nd Jury) and under the earth, (3rd Jury) and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.*

Rev. 20:7 *When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison 8) and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. 9) They march across the breath of the earth and surrounded the camp of God’s People, the city He loves, (Rev. 21:2 *The Holy City, the New Jerusalem*) but fire came down from heaven and devoured them.*

The Lost will have their lives revealed to them. They will see how God showed them the right way but they choose not to follow His ways and they all will confess that God’s way was correct. They will get off their knees, *Phil. 2: 10*, but their true character does not change, *Rev. 20: 7~9*, and Satan will deceive them into attacking the New Jerusalem. It is now time to execute the judgment. The wages of sin is death. God’s trial is over.

7.2

The Lake of Fire ~ Hell

Do you understand *Rev. 20: 9 & 10* to mean that God will bring a fire, literal, of burning sulfur from heaven to “*torment*,” (torture) the sinner’s body, while they are *alive*:

- 1) In *the lake of burning sulfur forever* and eternity in a place called Hell,... or
- 2) *Day and night*, 24 hours or more, and then kill them?

Rev. 19: 20 *But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous*

signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. 21) The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth (Jesus) of the rider on the horse, (see 2 Thes. 2:8) and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh. (see Jer. 25: 33)

Rev. 20: 9 They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. 10) And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been (past tense, see Rev. 19: 20) thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Notice the *time frame* of Rev. 19: 20 was 1000 years before Rev. 20: 10. Also only the beast and the false prophet are *thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur* at the Second Coming. The devil won't get there until 1000 years later.

Where did you get your understanding of the words "fire, hell, burning sulfur, and forever"? Was it from man's dictionary? The Bible is a spiritual book. The book of Revelation is a symbolic book. We must use the Bible to define its own definitions. The book of Revelation reveals **Jesus Christ's character**.

1 John 4:16 God is love.

1 Cor. 13:4 Love is patient and kind.

Mal. 3:6 I the Lord do not change.

Rev. 21:4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, (no more hell) for the old order of things has passed away.

Rom. 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, (not torture) but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord

Will Jesus, God of love, whose character cannot change from being patient and kind, "torment", torture, physically burn the flesh of His own children after the second resurrection, even though they are sinners?

Is this doctrine consistent with His character? No !!!! This belief is *not* sound doctrine.

2 Tim. 4: 3 For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4) They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

Remember that God's wrath is complete at the seven last plagues. Rev. 15: 1

The Bible never contradicts itself, therefore;

We must re-examine our beliefs.

We must let the Bible interpret itself.

We must let the Bible be its own dictionary whenever possible.

Biblically what is: forever, eternal, soul, fire, and burning sulfur? Sometimes they are literal and sometimes they are symbolic. We will now study them Biblically.

7.2.1

Forever

The word "forever" does not necessarily mean "without end". In fact the Bible uses this word many times (56

times in the King James Version of the Bible) in connection with things which have already ended, usually in death. It does not mean eternity in every case. It may mean the effects are eternal. See *Jonah: 2:6 + 1:17*.

Rev. 14: 10 He, too, will drink of the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. He will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. 11) And the smoke of their torment rises for ever and ever. (The time frame of this is just before the Second Coming and not the Third Coming and the Second Death of the Lost.) There is no rest for those who worship the beast and his image, or for anyone who receives the mark of his name." 12) This calls for patient endurance on the part of the saints who obey God's commandments and remain faithful to Jesus.

Rev. 20:9 Fire came down from Heaven and devoured them. (10) And the devil, who deceived them was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night forever and ever. (The time frame of this is just after the Third Coming.) (11) Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. (15) If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life he was thrown into the lake of fire. (Future, after the final judgment of the third jury.)

The term is clearly defined in *Psalm 48:14*, "For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even to the end." The desolation of Edom was to continue "for ever and ever" *Isaiah 34:10*. Christ is called "a priest for ever" *Hebrews 5:6*, yet after sin is blotted out Christ's work as a priest in the sanctuary will end.

According to these definitions of the word "forever" the wicked will suffer as long as they continue to live. Then, as the Bible states; "The wicked...they will be forever destroyed." *Psalm 92:7; Malachi 4:1-3*.

Do not let people tell you that 'forever' means eternity and immortality; or that Hell goes on for eternity which would give the Lost immortal bodies that would never die. *For the wages of sin is death, Rom. 6:2*, not an eternity of torture.

7.2.2

Soul

The soul is never called immortal in the Bible; if fact it states:

Eze. 18: 4 For every living soul belongs to me, the father as well as the son, both alike belong to me. The soul who sins is the one who will die.

Rom. 6:23 For the wages of sin is death.

John 3: 16 For God so loved the world that who ever believes in him shall not perish (die) but have eternal life.

Rom. 2: 12 All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law.

Psa. 27: 10 A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found. ... 20) But the wicked will perish: The Lord's enemies will be like the beauty of the fields, they will vanish; vanish like smoke.

68: 2 As smoke is blown away by the wind, may you blow them (Gods enemies, the Lost) away; as wax melts before the fire, may the wicked perish before God.

Lets start at the beginning.

Gen. 2: 7 The Lord god formed the man form the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. (a living soul)

Dust + God's breath, life force, electricity, = a living soul. Character of that soul comes later. It

is your character that will be judged, not your soul.

- Ecc. 12: 7* And the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit (or breath) returns to god who gave it.
- Ecc. 3: 19* Man's fate is like that of animals; the same fate awaits them both: As one dies, so dies the other. All have the same breath (or spirit); man has no advantage over the animal. Everything is meaningless. 20) All go to the same place; all come from dust, and to dust all return.
- Psa. 124: 29* When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust. 30) When you send your Spirit, they are created.
- Psa. 146: 4* When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.
- Mat. 10: 28* Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather be afraid of the One (and only One who can kill the soul) who can destroy both soul and body in hell. (Grave)
- Psa. 49: 15* But God will redeem my life (soul) from the grave. (At the Second Coming.)

7.2.3

Perish, Burnt, Consumed, Destroyed

- John 3: 16* For God so loved the world that who ever believes in him shall not perish (die) but have eternal life.
- Rom. 2: 12* All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law.
- Psa. 27: 10* A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found. ... 20) But the wicked will perish: The Lord's enemies will be like the beauty of the fields, they will vanish; vanish like smoke.
- 104: 35* But may sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked be no more.
- 68: 2* As smoke is blown away by the wind, may you blow them (Gods enemies, the Lost) away; as wax melts before the fire, may the wicked perish before God.
- 145: 20* The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.
- Mat. 3: 12* His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat (the Saved) into the barn and burning up the chaff (the Lost) with unquenchable fire. (No one can put it out, but it will go out when all are completely burnt up.)
- Mark 1: 24* What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? (Even evil spirits know that they are not immortal and that they will be destroyed.)
- 2Thes. 1: 9* They will be punished with everlasting destruction.
- Heb. 2: 14* Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he (Jesus) might destroy him (Satan dies) who holds the power of death, that is, the devil.
- Mal. 4: 1* The Day of the Lord "Surely the day is coming; it (earth and all in it) will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, (the Lost do not live on in a so called Hell) and that day that is coming will set them on fire," (after they are put to death, the second death) says the Lord Almighty. "Not a root or a branch will be left to them. 2) But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall. 3) Then you (the Saved) will trample down the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I do these things," (When God recreates this world and makes all things new) says the Lord Almighty.
- Mat. 13: 30* The Parable of the Weeds Let both grow up together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn. "... The Parable of the Weeds Explained 40) "As the weeds (the Lost) are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age.
- 2Pet. 3: 10* But the day of the Lord (Second Coming) will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.

7.2.4

Eternal

- Jude 7* In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They sever as an example of those who suffer the punishment (not punishing) of eternal fire. (Sodom and Gomorrah are not burning today, but the results are eternal, they are toast.)
- Mat. 25: 41* Then he will say to those on his left, (Second Coming judgment, future) 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared (future) for the devil and his angels. ... 46) Then they will go away to eternal punishment (singular) but the righteous to eternal life.
- 2The. 1: 9* They will be punished (not punishing) with everlasting destruction (permanent results) and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power 10) on the day he comes (punishment, wages of sin is death, is in the future) to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed.
- Mark 3: 29* But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin. (Sin does not last for ever, the result of sin ends.)
- 1John 3: 15* Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him. (The Lost do not have eternal life.)
- Heb. 5: 9* Once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation (the results are eternal and not continuous) for all who obey him,
- Heb. 6: 1* Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, 2) instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. (Judgment will come and go but the results are eternal.)
- Heb. 9: 12* He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption. (The work of redemption is complete and eternal in its results.)

7.2.5

Mortal & Immortal

The doctrine of the immortality of the soul is based on paganism and is not taught in the Bible. Notice the admission of the *Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible* in this regard:

“In the KJV of the OT (the clue is partly obliterated in modern translations) ‘soul’ represents almost exclusively the Hebrew *nephesh*. The word ‘soul’ in English ... frequently carries with it overtones, ultimately coming from philosophical Greek (Platonism) and from Orphism and Gnosticism, which are absent in *nephesh*. In the OT it never means the immortal soul, but is essentially the life principle, or the living being ... *psuche* in the NT corresponds to *nephesh* in the OT” (vol. 4, p.428)

If fact Satan, the deceiver's first lie, was that the soul would not die.

Gen. 3: 4 “You will not surely die,” the serpent said to the woman.

An interesting fact from the Chinese picture story language is the word for soul is made up of the characters of:

Alive + secret + man + garden = Devil + says = soul.

Alive + secret + man + garden = Devil + undercover + two trees = tempter

Woman + secretly + eating = beginning (of sin)

Woman + two trees = greedy, covet

God commands + two trees = forbidden

Small boat + eight + people = ship

Lamb + (me) = hand + knife = righteousness, (an innocent man, an honest man, a man who would die for you.)

Christ over me or, I with my hand take the knife and kill the innocent lamb in my place.

I thought you might enjoy the other few of the many examples of the Chinese picture story language that tell the small story as the first eleven chapters of the Bible. Harvard University studies estimate that the Chinese language started approximately 4500 years ago. The first books of the Bible were not written until 3500 years ago; which make the Chinese stories of creation 1000 years before the Bible and approximately 100 years after the flood.

Gen. 6: 3 Then the Lord said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever, for he is mortal; his days will be a hundred and twenty years."

Rom. 8: 11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. 12) Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation, but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. 13) For if you live according to the sinful nature, your will die.

1Cor. 15: 51 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, 52) in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. (Second Coming) For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 53) For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, (mortals; the Lost are not given immortal bodies so that they will be tortured for ever and ever) and the mortal with immortality. 54) When the perishable has been clothed with imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

Pro. 12: 28 In the way of righteousness there is life; along that path is immortality.

Rom. 23:22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools 23) and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. (all mortal)

1Tim 1: 17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

1Tim. 6: 15 God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16) who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see.

Rom. 2: 7 To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life.

7.2.6

Fire & Burning Sulfur

God uses symbols. Satan wants us to believe that God will torture His children with fire and burning sulfur forever and eternity or torture them day and night.

Isa. 33:11 Your (God's) breath is a fire that consumes you.

:33 The breath of the Lord, like a stream of burning sulfur, sets it ablaze.

Heb. 12: 29 Our "God is a consuming fire."

Exo. 24:17 To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain.

Gen. 2:7 The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, (electricity into a brain dead body. In a hospital when a body is pronounced death is when there is no more electricity in the brain.) and the man became a

living being.

One of God's biggest human enemies are the Christian churches that teach "Hell is torture forever." Even Hitler didn't torture the Jews forever. Satan wants people to think God's character is hard and vindictive, in reality like his own character, so that when he (Satan) comes (*Rev. 13:13*) looking like Jesus; he will claim that God, the Father, whose character is hard and vindictive, has poured out the plagues as the result of those who don't worship the Beast out of Sea.

People who preach "fire-and-brimstone sermons about hell and damnation" feed on fear as the motivation for obedience.

*Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. (Since Adam and Eve)
1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment.*

7.2.7

The True Lake of Fire

What then is sound doctrine of God's fire and the Lake of Fire?

*1 John 1:5 God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all.
2 Thes. 2:8 The Lord Jesus will over throw with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor (Glory, Exo. 24:17) of His coming.
Isa. 33:11 Your breath is a fire that consumes you.
:12 The people will be burned as if to lime. (It doesn't say alive.)
:14 The sinners in Zion are terrified; trembling grips the godless:
Who of us can dwell with the consuming fire?
:15 He who walks righteously...
:16 This is the man who will..
Rev. 21:11 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.
21:3 Now the dwelling of God is with men, and He will live with them.*

When a light is turned on in a dark room, where does the darkness go? It ceases to exist; it is *overcome, consumed, devoured* by the light, until you turn the light off again.

The good news is the King of Light will come and live on earth for eternity, and the Prince of Darkness, all sinners and every living organism in this sin filled planet will cease to exist.

After Satan, his angels and the Lost confess, *Rom. 14:11, Phi. 2:10*, they get off their knees their character has not changed because with Satan "*They march across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's People*" *Rev. 20: 9*. Satan will deceive them, telling them something like, they have a right or the power to enter the New Jerusalem. They will start marching across earth and while they are marching *day and night, Rev. 20:10*, they will be tormented in their minds about what God has shown them. They recall the past and are angry with those who have deceived them and they will attack them. *Rev. 14:20* This will takes days and the blood will rise *as high as the horses' bridles for a distance of 300 kilometers. Rev. 14:20*. During this time "*they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.*" *Rev. 20: 10* They will be tormented in their minds (mental torture) as they think over and relive what God has showed them about their lives.

Rev. 20:7 When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released 8) from his prison and will go to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth...Gog and Magog....to gather them for

battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. 9) They march across the breath of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's People, the city He loves, (Rev. 21:2 The Holy City, the New Jerusalem) but fire came down from heaven and devoured them.

Rev. 14:20 They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses' bridles for a distance of 300 kilometers.

Many are killed around the "City" and I believe at this time, out of mercy, God the Father, will fully expose himself, allowing His splendor, His light, His glory to destroy, devour, and quickly put to death, (the second death) His lost children, who have bowed and acknowledge their guilt but do not repent, just as he will do at his Second Coming, *2 Thes. 2:8*, thus proving His character in dealing with the Lost, after the close of probation, does not change from the Second Coming to the Third Coming.

2 Thes. 2:8 The Man of Lawlessness: And then the Lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor (Glory Exo. 24:17) of His coming.

Zeph. 1: 18 The Great Day of the Lord: In the fire of his jealousy the whole world will be consumed, for he will make a sudden end of all who live in the earth.

Lam. 4: 6 The punishment of my people is greater than that of Sodom, which was overthrown in a moment (instantly) without a hand turned to help her.

2Pet. 2: 6 If he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly.

This is the scene at Christ's Second Coming and He will put the Lost to death quickly.

This is consistent with God's character and I believe He will do the same at the Third Coming.

God *takes no pleasure in death, Eze. 33:11* and that's why He will never torture anyone but he will put them to death quickly. The wicked will suffer but God will not physically burn them *alive*. The torment, suffering, torture will be brought on by themselves in their mind, recalling and reliving past experiences. I believe the more sins they have committed, the more they will recall and the more and longer they will suffer; thus Satan, who has sinned the most, will be the last to die.

Matt. 5:44 Jesus said: "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

Luke 23:24 Jesus said: "Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

You can't love your enemies and still torture them. God loves His enemies, the Lost, because He created them, they are still His children. God wants people to worship Him, which is defined by the Canadian Oxford dictionary as: 1) homage or reverence 2) adoration or devotion 3) honor and respect.

*Isa. 28:21 The Lord will rise up...to do his work, his strange work, and perform his task, his alien task.
22) Now stop your mocking, or your chains will become heavier; the Lord, the Lord Almighty, has told me of the destruction decreed against the whole land.*

God's *strange work, his alien task, Isa. 28:21*, is His putting to death, the second death, the people He created. His character will never permit Him to torture anyone.

Eze. 18:32 For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent and live!

1 John 1:5 God is Light.

When God, the Father, comes to earth, darkness, sin and sinners will be devoured and disappear. Eternally

separated from God, the Lost will cease to exist, just as darkness disappears when you turn on a light in a dark room.

After God puts the Lost to death quickly, then they and the whole earth will be cleansed by fire so that there is not a trace of this old sin-filled earth left. Then God will create a new heaven and a new earth.

Rev. 21: 1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 5) He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"

Eze. 33:11 Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways and live! Why will you die, O house of Israel?'

I believe that after God mercifully and quickly puts his wicked children to death, the second death, He will then physically burn every living organism to ashes, *Malachi 4:3* and recreate a new heaven and a new earth. Our lost sons, daughters, brothers, sisters will not be tormented or tortured by the burning of their flesh while they are still alive, by our merciful Father as Satan would have us believe. The consequence of sin is death, not torture.

Malachi 4: 1 *The Day of the Lord* "Surely the day is coming; it (earth and all in it) will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, (the Lost do not live on in a so called Hell) and that day that is coming will set them on fire." (after they are put to death, the second death) *says the Lord Almighty.* "Not a root or a branch will be left to them. 2) *But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall.* 3) *Then you (the Saved) will trample down the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I do these things,*" (When God recreates this world and makes all things new) *says the Lord Almighty.*

There will be no physical flesh burning of His living disobedient children, not even Satan; there is no Biblical evidence that God will physically burn the Lost, only a permanent separation from them.

I believe this is sound doctrine, because it is consistent with God's character.

Rev. 13:13	Satan's fire	final deception will be	a small physical fire.	2 nd Coming
20: 9	God's fire	true doctrine will be	His Glory, His Light.	2 nd & 3 rd Coming
	Lake of fire	final cleansing will be	global physical fire.	3 rd Coming

If I am wrong in my belief that God will devour, put to death, the Lost by His Glory, if God uses physical fire or some other method, I still believe that the death of my lost children, brothers and sisters will be an instantaneous death, and merciful, consistent with His character.

Rev. 21: 8 (The Lost) - "their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death." (This verse shows no living person in the fiery lake.)

We must understand this final deception that deceives the inhabitants of the earth. I believe we must show the world God's True Character in regards to the destruction of the lost. We must warn the inhabitants of the earth of this final deception.

7.3

God Vindicated

The purpose of this section is to vindicate God's character.

How many true God loving and God fearing Christians believe that God will throw the Lost, some of our friends, our children, parents, brothers and sisters, into the Lake of Fire, God's fire that He brings down from heaven, either to burn them to death or to torture them forever? I believe that 95 percent believe one or the other and the other 4.999 percent don't but they don't have the answer either.

People's beliefs in Hell are different. Satan knows this and will use these false beliefs to deceive people at the Second Coming. *Rev. 13: 13 & 14*. Biblical Hell does not exist now but will occur only at the Third Coming. *Rev. 20: 9 & 10*, when judgment is completed. It will be self-inflicted mental torment of the Lost. God's wrath is completed at the Second Coming; there is no wrath at the Third Coming. The "*wages of sin is death*" *Rom. 6:23* not torture. The Lost will be put to death but it will be quickly like they will be at the Second Coming; which is consistent with God's Character. God is Love.

The bottom line is; God will not **burn alive** his children in the Lake of Fire!

7.4

Summary

1. The Lost are **resurrected**.
2. God will show the Lost **their sins** and where He tried 1000+ times the path of eternal life but they refused the free gift.
3. Every knee will **bow**.
4. The Lost will **get up** but their sinful character does not change.
5. Satan will **deceive** them into thinking they can force their way into the New Jerusalem.
6. They will **march** across the earth.
7. They will walk "**day and night**".
8. They will be **tormented** "day and night" recalling and reliving their sins that God showed them. The more they have sinned the more they will suffer *self-inflicted* torment, not God inflicted torture.
9. They will **surround** the New Jerusalem. (*God's Full Glory* has *not yet* been shown, because if it was, all the Lost would be killed instantly as was the case at the Second Coming.)
10. They will be **killing** each other.

11. The **blood** will be up to the **horse bridle**.
12. Out of mercy, God will put them to death “**the Second Death**” with the brightness of His Glory, just as He did at the Second Coming, because God is the same yesterday today and forever, (This is my argument for putting the Lost to death in this manner, quick, instantly, to be consistent with His character.)
13. Then literal fire will come down from heaven to **burn up the DEAD bodies**. This is not symbolic fire of “the lake of fire” (in other parts of the Bible) which is the “Second Death”

Satan is thrown into the lake of fire, the **second death**, at the **Third Coming**, where the **Beast and the False Prophet**, are or had been thrown. They were thrown into the **second dead** at the **Second Coming**, Rev. 19:20.

They are tormented day and night forever = The Lost have self-inflicted mentally TORTURE not torture, day and night as they march across the earth. They will recall and relive their sins, the ones who sin more will suffer more, and Satan will suffer the longest because he has more sins than anyone else. This is consistent with God’s character and the way He put to death the Lost at the Second Coming.

8.

The New Heaven and New Earth

8.1

Heaven Moves to Earth

After God destroys this sin filled earth and all the sinners, He will create a new environment and live here with the Saved. The Saved will live the way God intended Adam and Eve to in the Garden of Eden. Now they will have a country home and an apartment in the New Jerusalem where each Sabbath they will go and worship God. The Saved will have babies as well as the animals. They will play together and all will be vegetarians.

Rev. 21: 1 *The New Jerusalem:* *Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2) I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3) And I heard a voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be*

with them and be their God. 4) He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” 5) He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!”

- Gen. 1: 28 God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”
- Isa. 11: 6 The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. 7) The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. 8) The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper’s nest. 9) They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.
- Isa. 65: 17 New Heavens and a New Earth: “Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. 18) But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. 19) I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more. 20) “Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; he who dies at a hundred will be considered accursed. (Isaiah is speaking figuratively here and is seeking to illustrate the fact of eternal life in heaven by earthly comparison.) 21) They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. 22) No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the works of their hands. 23) They will not toil in vain or bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the Lord, they and their descendants with them. 24) Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. 25) The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, but dust will be the serpent’s food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain,” says the Lord.
- Isa. 66:22 Judgment and Hope: “As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me,” declares the Lord, “so will your name and descendants endure. 23) From one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another all mankind will come and bow down before me,” says the Lord (In the Garden of Eden God came to Adam and Eve every Sabbath, but on the New Earth we will go to the New Jerusalem to see God every Sabbath.)
- John 14:2 In my Father’s house (New Jerusalem) are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. 3) And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

What a wonderful place this will be. I’m sure you want to be there. You can, eternal life is a free gift. All you have to do is surrender your total being to God’s will every day and strive to do your best and you will be there.

8.2

Summary

One thousand years after the Second Coming Jesus and the Saved will return to earth in the city called the New Jerusalem, The Lost will be raised from their graves where they have been sleeping. They will be shown how God has lead them to the truth of what was right and how to have eternal life. Every knee will bow in acknowledgement that God gave them every chance to live with Him eternally but they refused to follow His ways. However, even after their confession their character still does not change and Satan will deceive them

into believing that they have a right and are able to take the New Jerusalem city. As the Lost march across the earth day and night they will recall and relive memories in their minds that will torment them. This is the Bible's definition of "Hell": self-inflicted torment, torture of one's own mind. They will kill each other as they surround the city and blood will flow for miles. Out of mercy God will put them to death quickly and then burn their dead bodies to ashes. God will then recreate the earth and move His headquarters from heaven to earth and live here forever with the Saved. Everyone will live happily ever after.

9.

The Day of The Lord

9.1

How Soon is Soon

The Bible tells us *when* the Second Coming of Christ will be, but not the hour or the day. Watch for these signs.

1 Thes. 5:3 While people (all over the world) are saying "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly.

- When the United Nations changes its policies from a peacekeeping force to a police force.
- When Israel and Palestine have a peace agreement and the trouble in Ireland is settled, etc.
- When Religious leaders of the world are cooperating.
- Then "destruction will come on them suddenly."

- United Nations will provide Safety.
- Jews & Palestinians (Moslems) will have Peace.
- Protestants & Catholics (Ireland) will have Peace.

Notice that the above, Jews, Moslems, Protestants & Catholics all use parts of the Bible & believe in God.

- Then.... *Sudden destruction!* The ecological destruction of the first 4 Trumpets of *Rev. 8: 6~12.*

I believe the sequence of events for the last 1335 days of earth before the Second Coming will be:

- 1st the start of the Earth's "close of probation" will be at the first trumpet
- 2nd the end of the earth's probation will be at the seventh trumpet
- 3rd the seven last plagues
- 4th the Second Coming.

Mat. 24:15 So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation' spoken of through the prophet Daniel; let the reader understand; 16) then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17) Let no one on the roof of his house go down to take anything out of the house. 18) Let no one in the field go back to get his cloak.

Here Jesus Himself has given everyone a command to study and understand the book of Daniel especially as it pertains to the end time events. It also looks like there will be no safety in cities for true Christians; they must "flee to the mountains", *Mat. 24:16*. I believe people will have to "flee to the mountains" twice; the first time will be for the people who are living near the coast. They will have to get to higher ground to escape the second trumpet, the tidal waves that will destroy coastal cities. *Mat. 24:15-18* is the main reason why I think the four trumpets will come within days of each other. So when you see the first trumpet we must "flee to the mountains" because the second trumpet will follow immediately after it. My educated guess is that the Spiritual Leader of the World (SLW) will be elected within 45 days of the first trumpet, because it fits the time frame of *Dan. 12: 7, 11+12*. The second reason to "flee to the mountains" is to escape from the sixth trumpets death decree, *Rev. 9: 13-15*.

Dan. 12:1 The End Times: *At that time* (end time) *Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then.* (7 LP) *But at that time your people, everyone whose name is found written in the book, will be delivered.* 2) *Multitudes who sleep* (where?) *in the dust of the earth will awake; some* (the Saved) *to everlasting life, (First Resurrection) others* (the Lost) *to shame and everlasting contempt...* (Second Resurrection) 6) *...How long...* 7) "It will be for a time, times and half a time (3 ½ years or 1260 days Jewish calendar, 30 days in a month). *When the power of the holy people has been finally broken, all these things will be completed.* 8) *I heard, but I did not understand. So I asked, "My Lord, what will the outcome of all this be?"* 9) *He replied, "Go your way, Daniel, because the words are closed up and sealed* (the words won't be understood) *until the time of the end.* 10) *Many will be purified, made spotless and refined,* (7 T) *but the wicked will continue to be wicked. None of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise* (the sons of the Light) *will understand.* (Now, we will understand.) 11) "From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, (God's laws replaced with man's) *there will be 1290 days.* 12) *Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days.* 13) "As for you (Daniel), *go your way till the end* (you die). *You will rest* (sleep, not in heaven), *and then at the end of the days* (Second Coming) *you will rise to receive your allotted inheritance* (eternal life).

I believe *Daniel chapter 12's 1260, 1290 & 1335 days* are literal and they start at the first trumpet and the Second Coming is at the end of the 1335 days. No one can wait for 1335 prophetic *days*, which is 1335 literal years. It's not symbolic because Adam and Eve have been waiting in their graves for 5000 years already.

When will the first trumpet be? Shortly after people are saying "*Peace and safety*".

What does "*Many will be purified, made spotless and refined*" *Dan. 12:10*, mean? This is a period of time (7 T) when God's children will have to go into a fire of trials and tribulations to refine their character and be purified like gold, *Rev. 3:18*.

Rev. 3:18 I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

Luke 21:32 *Signs of the End of the Age* Jesus said: "I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened."

A generation is usually defined as 20 years, so the 1335 days, a little less than 4 years, makes Daniel's prophecy accurate. When will that be?

Mat. 24:20 Jesus said, "*to pray that your flight be not in the winter neither on the Sabbath day*".

So for the world not to have winter in both the northern and southern hemispheres, that would leave only spring and fall for the Second Coming, because if it's summer in the north then it's winter in the south and vice versa.

Rev. 1:7 Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him.

Job 9:9 He is the Maker of the Bear and Orion.

Orion can only be seen by both hemispheres in the spring and the fall. Some people say that God will come from heaven through Orion. Historical records have proved that Jesus was born (His First Coming) in the fall. Knowing that God is a God of order, *Rev. 21:4*, we can make an *educated assumption* that the Second Coming will be patterned after his First Coming. It may be on the same date as *Dan. 8:14* the 2300 year prophesy of the fall of 1844, October 22, which refers to the cleansing of the Heavenly Sanctuary, which maybe the same day Jesus was born.

Rev. 21:4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Rev. 1:7 Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him,

For *every eye will see him*, *Rev. 1:7*, then it has to be when Orion is seen in both hemispheres? Orion can only be seen by man's eye at night, however; I believe the brightness of Christ Coming will be seen by every eye literally.

Or Based on the Biblical research done by Michael Scheifler (see appendix "H") Jesus Christ was born on the 15th day of the month of Tishri, on the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles, which corresponds to the September - October 'Time Frame' of our present calendar. This year, 2002 = 5762 of the Jewish calendar is September 18th to October 17. Add 15 days to September 18 and Jesus birthday may have been October 2.

If so, then if we count backwards from October 2 or 22, 1335 days then we would be at the first trumpet. This would be approximately February 4th or 24th, depending on what system you use.

So prior to February 24 of every year to follow, we should be listening for the people to say "Peace and Safety".

As Michael Scheifler states; it is also interesting to note the Tabernacles was a feast in gathering of the Harvest (*Exodus 23:16 and 34:22*). If Jesus' first coming was indeed on 15 Tishri, the first day of Tabernacles, then it is quite reasonable to presume that the harvest of this earth, the ingathering of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, will also occur on precisely the same date. The unknown factor would be *the year* that this would happen.

John 14:29 Jesus said, "I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe."

1 Thes. 5:4 But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief.
5) You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness.

6) So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled.

So from this we will be able to know when the Second Coming of Christ will be. We won't know until the start of the close of probation. Only the Children of God, *the wise, Dan. 12:10*, will understand and they will warn the world.

From this study you can see that "Peace and Safety" is a near reality, even at the door. (September 2002, Bush is forcing the UN to become a police force against Iraq and Sadam Insane.) We may not have much longer before the first trumpet. I believe a person must be fully surrendered to God to be saved. I believe last minute total surrenders are rare. After reading this, if you still want to wait until the last minute to surrender, chances are that you never will, because your heart is not in it.

The bottom line is that if we are not sealed, fully committed to God now, then we'd better surrender very soon or else we won't be going to heaven. We must develop a strong habit of trusting God now, for in the time of trouble, Satan's delusions will be much stronger and the weak will be deceived. The Second Coming's date really doesn't matter but we, *the wise will understand, Dan. 12:10*, and know when it will come.

However, as faithful children of God, we must:

2 Tim. 4: 2 Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke, and encourage, with great patience and careful instruction. 3) For time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine.

1 Thes. 5:21 Test everything. Hold to the good."

10.

Conclusion

- Watch for the United Nations to change its policies and procedures from a Peacekeeping force to a Police force.
- Watch for the Spiritual Leaders of the World to cooperate more and more.
- Watch for people saying “Peace and Safety”.
- Watch for the first trumpet meteorite shower.
- Then if you are living near the ocean, *“flee to the mountains. Let no one on the roof of his house go down to take anything out of the house. Let no one in the field go back to get his cloak.” Matthew 24: 16+17.*

Pray to the Holy Spirit and ask if this study is good. If you feel that I have erred or you have any questions, I truly wish that you would email at elanderson@hotmail.com . There’s always room for improving this study.

Appendix

A.

U.S.A. a Super Duper Power

Some people call the USA the world imperial power. Some reasons they give is the fact that they won the Cold War, it is the only world leader to take charge of world events, their military power is overwhelming, they produce 30 per cent of the world’s goods and services, at least half of the world’s capital market comes from New York, they produce 70 per cent of the world’s visual media which reflects their ideologies, a very large number of potential and/or world leaders from around the world study in their major universities of

business, Microsoft, which owns 96% of the world's market, is setting the speed of globalization. The computer system will educate, entertain and unite the world to the US democratic open market economy ideology, Washington is full of foreign lobbies wanting something from them, many countries depend on them for economic and/or security reasons, and the US believes God has ordained their power.

The word 'imperial' implies that there is control and economic gain involved; however, the US believes their ideology is not self-interest but acts for the good of others. They do want the rest of the world to have the same system they have but they *don't* want to rule over them. They do not want more territory. The US believes that people who do not understand this are uneducated or religious fanatics.

Military power may get you an empire but to maintain it you must have a great ideology. The US ideology has been promoted for 50 years through Hollywood. The US has become a land of milk and honey in which millions from all over the world are trying to immigrate to. Michael Medved, one of America's most knowledgeable film critics said, "*Hollywood conquered the world* long before America had conquered it economically or militarily." Herman Obermayer, a former newspaper owner said, "For so many of the people I met in Eastern Europe in the 1990's; American movies were their life. You don't need troops and legions to have an empire. *Cultural colonialism* can also do the job." "Marxism recruited people by ideas and books; the Americans do it with moving pictures. In their imaginations, the people I met in all these Eastern European countries inhabited an American world. When they rebelled in 1989, they weren't rebelling against Marx, whom they didn't understand anyway, they were rebelling against their way of life because it wasn't providing ours. (Americans)"

This cultural colonialism doesn't stop with the film industry; the business schools of America promote their keys to success. Case studies in management problems in America are used in Universities around the world, even in London Business School, according to John Quelch, who was the Dean, said that two-thirds of their case studies come from Harvard. Dean Robert Clark of the Harvard Law School said his aim was to make Harvard a global law school. He has been successful; the majority of students taking masters and doctoral degrees are foreign. Harvard is just one of many schools in the US training future leaders of the world. Joe McCarthy, a director of John F. Kennedy School of Government states: "Our mission, is to train the next cadre of public sector leaders not only from the United States, but also from the rest of the world. No less than 45 per cent of our students come from 80 countries around the globe. I'm not sure that we are a self-conscious missionary institution promoting democracy and free markets in other parts of the world, as Russia and China would have promoted Communism, but we do it. We're in a *global world*, and we think they're the best systems anyway." Richard Parker teaches religion and ethics at JFK stated: "One of the things we've done at the Kennedy School is develop an *intellectual network between prime ministers and finance ministers around the world.*"

America is a brain drain on the rest of the world, which has resulted in the largest think tanks in the world. This has resulted in the US being the leader in the money industry of the world. When you lend money the borrower is indebted to you and as a result most countries owe the US and thus US owns that country in a small way and in some cases in a large way.

The US knows that it is the only Super Power. It has just recently come to know that they have to learn how to "speak softly while caring the big stick", and they are starting that process. At West Point, the heart of American military power, they are starting to train people on how to be international policemen and how to get along with people of other cultures. They are also training military and government personnel from about 30 countries on the role of military officers in a democracy. They know that to be successful in the war on terrorism they must have the cooperation of the world via the UN. Stephen Bosworth, Dean of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in the US stated: "We really have to learn to behave with less arrogance." Pushing the point is CNN International news, which is showing signing of becoming truly international.

People from all over the world and in every religion have been affected by the US and want to have what they portray in the film and education industry, *success and freedom*. This is the frame work for the US and the UN in forming a ‘One World Government’. Countries with dictator regimes will not need the US to change their government; the people will do it from within. The US will make it clear that it will be a costly business for countries to protect terrorists. Countries that harbor the dictators will be the target of the international community.

The EU has not taken a leadership role in any world disputes, mainly because they have no money. That’s why the EU gets little respect from the US. I believe another factor of why the EU will never have world influence is the fact that it is basically a Godless society when compared to the US. Also, *Dan. 2: 43 And just as you saw the iron mixed with baked clay, so the people will be a mixture and will not remain united, any more then iron mixes with clay*. No matter what the EU does God has stated that they will never unite into a world power.

The US power is so great that there has never been another as large or as powerful in the history of the world, thus, it truly is a *Super Duper Power*. This is exactly what the “*The Beast out of the Earth*” *Rev. 13: 11* represents.

B.

The Role of Israel in End Time Events

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It is important to note that all the Old Testament promises looking forward to a time of restoration for the Jews were given in anticipation of their return from captivity (see Isa. 10:24-34; 14:1-7; 27:12, 13; 40:2; 61:4-10; Jer. 16: 14-16; 23: 3-8; 25: 11; 29:10-13; 30:3-12; 32: 7-27, 37-44; Eze. 34: 11-15; 37; Amos 9: 10-15; Micah 2:12, 13; etc.) Daniel himself so understood these promises (Dan. 9:1-8). Captivity, he said, had “confirmed” the “curse” that came because of disobedience (vs. 11, 12), and Jerusalem lay desolate (vs. 16-19). Then Gabriel came to reassure him of the restoration of his people and the eventual coming of the Messiah (vs. 24, 25). But, said the angel, Messiah would be rejected and “cut off”, because of the abominations of Israel, and Jerusalem and the Temple would once more lie waste (vs. 26, 27). Between the return from Babylon and the rejection of the Messiah, Israel was to have its second and final opportunity as a nation to cooperate with the divine plan (see Jer. 12: 14-17). “Seventy weeks”, 490 years of literal time, were “determined” upon the Jews, “to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness” (Dan. 9:24).

Eventually, however, it became apparent that the Jews would never measure up to the standard God required of them, as Malachi makes evident (chs. 1:6-12; 2:2, 8, 9, 11, 14, 17; 3:7, 13, 14). Formal worship took the place of sincere religion, (John 4:23, 24; 2 Tim. 3:5).

Spiritual Israel Replaces Literal Israel

The formal rejection of Jesus by the Jews, as a nation, marked the close of their last opportunity as the special agents of God for the salvation of the world. It was “last of all” that God “sent unto them his son,” according to Christ’s own words (Matt. 21:37), but they “caught him” and “slew him” (v. 39). Thereafter, God “let out his vineyard (see Isa. 5:10-7) unto other husbandmen” who would “render him the fruits in their seasons” (see on Matt. 21:41). Upon His final departure from the sacred precincts of the Temple, Jesus said, “Your houses left unto you desolate” (Matt. 23:38). The day before, He had called it “my house” (ch. 21:13), but henceforth He no longer owned it as His. Jesus’ own verdict was, “The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof” (Mat. 21:43; cf. 1 Peter 2:9, 10).

The transition from literal Israel to spiritual Israel, or the Christian church, is the subject of Rom. 9 – 11. Here Paul affirms that the rejection of the Jews did not mean that the promises of God had “taken none effect” (Rom. 9:6), and explains immediately that they are to become effective through spiritual Israel. He quotes Hosea 2:23, “I will call them my people, which were not my people” (Rom. 9:24,26). Spiritual Israel includes both Jews and Gentiles (v. 24). Peter concurs, saying, “Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons,” for “in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him” (Acts 10:34, 35; cf. ch. 11:18. Many years later, in writing to the “strangers,” or Gentiles (1 Peter 1:1 see on Ex. 12:19, 43), as the “elect” of God (1 Peter 1:2), Peter refers to them as the “chosen” ones of God, a “holy nation, a peculiar people” (ch 2:9), formerly “not a people,” but “now the people of God” (vs 10). Paul states the same truth in Rom. 9:30, 31 where he makes it plain that the Christian Church has replaced the Hebrew nation in the divine plan. Henceforth, he says, there is no difference between “Jew” and “Greek” (ch. 10: 12, 13).

Conclusion: Principles of Interpretation

In general, Old Testament promises and predictions were addressed to literal Israel and were to have been fulfilled to them, conditional on obedience. Partial compliance on their part with the will of God made possible a partial fulfillment of the covenant promises on God’s part. Yet many of the promises, particularly those concerning the giving of the gospel to the nations and the establishment of the Messianic kingdom, could not be fulfilled to them because of their unfaithfulness, but would be fulfilled to the church on earth preparatory to Christ’s return, particularly to God’s remnant people, and in the new earth.

When the Jews rejected Christ as the Messiah, God in turn rejected them and commissioned the Christian church as His chosen instrument for the salvation of the world (Matt. 28:19,20; 1 Peter 2:9-10; etc.). Accordingly, the covenant promises and privileges were all permanently transferred from literal to spiritual Israel (Rom. 9:4; cf. Gal. 3: 27-29; see on Deut. 18:15). Promises not already fulfilled to literal Israel either would never be fulfilled at all or would be fulfilled to the Christian church as spiritual Israel. Prophecies that fall into the latter classification are to be fulfilled *in principle* but not necessarily in every detail, owing to the fact that many details of prophecy were concerned with Israel as a literal nation situated in the land of Palestine. The Christian church is a spiritual “nation” scattered all over the world, and such details obviously could not apply to it in a literal sense. Prophecies of the former classification cannot now be fulfilled because they were strictly conditional in nature and limited in scope, by their very nature, to literal Israel.

The fundamental principle by which we can tell unerringly when any particular promise or prediction of the Old Testament made originally to literal Israel is to meet its fulfillment with respect to spiritual Israel is *—when a later inspired writer makes such an application of it.* For instance, the prophecy of the battle of God and

Magog in Ezekiel 38, 39 was never fulfilled to literal Israel; but John the revelator assures us that in principle, though not necessarily in all details (such as those of Eze., 39: 9-15), this battle will occur at the close of the millennium (Rev. 20:7-9). But to go beyond that which is clearly set forth by Inspiration – in the immediate context of the passage concerned, in the New Testament ... is to substitute personal opinion for the plain “Thus saith the Lord.”

C.

Death & Soul Bible Study

Here is a quick look at what the Bible states on the doctrine of Death & Soul.

<i>Gen. 2:7</i>	Dust + Breath = Living Being, Soul. EG: Electricity + Lamp = Light. Take electricity away; no light, no life, and no soul.
<i>Eccl. 12:7</i>	God gives life not character. Character comes after life and goes to the grave. Your character will be resurrected later, pray that it comes up in the first and not the second.
<i>Job 27:3</i>	Breath = electricity = God's power.
<i>James 2:26</i>	Brain dead.
<i>Eze. 18:4</i>	<i>Souls die.</i>
<i>Psa. 49:15</i>	God will, (future) redeem my soul from the grave.
<i>Rev. 20:4+5+12</i>	Souls come to life.

<i>Eccl. 9:2-10</i>	<i>Dead know nothing.</i>
<i>Psa. 6: 5</i>	The dead remember nothing in the grave.
<i>Psa. 88: 10</i>	God does not show his wonders to the dead.
<i>Psa. 115:17</i>	The dead do not praise God.
<i>Psa. 145: 4</i>	The day you die, you stop thinking.
<i>Acts 2:34 + 29</i>	<i>David is not in heaven.</i>
<i>Heb. 11:39, 32</i>	Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and <i>'the prophets, have not received what is promised'</i> which is:
<i>1 John 2:25</i>	<i>"eternal life".</i>
<i>1 Peter 1:3+4</i>	<i>"inheritance ..kept in heaven ... until the coming of the salvation... in the last time."</i>
<i>John 6:39</i>	Raised in the last days.
<i>John 11:11</i>	Jesus stated: <i>"Lazarus has <u>fallen asleep</u>; but I am going there to wake him up"... 14) Lazarus is <u>dead</u>"</i>
<i>John 5:28+29</i>	Time is coming (future) when all will hear his voice.
<i>1Cor. 15: 17</i>	<i>And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; ... 18) Then those (the Saved) also who have <u>fallen asleep in Christ</u> are lost.</i>

There are over 1800 verse on this topic, and none mention purgatory or the immortality of the soul.

The Resurrection, not death, is the hope of the Saints. There are at least seven instances of those who were raised from the dead in the Bible. The widow's son 1 King 17; the Shunammite's son, 2 Kings 4; the widow's son at Nain, Luke 7: 11-15; the daughter of Jairus, Luke 8: 41-56; Tabitha, Acts 9: 36-41; Eutychus, Acts 20: 9-12; and Lazarus, John 11: 1-44; 12: 1+9. None gave information about what they experienced during that time because the Bible clearly states that 'thoughts cease' when you die, *Eccl. 9:2-10 etc.*

D.

Answers to Difficult Bible Texts

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D.1

The Worm that Never Dies (Hell)

Mark 9:43 "And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: (44) Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

In this verse the word "hell" is translated from the Greek word "Gehenna" which is another name for the Valley of Hinnom just outside the walls of Jerusalem. There the refuse and bodies of animals were cast into an

ever smoldering fire to be consumed. What might escape the flames was constantly being destroyed by maggots, which fed on the dead bodies.

Jesus taught in this verse that the fires of hell could not be quenched or put out by anyone. Isaiah said *"they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame"* (Isaiah 47:14). Yet he hastened to say in the same verse, *"there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before it."* So the unquenchable fire will go out after it has consumed the wicked as stubble. Jerusalem burned with unquenchable fire (Jeremiah 17:27) but it was totally destroyed (II Chronicles 36:19-21).

The *flames and worms* of Gehenna represented the total annihilation and obliteration of sin and sinners. Earlier apostasy and idol worship in the Valley of Hinnom (Jeremiah 32:35) and God's judgments on Israel as a consequence marked it as a symbol of punishment and judgment. God warned that it would become the *"valley of slaughter"* where the *"carcasses of this people shall be meat for the fowls of the heaven"* (Jeremiah 7:31-35). With the fires of Gehenna burning before their eyes, Jesus could not have spoken a more graphic word to the Pharisees to describe the final, total destruction of sinners.

Those who cite this text to support their doctrine of the natural immortality of the soul are thrown into a real dilemma. Why? Because the fire and worms are working not upon disembodied souls, but BODIES! According to Jesus, those who are cast into the lake of fire will go in bodily form, and this text confirms that truth. In Matthew 5:30 Christ said, *"the whole body"* would be cast into hell.

Isaiah 66:24 the same Gehenna picture of hell is presented with the unquenchable flame and the destroying worms. But in this case the word *"carcasses"* is used, revealing the fact the fire consumes dead bodies, not disembodied souls. Speaking of the enemies of the Lord, Isaiah says, *"the worm shall eat them like wool"* (Isaiah 51:8) a picture of being put out of existence.

D.2

Everlasting (Eternal) Punishment (Hell)

Matt. 25: 46 And these (the Lost, vs. 41) shall go away (future, after the judgment) into everlasting (eternal NIV) punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

It is well to notice that Jesus did not say that the wicked would suffer "everlasting punishing." He said *"everlasting (eternal NIV) punishment"* What is the punishment for sin? *"Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord..."* 2 Thess. 1:9. It's plainly spelled out the punishment is *destruction*, and it is of eternal duration. In other words, it is a destruction which never ends, because there will be no resurrection from that destruction. Paul says, *"the wages of sin is death"* Rom. 6:23. John in Rev. 21:8 describes that death as *"the second death."* That death or destruction will be eternal.

D.3

The Rich Man and Lazarus (Dead)

Luke 16: 22 “And it came to pass that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham’s bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; 23) And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.”

Either this story about the rich man and Lazarus was literally true or it is a parable. Here are four reasons why it could not possibly be literal:

1. The beggar died and was taken by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. No one believes that Abraham’s literal bosom is the abode of the righteous dead. It is a figurative or parabolic expression. Incidentally, the angels will gather the saints, but according to Matthew 24: 31, it takes place at the coming of Jesus, not at death.
2. Heaven and hell were separated by a gulf, and yet could converse with each other. There are probably few individuals in the world who believe that this will be literally true of the saved and the lost (Luke 16:26.)
3. The rich man was in hell with a body. He had eyes, tongue, etc. (Luke 16:24). How did his body get into hell fire instead of into the grave? I know of no one that teaches that the bodies of the wicked go into hell as soon as they die. This story could not be literal.
4. The request of Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and come through the flames to cool the rich man’s tongue is obviously not literal. How much relief would it give? The whole story is unrealistic and parabolic.

The rich man undoubtedly represented the Jews in the parable because only a Jew would pray to “Father Abraham.” The beggar symbolized the Gentiles who were counted unworthy to receive the truth. In Matthew 15:27 the Canaanite woman acknowledged that her people were beggars at the table of the Jews.

Christ probably chose the name of Lazarus to use in the parable because later he would actually raise Lazarus from the dead. And the climactic point of the entire parable is found in verse 31. *“If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.”* And they didn’t believe even when one named Lazarus was raised before them.

D.4

Absent from the Body (Dead)

2 Cor. 5:6 “Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord.....8) We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.”

In verses 1-8, Paul is contrasting the present mortal state with the immortal life in Heaven. Notice the expressions he uses for the two conditions:

Earthly house	building of God
This tabernacle	house not made with hands
Mortality	our house from Heaven
In the body	absent from the body
Absent from he Lord	present with the Lord

He also speaks of being clothed with “*our house which is from heaven*” (v.2) and again, he longs “*that mortality might be swallowed up of life*” (v.4) But the key to the entire discourse lies in the description of a third condition. After desiring to be clothed with immortality Paul states that “being clothed we shall not be found naked” (v. 3). Putting it yet another way he said, “*not for that we would be unclothed.*” (v. 4).

Clearly the naked or unclothed state was neither mortality nor immortality but death and the grave. Paul realized that one did not pass instantly from being clothed with tabernacle into being clothed with our house from heaven. Death and the grave came in between, and he referred to it, as being unclothed and naked.

In another text Paul spelled out exactly when that change from mortality would take place, In *1 Cor. 15:53* he wrote, “*...the trumpet shall sound...and this mortal shall put on immortality.*” That will be when Jesus comes.

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E.

Questions and Answers on the Second Death.

Q--What is the Second Death?

Q--What is Death and Hades?

Rev. 20:14 Then (Third Coming) death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. (The first death is your natural death.)

Death, the dead bodies of the Lost, and Hades, (the grave (Greek) there will be no more death, therefore; there will be no need for any graves) are thrown into the lake of fire, physical fire that will cleanse the earth of sin for eternity; therefore, the second death is eternal separation from God.

There will be a select group of the Lost who will be raised from the dead at the Second Coming. They will die three times.

Rev. 1:7 Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him.

The people who pierced Jesus, (killed Jesus on the cross) will die a third death. They will be brought back to life at the Second Coming and then die a second death after they see Christ Second Coming and then after the 2nd resurrection they will die a third death which is called the Second Death. Therefore the term “Second Death” generally refers to physical death but essentially it means eternal separation from God.

Q--In the Old Testament God killed people by physical fire why not at the second death too?

This was the first death and God had to play by the rules of this sin filled earth with Satan as the Prince of this world. After the close of probation there will be only God’s rules.

Rev. 11: 15 The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord, 17) you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.”

John 12: 31 Now is the time for judgment of this world; now the prince of this world (Satan) will be driven out.

Q--Does Hell exist now as a place of where people are being tortured by fire?

No. Many people argue about this and the answer I believe is simple. A Bible study on Judgment will show that Hell does not exist now because the Judgment is in the future. Jesus’ reward is also in the future, *Rev. 22:12 “Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me,”* therefore how can people go to Heaven or Hell when they die if they have not been judged yet?

Q--Are the Lost alive or dead when they are thrown into the lake of fire?

Q--Does God burn alive the flesh of His children forever and ever or until they are dead?

When reading *Revelation 20: 10 + 15* you would think the Lost are burnt to death in a lake of fire.

Rev. 20: 10 And the devil, who deceived them was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night forever and ever. 15) If anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

The answer is no, God will not burn anyone alive on Executive Judgment Day, at the Third Coming. All doctrine has to be consistent with God’s Character. God’s wrath is complete at the Second Coming. The Third Coming there is no wrath just execution of judgment. “*For the wages of sin is death. Rom. 6:23,* (not torture) which is the second death.

1John 4:8 God is love.

1 Cor. 13:4 Love is patient and kind.

Mal. 3:6 I the Lord do not change.

John 10:30 I and the Father are one.

Think about it; if a loving earthly father had to put his child to death would he burn the child or choose the fastest way possible no matter how bad the child was?

Q--What does “tormented day and night forever” mean?

Look up the definition of torment in the Canadian Oxford Dictionary and you will find that it says “torture” but the first definition states “severe physical or mental suffering; anguish (was in torment). In my Chinese dictionary it states: “to recall and relive something terrible in your mind.” This will happen after the lost have confessed and start marching towards the New Jerusalem’ *Rev. 20: 9*. Their torment will be self inflicted.

Q--Is the Lake of Fire symbolic or physical?

It is both.

Symbolically

1 John 1:5 God is Light; in Him there is no darkness at all.

2 Thes. 2:8 The Lord Jesus will over throw with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.

Isaiah 33: 11 Your (God’s) breath is a fire that consumes you. *12) The people will be burned up as if to lime. 14) The sinners in Zion are terrified, trembling grips the godless: ‘who of us can dwell with the consuming fire? 15) He who walks righteously...16) This is the man who will.’*

Job 4:3 By the breath of God they perish.

Physically

Jude 7 Sodom and Gomorrah....They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.

Archeologists have found some of the ruins of Sodom and there are no living organisms there. God will burn all traces of sin from this planet in the Lake of Fire, which will be the whole earth burning up similar to how He cleansed the earth with the flood.

God is Eternal Light and He is Eternal Fire. God will put to death the lost quickly by His splendor, *2Thes. 2: 8*, and then physically consume their bodies and the sin filled earth with fire.

Q--What is Biblical burning sulfur?

It could be literal burning sulfur, symbolic or both.

Isa. 30: 33 The breath of the Lord, like a stream of burning sulfur sets it ablaze. (Symbolic)

God destroyed everything by water the first time, the second time it will be by fire. The whole world will be flooded by fire.

Q--Did sin kill Jesus?

No, Jesus died for sinners but sin did not kill Him. Jesus died the second death, for the Saved, which is eternal separation from God. God allowed a cloud of darkness to hide Himself from Jesus and Jesus thought that he was truly never going to see the Father again.

Mat. 27: 46 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

And thus he died of a broken heart, a massive heart attack, *John 19: 34*, out of love for God.

John 19: 34 Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.

Q--Will the lost die the same way as Jesus did?

No. Jesus died of a broken heart, *John 19: 34*, because he loved God so much and thought that he was going to be eternally separated from him. The lost do not have this type of love. They will kneel down and confess that God showed them the right way (*Romans 14:11 Phil. 2: 10*) but their characters do not change. Evidence of this is the fact that they are put to death. *Rev. 20:9 They march across the breath of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, As they marched day and night they will be tormented in their minds about the things God had shown them before they bowed down and confessed.*

Rev. 20:7 When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison 8) and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. 9) They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. 10) And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Satan also deceived the Lost into believing that they could enter the city, the New Jerusalem, by force. The Lost went to kill the people that deceived them. *Rev. 14:20*

Rev. 14:20 "They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses bridles for a distance of 300 kilometers."

The Lost do not die from a broken heart as Jesus did.

Q--Is everyone's deepest desire to be like Jesus?

No. *Mat. 18:3.* God gave everyone the freedom of choice and the Holy Spirit has shown them the truth. (*Phil. 2: 10*) The Lost have no desire to be like Jesus, they are like Satan, they want to be a god and do what they want and not what Jesus wants.

Mat. 18:3 And he (Jesus) said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Unless you have the faith in God like the faith that a three year-old child has in his/her parents, 100 percent trust, you will always be like most teenagers, they think they know more than their parents, they think they know what's best for them and want to do things their way.

Q--Is the Second Death a Natural Result or Imposed Penalty?

Both. A natural result because of the freedom of choice, the result is the penalty.

Q--What is God's Wrath?

God's wrath is His withdrawing of some of His protection from the consequences of sin. *Rev. 9:1-6.* Keys to the Abyss are given to Satan to release all the fallen angels. God will allow sin to fully develop during the seven trumpets and the seven plagues. Satan causes all of these plagues. But even then God's merciful protection is still not totally withdrawn. He protects His children.

Q--What is the “Full Wrath of God?”

The “FULL wrath of God” is the Seven Last Plagues.

Rev. 15: 1 I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign: seven angels with the seven last plagues last because with them God’s wrath is completed.

The “*wrath of God*” is God withdrawing His protection from earth allowing sin and Satan to be fully exposed which results in the time of trouble.

Q--Are the Devil, the Beast & the False Prophet in Rev. 20:10 people or systems?

It doesn’t matter, it could be both; the important issue is that this verse gives the majority of people the wrong impression that God burns people alive. The real issue is the words torment & forever as I have explained.

Q--Will some people be tormented longer than others will?

Q--Shouldn’t Hitler and Satan be punished worst than others?

Q--Will Satan live on after all other sinners have died?

Sin is sin, big or small, a few or many, a short time or a long time. The torment the Lost will receive is self-inflicted and depends on how long it will take to recall all of their sins. The wages of sin is death not torture. The same can be said for the person who gave his heart to God when he was 20 and the 80 year old man, who on his death bed gave his heart to God. The reward is the same for all. Punishment is the same for all. Read the parable of the *Workers in the Vineyard, Mat. 20: 1- 16*

Death, eternal separation from Heaven, is God’s justice. Human justice is not so merciful. There is no benefit, no justice in torture. Do you believe that Christ would say “Obey me or I will torment you for an appropriate amount of time”?

Satan will be tormented longer only because he will have had 1000 years longer to think about what is to come to him.

Rev. 20: 3 After that, he (Satan) must be free for a short time.

Q--How long is a short time?

Rev. 20:10 They will be tormented day and night

A few days at most while they are marching to the city of God, *Rev. 20: 9*.

Q--What is the worst punishment God can give a person?

Q--Rom. 12:9 Vengeance is mine; I will repay, said the Lord.

According to Rev. 8: 13 “Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth,” the first 4 woes were bad ecological disasters but each of the following will be worse. The 5th trumpet is torture like that of Job. This torture is from Satan and his fallen angels not God. The 6th trumpet is a dead decree like that of Queen Ester’s time. Then there are the Seven Last Plagues. The worst punishment God gives will be the 7th trumpet. It is the close of probation and the eternal separation from God.

Q--What is the weight of sin?

For the righteous, the Saved, it is the feeling of not feeling worthy to live with God because of their sinful nature. For the unrighteous, the Lost, it is the feeling of knowing right from wrong but they blame others and not themselves.

Q--When a wicked man repents, will he mourn forever over lost souls he has caused?

No! God gave everyone the freedom of choice. Also humans are not the Losts' savior, humans are not ultimately responsible for other humans guidance, the Holy Spirit is. The Holy Spirit has 1000 ways to lead the lost to Christ. The ultimate choice is up to the individual to follow the Holy Spirit's guiding or not. None of us are ultimately responsible for anyone else. We are and have tried to do our best but that's all we can do. Yes we will cry and mourn over the lost just as God will but the time of mourning will end.

Rev. 21: 4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

Q--Will God burn the flesh of His children until they are dead?

Nowhere in scripture will you find that God will actually burn the flesh while the lost are alive. It maybe implied but there is more than one way to look at these implications. First, *stick to the Biblical text*, God is Love and Just. Justice is a quick death and eternal separation from God not a slow death torture and eternal separation. God's wrath is complete at the seven last plagues. The mental torture that the Lost suffer at the Third Coming is self-inflected and not caused by God.

Q--Will God's glory consume sin from the sinner from within?

Q--Will the wicked beg for mercy?

Q--Does sin kill the Sinner?

No. Sin is the result of the Sinners choice. At a person's death or at the close of probation, everyone will have made their choice. God will show the Lost facts; their life choices. The Lost will bow down and confess that Jesus was right, but they will not change their choice. There is no 'second' chance after the close of probation. God won't torture people to get them to confess. God tortures no one! However, God will carry out the Judgment, which is eternal separation from Him.

Q-- Is there a purgatory?

Q-- Is there a place where people go after they die and before they are judged?

No. There is no sound Biblical evidence for this. In Jesus' parable in *Luke 16: 19-31* of the Rich Man and Lazarus He continues the lesson of the Dishonest Steward *Luke 16: 1 – 12*. It shows that destiny is decided in this present life by the use made of its privileges and opportunities. The "*certain rich man*" represents all men who make a wrong use of life's opportunities. Two principles of Biblical interpretation are usually violated if this parable is interpreted literally namely; each parable is designed to teach one fundamental truth and it is not wise to use the details of a parable to teach doctrine.

F.

Problems with Millennium Life

There are a few who believe that at the Second Coming Jesus Christ will live here on earth for 1000 years, with all of the Saved plus the Unsaved that are living at that time. They will show you a few texts which seem to confirm their belief; however, due to the overwhelming number of other texts that point to the non-existence of life on earth during the millennium those texts must be taken out of context. These texts must be examined to determine their true meaning. We will look at a few of these texts at the end of this topic. The only way to have sound doctrine is to study scripture in the context of its significance for the church during the time frame intended and using the whole Bible on one subject. **No study on the millennium is worth anything without an explanation of Rev. 19 & 20**, which is the only place in the Bible that addresses this subject directly.

F.1

No Second Chance

Every person ever born on this planet will be judged on what they have done during their life on earth prior to the Second Coming of Christ. The Holy Spirit influences everyone to know right from wrong and will not give anyone a second chance to receive the free gift of eternal life.

- Mat. 16: 27* For the son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done. (past tense)
- Rev. 22: 11* Let him who does wrong continue to do wrong; let him who is vile continue to be vile; let him who does right continue to do right; and let him who is holy continue to be holy. 12) Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. (The time frame is at the Second Coming.)
- Heb. 9: 27* Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.
- Mat. 24: 14* Signs of the End of the Age: And the gospel of the kingdom will be preached to the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. (Prior to the Second Coming everyone living at that time will know the truth; thus there is no need for them to have a second chance.)
- 2 Thes. 2:3* The Man of Lawlessness: Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day (Second Coming) will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness (the Beast) is revealed, (truth is revealed to the whole world) the man doomed to destruction. (Not to continue living on earth with Christ.)
- Rev. 19: 20* But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. (The time frame is the Second Coming) 21) The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, (Christ) and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh. (The people living at the end of the world will know the truth and they will reject it.)
- Psa. 19: 1* The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. 2) Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. 3) There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. 4) Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.
- Rom. 2: 12* God's Righteous Judgment: All who sin apart from the law (Gentiles; all who have not heard of Jesus or the Bible) will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law (Jews and Christians) will be judged by the law. 13) For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous. 14) Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law, 15) since they show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts now accusing, now even defending them. 16) This will take place on the day (future) when God will judge men's secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares.

Gentiles, those who have not heard of the Bible or Jesus Christ, are judged by their consciences, and what they have done during their life time; thus there is no second chance.

- Rom. 1: 18* The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, 19) since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. 20) For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being

understood from what has been made, so the men are without excuse. (All men, not just “men who suppress the truth”.)

Verse 20 says it all. There is no second chance at the Second Coming or any other time after death or the Second Coming.

Isa. 26: 9 When your judgments come upon the earth, the people of the world learn righteousness. 10) Though grace is shown to the wicked, they do not learn righteousness; even in a land of uprightness they go on doing evil and regard not the majesty of the Lord.

Isa. 30: 21 Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice (the Holy Spirit) behind you, saying, “This is the way; walk in it.”

God show’s all inhabitants in the world the right way, but the wick refuses His ways.

From the above few texts, and there are many more, it is very plain to see that every living person ever born on this planet has been shown God’s grace, His plan of salvation, the truth and the way to have eternal life. There will not be another chance after the person dies or another chance for those who are alive at the Second Coming of Christ, to choose the right way.

F.2

Sanctuary Service Ends

The sanctuary service on earth was a type of the heavenly sanctuary service which takes away sin. The earthly sanctuary service ended when Jesus, the Lamb of God, died on the cross, *Luke 23: 45*. The heavenly sanctuary service does not end until the close of probation, which is the seventh trumpet, just prior to the Second Coming, *Rev. 11: 15 + 19*. After which there will be no more forgiveness of sin, *Rev.22: 11*, because judgment has finished. Jesus comes with his reward, eternal life, and *will give to everyone according to what he has done*, *Rev.22: 12*, past tense, no second chance. The sanctuary service ends just prior to the Second Coming.

*Luke 23: 45 Jesus’ Death: And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. (The Most Holy Place came into the view of all, which means the sanctuary service ended.) 46) *Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”**

Rev. 11: 15 The Seventh Trumpet: The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: “the kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever. ...19) Then God’s temple in heaven was open and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. (The end of the sanctuary service in heaven; no more intercession for people. No more chances to repent.)

Rev. 22: 11 Let him who does wrong continue to do wrong; let him who is vile continue to be vile; let him who does right continue to do right; and let him who is holy continue to be holy. 12) Behold, I am coming soon. My reward is with me, and I will give (future, when He comes) to everyone according to what he had done. (past tense)

Rev. 21:3 The New Jerusalem “Now (After the millennium and after the Third Coming) the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. (He will not live on earth during the millennium.)

Rev. 21: 22 I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 24) He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

God will live on the earth, *Rev 21: 3* but there will be no temple for the forgiveness of sin, *Rev. 21: 22*, because there will never be anymore sin, *Rev. 21: 4*.

F.3

Saved Go ~ Lost Stay

Jesus states that the Saved will “*follow him*” to heaven, *John 13: 36*. The context is speaking of Jesus going to heaven not to the grave. This is confirmed immediately in *John 14: 1-4; 17: 24*. Jesus goes to his Father’s house, which is the New Jerusalem, *John 14: 1*, and the New Jerusalem will coming down out of heaven, *Rev. 21: 2*, with all the Saved in their rooms of their Fathers house.

- John 13: 36* Simon Peter asked him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus replied, “Where I am going, (to heaven) you cannot follow now, but you will follow later.
- John 14: 1* Jesus said: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. 2) In my Father’s house (in heaven) are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. (in heaven) 3) And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you (not stay with you on earth) to be with me that you also may be where I am.” (Jesus is presently in heaven.)
- John 17: 24* “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, (in heaven.)
- Rev. 21: 2* I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God

The Bible talks about “*the harvest of the earth*”, *Rev. 14:14*; “*Meeting the Lord in the air*”, *1 Thes. 4: 17*; Jesus said he “*will take you to be with me*”, *John 14: 3*, “*the sheep and the goats, gathered and separated*,” *Mat 25: 31*. All these indicate that at the Second Coming there will be a gathering of the saints which implies that they will be moved to another place. The obvious place would be heaven and not remain on earth. Your reward is “*in heaven*”, not on this earth, *Mat. 6:1; Luke 6: 22 – 23*.

Other points are:

- The Lost will go away to eternal punishment at the Second Coming. *Mat. 25: 31 - 46*.
- Jesus will shut out the Lost from his presence at the Second Coming. *2 Thes. 1: 6-10*
- At the Second Coming the Saved are clothed with imperishable, immortality, and the Lost are clothed with perishable, *1 Cor. 15:51*
- God is a God of order, *1 Cor 14:40*. He created earth in six days and rested one day. He said that the land should be worked for six years and then it was to rest for one year. By the Second Coming the earth will have been here 6000 years, therefore it stand to reason as God is a God of order that the earth would rest (no life) for 1000 years, *Rev. 20: 5*.
- After the millennium (1000 years after the Second Coming) the Lost over the previous 6000 years before the Second Coming will be raised and they will march across the face of the earth to the New Jerusalem but they will be destroyed. *Rev. 20: 4-6* They will not have a second chance or a chance to live with Jesus like the Lost who are alive at the Second Coming. This is not Biblical or reasonable.

Sinners cannot live in the presents of God, who is a consuming fire to them. *Isa. 33: 14*.

F.4

Few Saved

Everyone living, during the Second Coming, will know the truth but only a few will love and follow it.

Mat. 24:12 *Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most (the majority) will grow cold, 13) but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.*

Mat. 7: 13 *The Narrow and Wide Gates* “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and road is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14) But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. (Only a few fully surrendered Christians will remain loyal to God.)

Mat. 22: 14 Jesus stated: “*For many are invited, but few are chosen.*”

There are no Biblical texts that state that people will be given a second chance which will result in the majority being saved.

F.5

Everything Destroyed

The earth will be without life during the millennium. All living creatures are destroyed at Second Coming. See 5.3, “Death at the Second Coming”.

F.6

Immortal and Mortal Living Together

But giving them the benefit of the doubt let’s examine what life would be like if this would happen.

At the Second Coming all the Dead in Christ, Saints for the last 6000 years, come to life, are resurrected with immortal indestructible bodies. At the same time the Living in Christ, Saints, will also be clothed with immortal indestructible bodies and they will live here on earth with the Living Unsaved and their mortal sickly bodies. The Dead Unsaved, at the time of the Second Coming, do not come to life till 1000 years later, Rev. 20: 5. So you have only the Living Unsaved, which are only a few of the total Unsaved, and all the Saints living together on earth at the time of the Second Coming.

What kind of world would it be? You would have the antediluvian people with their 12 foot immortal bodies. The Lost, with their sickly bodies and sinful nature would want to kill the saints but that’s impossible because they are immortal.

Will the Lost be given a second chance? If so how long will this take? Think about it, if there are Saints all over the world, how long would it take the Lost to change their minds to choose a life with a perfect body? It sure wouldn’t take a life time. I positive there would be *a lot of death bed confessions* and conversions. Also with Satan bound for 1000 years and kept from having any influence on the people living on earth, the only influence would be the Holy Spirit, which should result in another Pentecost with everyone being converted in a single day. But let’s play this scenario out further, say half of them are saved during their life of 80 years. Then the next generation of people with their sinful nature are born into this world, what are they going to see and believe in? Maybe after another 80 years you still have some who are stubborn and die Lost. Then the next generation will have still fewer and fewer. This process will not take 1000 years till all choose to live with an immortal body.

And if these few Unsaved have 1000 years to change, but the Unsaved that are resurrected at the end of the 1000 years will only have a short time, *He (Satan) must be set free for a short time.* Rev. 20: 3, this does not seem reasonable.

F.7

Questionable Texts

There are always some Biblical texts that would seem to point in a different direction than the majority of texts on the topic. The following are some.

Rev. 20: 2 *He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. 3) He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him; to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended.*

The difficulty comes with the word “*nations*”. Satan is bound in *the Abyss*, thus he cannot go anywhere else, which includes going to heaven to visit God, as he did in Jobs time, or any other nation that God created. If you believe that earth is the only planet that God created intelligent beings with the freedom of choice then you are limiting God and his powers. Also if Satan cannot deceive the Unsaved then the only influence on them will be the Holy Spirit with the truth, which will be backed up with the Saints. The truth will not take 1000 years to convince the unsaved to change into immortal bodies.

Isa. 65: 20 *New Heavens and a New Earth: Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; he who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere youth; he who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed.*

The time frame, *New Heavens and a New Earth*, is after the millennium not during. This would seem that in the New Earth people will die at a hundred, but that is impossible because they are immortal. Isaiah was seeking to illustrate the facts of eternal life in heaven by earthly comparison.

Rev. 2:26 *To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations. 27) He will rule them with an iron scepter; he will dash them to pieces like pottery, (Psa. 2: 8) just as I have received authority from my Father.*

The difficulty here comes with the word “*authority, rule & iron scepter*”. If there is no one on earth during the 1000 years who will the Saved, Saints have to *rule... with an iron scepter*?

Rev. 20: 4 *I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. (the Saints,) And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God.*

1 Cor. 6:2 *Do you not know that the saints (the Saved) will judge the world?*

Some people believe that Jesus Christ will come and live on earth and “*rule them (nations) with an iron scepter.*” Psa. 23:8; Rev. 2:26. How can that be when Rev. 15: 1 state’s *God’s wrath is completed* after the 7LP, and the sanctuary service has ended, Rev. 11: 19? The above refers to the Saints judging the Unsaved at the time of the Third Coming.

Rev. 1: 6 *And has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father.*

Rev. 5:10 *You have made them to be a kingdom and priest to serve our God and they will reign on earth.*

The difficulty here comes with the word “*kingdom & reign on earth*”. We are a, *kingdom and priests* now when we fully surrender our lives to Christ. We are a *kingdom of priests*, because we have direct access to God now.

Rev. 3: 21 *To him who overcomes, I will give the right; to sit with me on my throne.*

The time frame is after the Third Coming because God has not made His home on earth until then.

Mat. 25:31 When the son of Man comes (Second Coming) in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. 32) All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33) He will put the sheep (God's obedient children.) on his right and the goats (God's disobedient children.) on his left. ... 41) Then he will say to those on his left, (goats) 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared (future, no hell now) for the devil and his angels. (All nations, all people on earth are separated, and the living Lost are judged unto death.)

At the Second Coming Jesus will separate the people one from another, the Saints and the Sinners. He will take the Saints to heaven with Him to live with him for 1000 years. *He will say to those on his left, (the Lost) 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.* The Saints and the Sinners will not live together during the millennium. There is a judgment, thus there is a trial. This trial has only one ending and no right to appeal. *The hour of his judgment has come. Rev. 14:7*

There are many scenarios that you can imagine but all lead to the fact that this doctrine of 'Life on earth during the millennium' is not logical, reasonable or consistent with God's character.

G.

Michael the Archangel
The Angel of the Lord
Jesus

Although this topic is of no value in the salvation of the human race, it does help to give a clearer picture of how and why sin started in heaven and Christ's leading in during the Old Testament times. Many think that if you believe that Jesus is Michael the Archangel and the Angel of the Lord, then you believe that Jesus was a created God, thus Arian in belief. This is not so.

An example of this is the past President of the U.S.A. (Bill Clinton) was called the Commander in Chief, the

top soldier, yet he's never been a soldier. Just like Jesus is God man, yet he has never been a sinful man. Jesus is the *bridge* between our Spiritual Heavenly Father and His creations. Jesus is also the God angel, Michael the Archangel and the Angel of the Lord yet He has never been an angel-angel.

G.1

God the Father

From the text below, *John 1: 1, 2, 10 + 14*, we know that Jesus was a man he lived as a man but also a God man and not a created God because He was with God, the Father, from the beginning.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2) He (Jesus) was with God (the Father) in the beginning. ... 10) He was in the world, and through the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ... 14) The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

He came to live as a man and to show man what God the Father was like. God the Father, whom no one has seen, not even the angels. (see below) The relationship Jesus has with man, I believe, is similar to the relationship He has with the angels. He is God the Father's representative to the angels who have never seen Him except through the His representative "Michael the Archangel" who is known to man as Jesus.

Let's look at what the Bible states about the Father.

John 6:46 (Jesus stated) *No one* (not even angels) *has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he* (Jesus) *has seen the Father*.

John 1:18 *No one has ever seen God*, (the Father) *but God the One and Only*, (Jesus) *who is at the Father's side, has made him know*.

Col. 1:15 *He* (Jesus) *is the image* (character) *of the invisible God*, (Father) *the firstborn over all creation*. What about the seemingly contradictive statement by Jesus in *Mat. 18: 10*?

Mat. 18: 10 "See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.

In Hebrew idiomatic usage, "to see one's face" means to have access to him (see Gen. 43: 3, 5; 44:23). Therefore Jesus, did not make a contradicting statement.

1 Tim. 6:14 *I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15) which God* (the Father) *the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16) who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.*

1 John 1:5 *God* (the Father) *is Light*

How did the angels know about God if they have never seen Him? Was there a God angel similar to Jesus; the God man? If so, what did the angels call Him? Could it be that He was called Michael the Archangel? I believe so because Lucifer became proud (Satan) and wanted to be like God, *Isa. 14 & Eze. 28*. I believe he became proud comparing himself with Michael; God Jesus. Lucifer was a cherubim angel, and Michael was the other, and they stood on either side of God's throne, *Isa. 37:16*.

Eze. 28:2 In the pride of your heart you (Lucifer, Satan) say, “I am a god”

Isa. 14: 12 How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! (nations, plural, more than just earth) 13) You said in your heart, “I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. 14) I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.

Eze. 28: 12 “Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: “This is what the Sovereign Lord says: “You (Lucifer) were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. 13) You (Satan) were in the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. 14) You were anointed as a cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. 15) You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. 16) Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones. 17) Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings. 18) By your many sins and dishonest trade you have desecrated your sanctuaries. So I made a fire come out from you, and it consumed you, and I reduced you to ashes on the ground (Mal. 4:3) in the sight of all who were watching, 19) All the nations who knew you (nations, plural, more than just earth) are appalled at you; you have come to a horrible end (Mal. 4:1) and will be no more.’ ” (Satan will die, there is no living hell.)

The problem here on earth when Jesus, God, walked among men was that they didn't realize who He really was. People looked on him as nothing special. I believe Lucifer did the same, although he knew that Michael (Jesus) was God. It is my speculation that because of Lucifer's perfection, beauty and wisdom when compared with Michael the Archangel, God Angel, he thought that he too could be like God because he was more beautiful and thought he was wiser than Michael (Jesus) and said: “*I am a god*” *Eze. 28:2*

G.2

The Angel of the Lord

If you really think of it, it is only natural that Jesus would guide and direct His people during the Old Testament times because God (Jesus) walked and talked to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. From *John 1: 10* we know that the world was made by Jesus and from *Gen. 1: 27* man was made in the Image of God (Jesus). Then after they sinned God (Jesus) came to them and talked to them face to face, *Gen. 3: 8-19*. Jesus had to be referred to in these passages because no one had seen God the Father or the Holy Spirit. What was Jesus' name before He became Jesus the man God? It is reasonable to assume that He was called Michael the Archangel and/or the Angel of the Lord, because of *John 14:9*.

*Gen. 1: 27 So God (Jesus) created man in his own image,
John 14:9 (Jesus stated) Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.
Gen. 16: 11 The angel of the Lord also said to her:*

- 13) *She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: “You are the God who sees me.”*
- Gen. 22: 15 *The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time and said, “I swear by myself declares the Lord, ...”*
- Exo. 3: 2 *There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush.... 4) When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!” And Moses said, “Here I am.” 5) Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” 6) Then he said, “I am the God of your father, ...”*
- Num. 22: 35 *The angel of the Lord said to Balam “Go with the men, but speak only what I tell you.” ... 38) “I must speak only what God puts in my mouth.”*
- Exo. 6: 2 *“I am the Lord. 3) I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the Lord (Jesus Christ) “I did not make myself know to them.”*

The Angel of the Lord (Jesus) did not make Himself known to the Old Testament people. Only to the New Testament people did Jesus reveal Himself in flesh.

Jesus gave the laws and guided His people in the Old Testament.

- Jud. 2: 1 *The angel of the Lord went up from Gilgal to Bokim and said, “I brought you up out of Egypt and led you into the land that I swore to give to your forefathers. I said, ‘I will never break my covenant with you, 2) and you shall not make a covenant with the people of this land, but you shall break down their altars. Yet you have disobeyed me.”*
- Jud. 6: 12 *When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, “The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.” ... 21) With the tip of the staff that was in his hand, the angel of the Lord touched the meat and the unleavened bread. Fire flared from the rock, consuming the meat and the bread. And the angel of the Lord disappeared. 22) When Gideon realized that it was the angel of the Lord, he exclaimed, “Ah, Sovereign Lord! I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face!”*

These are but a few verses that confirm the Angel of the Lord is Jesus Christ our Lord.

G.3

Michael The Archangel

With most doctrine there will always be questionable texts like *Jude 9 & Dan. 10:13* that seem to contradict other texts until a deep study is made to line them up with the rest of the scriptures. Did you know the name of Michael means “Who is like God”.

Why didn't the archangel Michael say in *Jude 9* “I rebuke you!” instead of “*The Lord rebuke you,*” if the archangel Michael is Jesus?

- Jude 9* *But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, “The Lord rebuke you!”*

The Old Testament answers this question.

Zec. 3: 1 Then he showed me Joshua, the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him. 2) The Lord (Jesus) said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, Satan! The Lord, who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?" 3) Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel. 4) The angel said to those who were standing before him, "Take off his filthy clothes." Then he said to Joshua, "See, I have taken away your sin."

Here Jesus, the Angel of the Lord, is appealing to His authority as God. He is speaking as God. Satan, the accuser, is fighting with Jesus, the angel of the Lord. Only Jesus can take away sin, therefore; *the angel of the Lord* has to be Jesus.

Another difficult text is *Dan. 10:13*. Why does Daniel call Michael "*one of the chief princes*"? It seems that Michael, the arch angel, is just another angel and not God. Jesus was not "one of anything".

Dan. 10:13 Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia.

This verse refers to the previous verse in the book of Daniel which refers to Jesus as:

*Dan. 8: 11 The prince of the host.
: 25 The Prince of princes.
9: 25 Messiah the Prince.
10: 21 Michael your Prince.*

Jesus is also called Prince in *Isaiah 9:6, Acts 3:15, 5:31, and Rev. 1:5*. However; he's not the only one who is call prince in the Bible. There is *Jacob, Gen. 23:6, David, Eze. 34:24* as well as *Satan, John 12: 32, 14:30, 16:11 and Eph. 2:2*.

Now let's look at who has the power to move people.

Rev. 12: 7 And there was war in heaven. (a war of words) Michael (Jesus) and his angels fought against dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. 8) But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. 9) The great dragon was hurled down, that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

Only Jesus has the power to cast Satan out of Heaven.

1 Thes. 4:16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Rev. 1: 18 I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. (Grave)

John 5:16 Life Through the Son: (Jesus stated) 25) I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. ... 28) "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his (Jesus) voice 29) and come out, those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.

The Lord himself will he will come down and give a loud command with the authoritative voice of the archangel (Jesus Christ, Michael) gave the call of God. A small example of this was when Jesus called Lazarus out of his grave.

Luke 11: 11 Jesus stated: "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going to wake him up." ... 14) "Lazarus is dead" ... 23) Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24) Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." 25) Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. (the second death) ... 39) "Take away the stone," 43) When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus come out!" 44) The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

Only Jesus, Michael the Archangel, has power to call forth the dead. No created being has that power.

Michael the Archangel was God, the Father, representative to the angels in heaven. I believe before sin the person that Adam and Eve talked to in the Garden of Eden was Michael the Archangel, the Angel of the Lord. After sin they were cast out of the Garden of Eden and Michael did not communicate face to face with them again. However; after the flood the Angel of the Lord did communicate and was seen face to face with several people. With no one ever seen God the Father, the Angel of the Lord must have been Jesus who was previously called Michael the Archangel.

H.

On What Day Was Jesus Born?

By Michael Scheifler

While much of the world celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ on the 25th of December, can the actual day of Jesus' birth be determined from scripture? This question will be explored in some detail, and will yield a result that is quite intriguing. The first passage we will consider begins with the father of John the Baptist, Zacharias:

Luke 1:5 There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia, and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth.

Luke 1:8 And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course, ...

Luke 1:23 And it came to pass, that, as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house.

Luke 1:24 And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, ...

The clue given to us here is that Zacharias was of the "course" of Abia.

H.1

The 24 Courses of the Temple Priesthood.

King David on God's instructions (*1 Chr 28:11-13*) had divided the sons of Aaron into 24 groups (*1 Chr 24:1-4*), to setup a schedule by which the Temple of the Lord could be staffed with priests all year round in an orderly manner. After the 24 groups of priests were established, lots were drawn to determine the sequence in which each group would serve in the Temple. (*1 Chr 24: 7-19*). That sequence is as follows:

1 Chr 24:7	1. Jehoiarib	2. Jedaiah
1 Chr 24:8	3. Harim	4. Seorim
1 Chr 24:9	5. Malchijah	6. Mijamin
1 Chr 24:10	7. Hakkoz	8. Abijah
1 Chr 24:11	9. Jeshuah	10. Shecaniah
1 Chr 24:12	11. Eliashib	12. Jakim
1 Chr 24:13	13. Huppah	14. Jeshebeab
1 Chr 24:14	15. Bilgah	16. Immer
1 Chr 24:15	17. Hezir	18. Apses
1 Chr 24:16	19. Pethahiah	20. Jehezekel
1 Chr 24:17	21. Jachim	22. Gamul
1 Chr 24:18	23. Delaiah	24. Maaziah

1 Chr 24:19 These were the orderings of them in their service to come into the house of the LORD, according to their manner, under Aaron their father, as the LORD God of Israel had commanded him.

Now each one of the 24 "courses" of priests would begin and end their service in the Temple on the Sabbath, a tour of duty being for one week (*2 Chr 23:8, 1 Chr 9:25*). On three occasions during the year, all the men of Israel were required to travel to Jerusalem for festivals of the Lord, so on those occasions all the priests would be needed in the Temple to accommodate the crowds. Those three festivals were Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, and Tabernacles (*Deut 16:16*).

H.2

The Yearly Cycle of Service in the Temple.

The Jewish calendar begins in the spring, during the month of Nisan, so the first "course" of priests, would be that of the family of Jehoiarib, who would serve for seven days. The second week would then be the responsibility of the family of Jedaiah. The third week would be the feast of Unleavened Bread, and all priests would be present for service. Then the schedule would resume with the third course of priests, the family of Harim. By this plan, when the 24th course was completed, the general cycle of courses would repeat. This schedule would cover 51 weeks or 357 days, enough for the lunar Jewish

calendar (about 354 days). So, in a period of a year, each group of priests would serve in the Temple twice on their scheduled course, in addition to the 3 major festivals, for a total of about five weeks of duty.

H.3

The Conception of John the Baptist.

Now back to Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist.

Luke 1:23 And it came to pass, that, as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house.

Luke 1:24 And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, ...

Beginning with the first month, Nisan, in the spring (March-April), the schedule of the priest's courses would result with Zacharias serving during the 10th week of the year. This is because he was a member of the course of Abia (Abijah), the 8th course, and both the Feast of Unleavened Bread (15-21 Nisan) and Pentecost (6 Sivan) would have occurred before his scheduled duty. This places Zacharias' administration in the Temple as beginning on the second Sabbath of the third month, Sivan (May-June).

	1 st Month		2 nd Month		3 rd Month	
	Abib – Nisan		Zif – Iyyar		Sivan	
	(March – April)		(April – May)		(May – June)	
First Week	Jehoiarib	(1)	Seorim	(4)	All Priests (Pentecost)	
Second Week	Jedaiah	(2)	Malchijah	(5)	Abijah	(8)
Third Week	All Priests		Mijamin	(6)	Jeshuah	(9)
	(Feast of Unleavened Bread)					
Fourth Week	Harim	(3)	Hakkoz	(7)	Shecaniah	(10)

Having completed his Temple service on the third Sabbath of Sivan, Zacharias returned home and soon conceived his son John. So John the Baptist was probably conceived shortly after the third Sabbath of the month of Sivan.

H.4

The Conception of Jesus Christ

Now the reason that the information about John is important is because according to Luke, Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit in the sixth month of Elisabeth's pregnancy:

Luke 1:24 And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying,

Luke 1:25 Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men.

Luke 1:26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

Luke 1:27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

Note that verse 26 above refers to the sixth month of Elisabeth's pregnancy, not Elul, the sixth month of the Hebrew calendar, and this is made plain by the context of verse 24 and again in verse 36:

Luke 1:36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.

Now working from the information about John's conception late in the third month, Sivan, and advancing six months, we arrive late in the 9th month of Kislev (Nov-Dec) for the *time frame* for the *conception* of Jesus. It is notable here that the first day of the Jewish festival of Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, is celebrated on the 25th day of Kislev, and Jesus is called the light of the world (*John 8:12, 9:5, 12:46*). This does not appear to be a mere coincidence. In the book of John, Hanukkah is called the feast of dedication (*John 10:22*). Hanukkah is an *eight* day festival, celebrating the relighting of the menorah in the rededicated Temple, which according to the story, stayed lit miraculously for eight days on only one day's supply of oil.

H.5

The Birth of John the Baptist

Based on a conception shortly after the third Sabbath of the month of Sivan, projecting forward an average term of about 10 lunar months (40 weeks), we arrive in the month of Nisan. It would appear that John the Baptist may have been born in the middle of the month, which would coincide with Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. It is interesting to note, that even today, it is customary for the Jews to set out a special goblet of wine during the Passover Seder meal, in anticipation of the arrival of Elijah that week, which is based on the prophecy of Malachi:

Mal 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord:

Jesus identified John as the "Elijah" that the Jews had expected:

Mat 17:10 And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?

Mat 17:11 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.

Mat 17:12 But I say unto you, that Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.

Mat 17:13 Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.

The angel that appeared to Zacharias in the temple also indicated that John would be the expected "Elias":

Luke 1:17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

So then, the Feast of Unleavened Bread begins on the 15th day of the 1st month, Nisan, and this is a likely date for the birth of John the Baptist, the expected "Elijah".

H.6

The Birth of Jesus Christ

Since Jesus was conceived six months after John the Baptist, and we have established a likely date for John's birth, we need only move six months farther down the Jewish calendar to arrive at a likely date for the birth of Jesus. From the 15th day of the 1st month, Nisan, we go to the 15th day of the 7th month, Tishri. And what do we find on that date? It is the festival of Tabernacles! The 15th day of Tishri begins the third and last festival of the year to which all the men of Israel were to gather in Jerusalem for Temple services. (*Lev 23:34*)

H.7

Immanuel

Isa 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Immanuel means "God with us". The Son of God had come to dwell with, or *tabernacle* on earth with His people.

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

The word in the Hebrew for dwelt is *succah* and the name of the Feast of Tabernacles in Hebrew is Sukkot, a festival of rejoicing and celebration:

Luke 2:7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2:8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Luke 2:9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

Luke 2:10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

Luke 2:11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Why was there no room at the inn? Bethlehem is only about 5 miles from Jerusalem, and all the men of Israel had come to attend the festival of Tabernacles as required by the law of Moses. Every room for miles around Jerusalem would have been already taken by pilgrims, so all that Mary and Joseph could find for shelter was a stable.

Also of note is the fact that the Feast of Tabernacles is an *eight* day feast (*Lev 23:36, 39*). Why eight days? It may be because an infant was dedicated to God by performing circumcision on the *eighth* day after birth:

Luke 2:21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called Jesus, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

So the infant Jesus would have been circumcised on the eighth and last day of the Feast of Tabernacles, a Sabbath day. The Jews today consider this a separate festival from Tabernacles, and they call it Shemini Atzeret.

H.8

Conclusion

So, if you have followed the above reasoning, based on the scriptural evidence, a case can apparently be made that Jesus Christ was born on the 15th day of the month of Tishri, on the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles, which corresponds to the September - October timeframe of our present calendar!

<u>Jewish Month</u>	<u>Begins the New Moon of:</u>	<u>John the Baptist</u>	<u>Jesus</u>
1. Abib / Nisan	March – April	Birth of John	4
2. Zif / Iyyar	April – May		5
3. Sivan	May – June	Conception of John after 3 rd Sabbath	6
4. Tammuz	June – July	1	7

5. Ab / Av	July – August	2	8
6. Elul	August – September	3	9
7. Ethanim / Tishri	September – August	4	Birth of Jesus Tishri 15
8. Bul / Marheshvan / Heshvan	October – November	5	
9. Chisleu / Chisley / Kisley	November – December	6	Conception of Jesus
		Kisley 25 th	
10. Tebeth / Tevet	December – January	7	1
11. Shebat / Shevat	January – February	8	2
12. Adar	February – March	9	3

Confirm Feast of:

<u>Trumpets</u>	<u>Tishri 1st</u>
<u>Atonement</u>	<u>Tishri 10th</u>
<u>Tabernacles</u>	<u>Tishri 15th</u>

H.8

Tabernacles *Future* Fulfillment

It is also interesting to note the Tabernacles was a feast in ingathering of the Harvest (*Exo 23:16 and 34:22*). If Jesus' first coming was indeed on 15 Tishri, the first day of Tabernacles, then it is quite reasonable to presume that the harvest of this earth, the ingathering of the second coming of Jesus Christ, will also occur on precisely the same date. The unknown factor would be *the year* that this would happen.

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I.

Calendar of Jewish Holidays

The Jewish day begins and ends at sundown. Thus, all holidays begin at sundown of the day preceding the date shown and end at sundown of the (last) day shown.

Since the Jewish calendar begins with Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish year always straddles two years from the civil calendar. In other words, spring holidays (such as Pesach and Shavuot) occur in the civil year following Rosh Hashanah.

An additional note: not all Jews observe two days for holidays shown as lasting two days.

Year	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006
Traditional Jewish Year	5760	5761	5762	5763	5764	5765	5766
SHABBAT - The Sabbath; every week from Friday Evening to Saturday evening; one of the holiest days in the calendar.							

ROSH HASHANAH - The Jewish New Year; start of the Ten Days of Penitence.	Sat-Sun SEP 11-12	Sat-Sun SEP 30 - OCT 1	Tue- Wed SEP 18-19	Sat-Sun SEP 7- 8	Sat-Sun SEP 27-28	Thu-Fri SEP 16-17	Tue- Wed OCT 4- 5
YOM KIPPUR - Day of Atonement; a very solemn day of the year, devoted to fasting, prayer, and repentance.	Mon SEP 20	Mon OCT 9	Thu SEP 27	Mon SEP 16	Mon OCT 6	Sat SEP 25	Thu OCT 13
SUKKOT - First two days of Tabernacles; commemorating the dwelling of the Israelites in booths in the wilderness.	Sat-Sun SEP 25-26	Sat-Sun OCT 14-15	Tue- Wed OCT 2- 3	Sat-Sun SEP 21-22	Sat-Sun OCT 11-12	Thu-Fri SEP 30- OCT 1	Tue- Wed OCT 18-19
SHEMINI ATZERET - Eighth Day of Assembly and SIMCHAT TORAH - Rejoicing of the Law.	Sat-Sun OCT 2- 3	Sat-Sun OCT 21-22	Tue- Wed OCT 9- 10	Sat-Sun SEP 28-29	Sat-Sun OCT 18-19	Thu-Fri OCT 7- 8	Tue- Wed OCT 25-26
HANUKKAH - Feast of Lights; victory of the Maccabees and rededication of the Temple.	Sat-Sat DEC 4- 11	Fri-Fri DEC 22-29	Mon- Mon DEC 10-17	Sat-Sat NOV 30 - DEC 7	Sat-Sun DEC 20-27	Wed- Wed DEC 9- 15	Mon- Mon DEC 26 - Jan 2
PURIM - Celebrates defeat of plot to destroy the Jews of Persia.	Tue MAR 21	Fri MAR 9	Tue FEB 26	Tue MAR 18	Sun MAR 7	Fri MAR 25	Tue MAR 14
PESACH - Passover; deliverance of the Jewish people from Egypt. The Seder service on the first two evenings recounts the story of the Exodus.	Thu-Fri APR 20-21	Sun- Mon APR 8-9	Thu-Fri MAR 28-29	Thu-Fri APR 17-18	Tue- Wed APR 6-7	Sun- Mon APR 24-25	Thu-Fri APR 13-14
The last two days of Pesach are also observed as full holy days.	Wed- Thu APR 26-27	Sat- Sun APR 14-15	Wed- Thu APR 3- 4	Wed- Thu APR 23-24	Mon- Tue APR 12-13	Sat- Sun APR 30 - May 1	Wed- Thu APR 19-20
SHAVUOT - Feast of Weeks; marks the giving of the Law (Torah) at Mt. Sinai.	Fri-Sat JUN 9- 10	Mon- Tue MAY 28-29	Fri-Sat MAY 17-18	Fri-Sat JUN 6- 7	Wed- Thu MAY 26-27	Mon- Tue JUN 13-14	Fri-Sat JUN 2- 3

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J.

What are God's children like?

To be a child of God you must be willing to set aside your preconceived ideas and love truth. You must have the faith of a child.

John 3:5-7: Jesus said: "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.'"

John 3:16-19: Jesus said: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes (trusts, obeys) in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes

in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light (truth) because their deeds were evil."

Mat. 18:3-4: Jesus said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Gal. 3:28: You are all sons of God through faith (belief, obedience) in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

John 10:14-15: Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father, and I lay down my life for my sheep."

God's children are born again. This means that they have started their spiritual childhood. Like a new born baby has to learn who its father and mother are and how to eat, talk and walk physically; new born Christians have to learn about their heavenly Father, the Holy Spirit and Son Jesus Christ.

God's children believe in Jesus Christ, and that He has come to earth to give them eternal life. To believe in some one is to trust 100%. If you don't trust completely then you really don't believe at all.

God's children are lovers of truth. They may not have all the truth but what truth they have, they love and follow it to the best of their ability. They do not reject it, turn their back to it, or walk away from it. They treasure it; they love it and hold on to it.

God's children become like little children. What are little three or four year old children like? For one thing they believe in and trust in their father and mother and older brother 100%. They do not worry about what to eat, where to sleep or what to wear. They are the happiest people in the world. Also they are very humble, which means they are very teachable and want to learn and obey everything their parents tell them. They are willing to change to new habits, a new way of life. They can play with other children that are black, white, yellow, red, brown, rich, poor, male or female and they see no difference, all of God's children are equal.

God's children are symbolized like sheep. Jesus Christ is their shepherd. In a flock of sheep you have young sheep and old sheep, strong sheep and weak sheep, smart sheep and dumb sheep, and the smartest sheep is still a very dumb sheep compared to the Shepherd. They know they cannot depend on their own wisdom. They are smart enough and humble enough to know they are dumb sheep.

K.

Justice vs Righteousness

People talk and discuss our Heavenly Father's wrath and his justice in burning alive the lost. But the Bible states, *Rev. 15: 1*, that God's wrath is complete with the seven last plagues before the Second Coming and not at His Third Coming. That leaves only justice at the Third Coming and it has to be consistent with His character.

John 14: 9 (Jesus stated) "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.

Did Jesus ever burn anyone alive? How did he treat his enemies? As a group look at what he did in chasing the people out of the temple. Also look at him crying over the people of Jerusalem as he approached. Individually, look at Judas, and his crucifiers; look at what he said on the cross.

Mat. 27: 46 (Jesus stated) “*My God My God why have you forsaken me.*”

Jesus died for all. His death makes atonement for the Saved. This is the second death and Jesus calls the second death forsaken, separation from the Father. The second death is not burning alive the lost, it is separation from God forever.

Justice in Latin is Righteousness, which means, “doing the right thing”.

Dr. Graham Maxwell wrote the following. When Righteousness was translated in to Latin, they were more consistent because Justify and Justice and Just all match but unfortunately in English we have Righteousness, Righteous, Unrighteous and Rightify...no we can't have that, we have Justify. And it is confusing to people because it has developed a whole understanding that somehow the justice and justification are different. In the Oxford dictionary justice carries the connotation of retribution, *deserved punishment*, when righteousness does not. In the Bible the word means righteousness, why don't we leave what's in that context of righteousness rather than retribution and let the context speak about it. Of course the one that is Righteous will do what is right and just. The word justice should not be in the Bible if properly translated. If you were preaching in Latin the English word for the justice and righteousness are same. Why should we change the original language?

The general theology about Justice is that God will judge people according to their works and that is why some will suffer more than others. Satan and Hitler deserve more punishment, retribution, than the simple sinner. So God will justifiably physically burn Satan's flesh longer than Hitler's and burn Hitler's flesh longer than the simple sinners. Is that theology consistent with God's nature? The wages of sin is *death* not torture.

If you, as a parent, have 100 children and 10 do not want to live with you and your commandments, would you beat them, torture each of them differently according to what each have done, and then send them away to live away from you. No, you would ask them all to leave and hope that all will repent and return to live with you. You know that while they are away they will be tormented day and night recalling and reliving the truth of how you have shown them the right path and they have rejected your guidance. You will have given all of them the same punishment, wages of sin, separation from you. Their own retribution, deserved punishment, will be of their own making. They will be tormented day and night, they will have to relive the past in their mind. Each will be tormented according to what they have done in the past.

Elements of interpretation that have entered into translation of the English New Testament.
by Dr. Graham Maxwell.

A study in genitives. The number one question is “The truth about God and his righteousness.” The Bible was written in a setting of war about God and his righteousness. In the book of Romans there can be as many as 5 different translations for the word “righteousness”. In the King James, the book of Romans has to make 67 translations and interpretations, there is no literal translated Bible. All versions are interpretations but none have been willfully perverted.

We have to take the largest and broadest issues first to get the big picture. The first lie, Satan accused God of being Unrighteous. The question is not about how God deals with sinners or how he will justifiably terminate them in the end.

I thank Dr. G. Maxwell for the above insight. All doctrine has to be consistent with God's character, that is why I have expounded on what happens at the Lake of Fire and the Second Death. To prove that God is Love and Love never tortures people even if people think He is justified.

L.

The World According to Anderson

The following are some quotable quote by yours truly E. L. Anderson.

Sin

I'm sinning ... if I'm not praising God for *all* things.

My silence is sin of *omission*, ... rather than *commission*.

ELA 4.84 (Everett Lloyd Anderson April, 1984)

Negativism

All negativism is sin.

Constructive criticism ... builds up,

Therefore is positive and not sin.
ELA 6.84

Offensive

Nothing anyone says or does ... should *offend me*, (my Christ-like Nature.)
Or determine the way I act. (Only my human nature can be offended.)
ELA 6.88

Perfection

Perfect	in	the eyes of God,	is
One who	is	fully surrendered,	not
One who	is	totally obedient	but
One who	is	striving	to be.

ELA 6.88

The Key to Success

Pray continuously:
What would Jesus do,
What would Jesus say.
ELA 12.94

Pride

Pride kills freedom
Truth is hidden.
ELA 4.96

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For SDA's Only

Introduction

E.G. White's Writings

The following quotations are from the SOP on the subject of the “End Time Events”. I’ve included a lot of her writings so as not to take her writings out of context. This will also save you a lot of time from having to read her writings to make sure that I’ve not twisted the truth.

2T 692-693 Those who lived in past generations were accountable for the light which was permitted to shine upon them. Their minds were exercised in regard to different points of Scripture, which tested them. But they did not understand the truths, which we do. They were not responsible for the light, which they did not have. They had the Bible, as we have; but the time for the unfolding of special truth in relation to the closing scenes of this earth's history is during the last generations that shall live upon the earth.

Sister White states that there will be “*special truth*” to be given by those who are alive during the end time events. This means we will not find all truth given in her writings, “in relation to the closing scenes of this earth’s history.” However; all further truth will have to agree with the Bible and the SOP, which this study does.

8T 301 *To John the Lord opened the subjects that He saw would be needed by His people in the last days. The instruction that He gave is found in the book of Revelation. Those who would be co-workers with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will show a deep interest in the truths found in this book. With pen and voice they will strive to make plain the wonderful things that Christ came from heaven to reveal.*

PP 104 *When the reasoning of philosophy has banished the fear of God’s judgments; when religious teachers are pointing forward to long ages of peace and prosperity, and the world are absorbed in their rounds of business and pleasure, planting and building, feasting and merrymaking, rejecting God’s warnings and mocking His messengers—then it is that sudden destruction cometh upon them, and they shall not escape, 1 Thessalonians 5:3*

In all of EGW writings she makes only one direct comment about the Trumpets (GC 334 & 335) and she doesn’t contradict anything in this study. She also said that there would be more light (*truths*) given. I’m not a prophet, I’ve never had any visions, I just want to show you that this study does not go against the Bible or the Spirit of Prophecy; in fact they both support my beliefs.

*All SOP statements and Bible quotes are in Italics; emphasis in **bold** and underlines are my own. Below each title I have placed the time frame of the chapter.*

The *New International Version Bible* is used for all quotes, except as expressed in sister Whites writings. Notes in Bible verses that are not in Italics are the authors.

Further Points that I want to make to SDA’s in this study are:

1. The Seven Trumpets are to be interpreted as futuristic as well as historic.
2. The Bible states that the Seven Trumpets are plagues, historic interpretation doesn’t.
3. The Seven Trumpets period, Probation Period, is described by Sister White as:

The Final Warning	GC Chapter 38
The Third Angels Message	GC 613, EW 85, 271, 277
The Loud Cry	EW 85, 271, 277
The Gathering	EW 74
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The Judgments <u>with mercy</u>	GC 629
The Season of Calamity	SM 3 386

4. The Seven Last Plagues are described by Sister White as:

The Time of Trouble	GC Chapter 39, 594, 649, EW 85, 36, 56, 282
The Final Trouble	GC 614
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The Final Test	GC 613
The Great Tribulation	GC 649
The Burning Wrath of God	EW 36, 44
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The <u>Final</u> Judgments <u>with no mercy</u>	GC 613, 629

5. The reasons for the Seven Last Plagues.

GC 613, 621, 631, 633, 638 EW 67, 278

6. The reasons for the Second Resurrection.

GC 666, 668

7. The Bible and SOP never describe any physical burning alive to death of the Lost at the Third Coming.

GC 644, 656, 657, 660, EW 54, 283, 289, 294

8. The wrath of God is His with drawing of His protection, which results in Satan's wrath.

GC 614, 623

9. There will be no atomic war.

GC 614, 629; CH 460

Remember that our sister has stated that her writings are a lesser light that points to the great light the Bible. Also these were visions and may not be a total picture in any one event. But pieced together with the Bible they both will not contradict each other. We can not state for a fact that the Bible or the SOP writings are *always* in sequence. One example is EW chapter 52 she writes about the 7 T, SC and TC all in one chapter; which is out of sequence with the other chapters. Another example in reference to the Lost at the Second Coming is as follows:

GC p 664 > 1) marching 2) surrounding the city 3) confessing 4) tormented

EW p 292 > 1) confessing 2) marching 3) tormented 4) surrounding the city.

The sequences of events in the GC & EW are different for the Lost. However; from the sequence of events of the Seven Trumpets, the Seven Last Plagues, the Second and Third Coming are in sequence in the GC & EW. The ETE time line is followed in each chapter; therefore there is no need for me to introduce the subject or direction. (see contents time frame) In fact, starting with the GC, you will find that this study is comprised of approximately 82 percent SOP writing and only 18 percent of my own.

A lot of SDA preachers are talking about the impending financial crisis and the increase in lawlessness and they preach that is here now but they haven't seen nothing yet. Wait until God withdraws His protection, then they will see the real thing during the last 1335 days.

Let's look at some of our sisters' statements to confirm the sequence of end time events. It is important and relevant to keep in mind the meaning of each of the chapter titles and the time frame in which it applies.

The Great Controversy

GC Chapter 35

Liberty of Conscience Threatened **(Seven Trumpets)**

GC 579 *It has been shown that the United States is the power represented by the beast with lamb-like horns, (the USA is the power which controls the United Nations) *and that this prophecy will be fulfilled when the United States shall enforce Sunday observance, (via the UN) which Rome claims as the special acknowledgment of her supremacy. But in this homage to the papacy the United States will not be alone.**

GC 580 *The Roman Catholic Church, with all its ramifications throughout the world, forms one vast organization under the control, and designed to serve the interests, of the papal see. Its millions of*

communicants, in every country on the globe, are instructed to hold themselves as bound in allegiance to the pope.

Don't get hung up on watching and waiting for the USA to pass the Sunday law. Watch for the *catalyst* that will cause it. The USA will pass it but most countries will pass it too; all the so-called Christians nations at least. The Sunday law will be passed only after the Spiritual Leader of the World is elect, thus the whole (Christian) world will be worshipping the Beast out of the Sea. Maybe this too pertains to the nations that believe in at least part of the Bible. Keep in mind that end time events affect the whole world not just the USA.

GC Chapter 36

The Impending Conflict **(Seven Trumpets)**

GC 583 *The Bible is within the reach of all, but there are few who really accept it as the guide of life.*

Matt. 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations and then the end will come.

According to this everyone is without excuse now and has been since this was written over 100 years ago.

GC 588 *Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of spiritualism, the latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome. The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of spiritualism. They will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience.*

As spiritualism more closely imitates the nominal Christianity of the day, it has greater power to deceive and ensnare. Satan himself is converted, after the modern order of things. He will appear in the character of an angel of light. Through the agency of spiritualism, miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and many undeniable wonders will be performed. And as the spirits will profess faith in the Bible, (or at least part of it) and manifest respect for the institutions of the church, (the church of Babylon, after the 4th T) their work will be accepted as a manifestation of divine power.

What is “*spiritualism*”? Is it the Moslem's with their belief of ‘*immortality of the soul*’? USA, Protestants and the Roman Catholics with their ‘*Sunday sacredness*’ and all three “*profess faith in the Bible*”, or at least part of it. Could it be these are the 3 evil spirits of Rev. 16:13. Think about it, who is the Pope and the USA trying to get to sleep together? Israel and Palestine, the Jew's and the Moslems both believe in part of the Bible. This is a side issue from the 7 T and food for thought only.

GC 590 *And then the great deceiver (Satan) will persuaded men (Satan appearance after the 5th T and before the 6th T) that those who serve god are causing these evils. (5th T evils, not the first 4 T because the Sunday Law wasn't pass yet)....It will be declared that men are offending God by the violator, of the Sunday Sabbath; (Sunday Law was pass earlier after the 4T) that this sin has brought calamities (5th T) which will not cease until Sunday observance shall be strictly enforced. (Satan is now saying that Sunday Law that was past must be “*strictly enforced*,” he wants the 6th T Death Decree.)*

GC 594 *The events connected with the close of probation (7th T) and the work of preparation (7T) for the time of trouble, (7 LP) are clearly presented.*

It looks to me that “*the events*”, which have a start and a closing time, “*the work of preparation*” must be 7 Trumpets “*for the time of trouble.*” 7 Last Plagues.

GC Chapter 37

The Scriptures a Safeguard (Seven Trumpets)

GC 597 *The truth and the glory of God are inseparable; it is impossible for us, with the Bible within our reach, to honor God by erroneous opinions. Many claim that it matters not what one believes, if his life is only right. But the life is molded by the faith. If light and truth is within our reach, and we neglect to improve the privilege of hearing and seeing it, we virtually reject it. We are choosing darkness rather than light.*

Proverbs 16:25. “*There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.*” Ignorance is no excuse for error or sin, when there is every opportunity to know the will of God.

We have to study more “*to know the will of God.*”

GC Chapter 38

The Final Warning (Seven Trumpets)

GC 603 *This scripture (Rev. 18:1, 2, 4 come out of her my people) points forward to a time when the announcement of the fall of Babylon, as made by the second angel of Revelation 14:8, is to be repeated with the additional mention of the corruption’s which have been entering the various organizations that constitute Babylon, since that message was first given, in the summer of 1844.*

Rev. 10: 11 *Then I was told, “You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations languages and kings.”*

Historic interpretation of Revelation 10 and its’ 1844 message “*is to be repeated*” with a futuristic interpretation.

GC 604 *Fearful is the issue to which the world is to be brought. The powers of earth, uniting to war against the commandments of God, will decree that “all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond” (Rev. 13:16) shall conform to the customs of the church by the observance of the false sabbath. All who refuse compliance will be visited with civil penalties, and it will finally be declared that they are deserving of death.*

The Sunday law has been past (after the 4th Trumpet) and the death decree “*will finally be declared*” *The Final Warning* (the 6th Trumpet). “*The Mark of the Beast, cannot buy or sell,*” Rev. 13:17 will be put into effect after the 5th Trumpet.

CG 612 *Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given. Miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and signs and wonders will follow the believers. Satan also works with lying wonders, even brining down fire from heaven in the sight of men. Revelation 13:13 Thus the inhabitants of the earth will be brought to take their stand.*

They must take their stand before the 7th T, which is the close of probation. This *Revelation 13:13 fire from heaven*, I believe is Satan's final deception to convince, deceive, the world into thinking that he is Christ by trying to reproduce God's fire of *Rev. 20:9*.

CG Chapter 39

The Time of Trouble **(The Seven Last Plagues)**

GC 613 *Daniel 12:1* “At that time shall Michael shall stand up, (the close of probation) the great Prince which standeth for the children of the people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was (worse than the 7 T) since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time they people shall be delivered, everyone that shall be found written in the book”

GC 613. When the third angel's message closes, (7th T) mercy no longer pleads for the guilty inhabitants of the earth. The people of God have accomplished their work. (Rev. 10:7) They have received “the latter rain,” “the refreshing from the presence of the Lord,” and they are prepared for the trying hour before them. (7 LP) Angels are hastening to and fro in heaven. An angel returning from the earth announces that his work is done; the final test has been brought upon the world, and all who have proved themselves loyal to the divine precepts and have received “the seal of the living God.” (Refers to the Sunday keepers who come out during the 7 T, a purpose of the 7LP's) Then Jesus ceases His intercession in the sanctuary above. He lifts His hands and with a loud voice say, “it is done;” and all the angelic host lay off their crowns as He makes the solemn announcement: “He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.” Rev. 22:11. Every case has been decided for life or death. Christ has made the atonement for His people and blotted out their sins.

Rev. 10: 7 But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, (7th T) the mystery of God (the plan of salvation) will be accomplished.

Why does Michael stand up? Because he has finished sealing his Children; the first jury is finished. Sabbath keepers and ex-Sunday keepers have to “have proved themselves loyal to the divine precepts” (Sabbath) therefore this has to be done during the 7 Trumpets.

John 10:16. Jesus said, I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one Shepherd.

GC 614 When He leaves the sanctuary, darkness covers the inhabitants of the earth. (Sounds like the 5th of the 7 LP.) In that fearful time the righteous must live in the sight of a holy God without an intercessor. The restraint which has been upon the wicked is removed, and Satan has entire control of the final impenitent. God's long suffering has ended. The world has rejected His mercy, despised His love, and trampled upon His law. The wicked have passed the boundary of their probation; the Spirit of God, persistently resisted, has been at last withdrawn. (This is the wrath of God.) Unsheltered by divine grace, they have no protection from the wicked one. (God withdraws His protection and the wrath of Satan follows.) Satan will then plunge the inhabitants of the earth into one great, final trouble. (7 LP)

GC 614 Those who honor the law of God have been accused of bring judgments (1~5 T) upon the world, and they will be regarded as the cause of the fearful convulsions of nature (Not atomic warfare) and the strife and bloodshed among men that are filling the earth with woe. The power attending the last warning has enraged the wicked; their anger is kindled against all who have received the message, and Satan will excite (After the 5T) to still greater intensity the spirit of hatred and persecution.

GC 615 *A decree (6th T) will finally be issued (after the 5th T) against those who hallow the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, denouncing them as deserving of the severest punishment and giving the people liberty, after a certain time, to put them to death.*

I believe this refers to the 6th Trumpet, Jacob's trouble and Queen Ester's experience.

GC 616 *The people of God will then be plunged into those scenes of affliction and distress described by the prophet as the time of Jacob's trouble. ...Jacob had fled for his life, alarmed by his brother's deadly threats. (6th T) ...Jacob's company, unarmed and defenseless seemed about to fall helpless victims of violence and slaughter. And to the burden of anxiety and fear was added the crushing weight of self-approach, for it was his own sin that had brought this danger. His only hope was in the mercy of God; his only defense must be prayer. Yet he leaves nothing undone on his own part to atone for the wrong to his brother and to avert the threatened danger.*

I believe that the time of Jacob's trouble starts at the 6th Trumpet and will end at Christ's Coming.

GC 618 *As Satan influenced Esau to march against Jacob, so he will stir up the wicked to destroy God's people in the time of trouble.*

At Christ Third Coming Satan will do the same.

GC 620 *So in the time of trouble, if the people of God had unconfessed sins to appear before them while tortured with fear and anguish, they would be overwhelmed. Despair would cut off their faith, and they could not have confidence to plead with God for deliverance. But while they have a deep sense of their unworthiness, they have no concealed wrongs to reveal. Their sins have gone beforehand to judgment and have been blotted out, and they cannot bring them to remembrance. ...Those who delay a preparation for the day of God cannot obtain it in the time of trouble or at any subsequent time.*

This confirms that God's children are sealed before the time of trouble, the 7 Last Plagues. Notice that how our sister uses the term "tortured with fear and anguish", the torture is mental not physical. The Lost will suffer a similarly "day and night", Rev. 20: 10.

GC 621 *Their affliction is great, the flames of the furnace seem about to consume them. But the Refiner will bring them forth as gold tried in the fire, God's love for His children during the period of their severest trial is as strong and tender as in the days of their sunniest prosperity. But is it is needful for them to be placed in the furnace of fire. Their earthliness must be consumed that the image of Christ may be perfectly reflected. (A good reason for the 7 LP.)*

Praise God for this time of trouble!! I hate living with my satanic earthly nature, don't you? Again notice the mental torture (not physical burning) with the "flames of affection" seems to "consume them". Also notice the time frame is prior to the Second Coming.

GC 622 *If the messengers who bear the last solemn warning to the world would pray for the blessing of God, not in a cold, listless, lazy manner, but fervently and in faith, as did Jacob, they would find many places where they could say: "I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."*

This is a message for SDA's "who bear the last solemn warning to the world".

GC 623 *The wrath of Satan increases as his time grows short, and his work of deceit and destruction (7 T) will reach its culmination in the time of trouble. (7 LP) Fearful sights of a supernatural*

character will soon be revealed in the heavens, (not atomic warfare) in token of the power of miracle-working demons.

Although our sister doesn't mention the 7 Trumpets directly, this refers to them. "*His (Satan's) work of deceit and destruction (7 T) will reach its culmination in the time of trouble*" 7 Last Plagues. It seems that all the destruction is the work of Satan and not of God. Therefore the wrath of God must be His withdrawing of His protection which results in the destructive work of Satan. This is further confirmed in Counsels on Health, p360.

CH 360 *It is God that shields His creatures and hedges them in from the power of the destroyer. But the Christian world have shown contempt for the law of Jehovah, and the Lord will do just what He has declared that He would—He will withdraw His blessings from the earth and remove His protecting care from those who are rebelling against His law and teaching and forcing others to do the same.*

GC 624 *As the crowning act (many more before this) in the great drama of deception, (deception time period, before the 7th T, this is not talking about the 7 LP period) Satan himself will personate Christ. *He heals the diseases of the people (5th T sores that he caused) and then, (when) in his assumed character of Christ, he claims to have changed the Sabbath to Sunday and commands all to hallow the day, which he has blessed. He declares that those who persist in keeping holy the seventh day (have been told already by the Beast out of the Sea) are blaspheming (disserving the death decree) his name by refusing listen to his angels sent to them (after the 4th T, his messenger the Pope) with light and truth. (Sunday Law) This is the strong almost (still have a chance, before 7th T) overmastering delusion.**

Rev. 13: 1 *The Beast out of the Sea: The dragon (Satan) gave the beast (SLW, Pope) his power and his throne and great authority.*

The above is more proof that Satan is not the Spiritual Leader of the World, and will come after the Pope is elected. The SLW will be elected *before* the 5th T. Satan doesn't arrive until *after* he is given the keys to the Abyss, which is the 5th T.

GC 625 *But the people of God will not be misled. (Still have a chance, before 7th T) Satan will, if possible, prevent them from obtaining a preparation (7 T refining in process) to stand in that day. (7 LP) He will so arrange affairs (this will take more than the 30 days of the 7 LP therefore must be during the 7 T period) as to hedge up their way, entangle them with earthly treasures, cause them to carry a heavy, wearisome burden, (unable to buy or sell, Rev. 13: 17) that their hearts may be overcharged with the cares of this life and the day of trial may come upon them as a thief.*

GC 626 *As the decree issued (death decree) by the various rulers of Christendom against commandment keepers shall withdraw the protection of government and abandon them to those who desire their destruction, (earlier than the date of the death decree so some will flee for safety sooner than others) the people of God will flee from the cities and villages and associate together in companies, dwelling in the most desolate and solitary places. Many will find refuge in the strongholds of the mountains.*

Matthew 24:20 says, "*to pray that your flight be not in the winter neither on the Sabbath day*". (This prophecy was fulfilled but it has a dual application for the end time events.)

The Sunday law Death Decree doesn't have to have worldwide approval, just from "*various rulers of Christendom*", some professed Christian countries. It would seem that our flight to the mountains will come just before the 7th Trumpet, and the start of the 7 LP 30 days. Provided Christ comes during the October when every eye can see Orion, which in the Northern Hemisphere would be in late summer and in the Southern Hemisphere at the start of spring. This would mean that we wouldn't have to spend any time in the mountains

during the “winter.” I estimate our flight to the mountains will last a maximum of 90 days before the Second Coming. *Early Writing 34* has our flight only after the 7 LP which is 30 days.

GC 627 *When Christ ceases His intercession (7th T) in the sanctuary, the unmingled wrath (7 LP) threatened against those who worship the beast and his image and receive his mark (Revelation 14:9, 10) will be poured out. (7 LP) The plagues upon Egypt when God was about to deliver Israel were similar in character to those more terrible and extensive judgments which are to fall upon the world just before (30 days not 3 ½ years) the final deliverance of God’s people.*

GC 628 *By condemning (past tense) the people of God to death, (6th T) they have as truly incurred the guilt of their blood as if it had been shed by their hands.*

Sister White definitely has the 7th Trumpet before the 7 Last Plagues, with reference to the past actions, condemning people of God to death, which is the 6th Trumpet. Also a reason and justification for the 7 Last Plagues.

GC 629 *All the judgments upon men (7T), prior to the close of probation, have been mingled with mercy. The pleading blood of Christ has shielded the sinner from receiving the full measure of his guilt; but in the final judgment. (7 LP) wrath is poured out unmixed with mercy.*

Sister White calls the 7 Trumpets, *the judgments with mercy*, and the 7 Last Plagues, final judgments with no mercy.

GC 630-631 *The people of God must drink of the cup and be baptized with the baptism. The very delay, so painful to them, is the best answer to their petitions. As they endeavor to wait trustingly for the Lord to work they are led to exercise faith, hope, and patience, which have been too little exercised during their religious experience. (A reason for the Plagues)*

GC 631 *Though a general decree has fixed the time when commandment keepers may be put to death, their enemies will in some cases anticipate the decree, and before the time specified, will endeavor to take their lives. But none can pass the mighty guardians stationed about every faithful soul.*

Here we have the 6th Trumpet “a general decree has fixed the time” just like Queen Ester’s example.

GC 633 *The Lord permits conflicts, to prepare the soul for peace. The time of trouble is a fearful ordeal for “God’s people. But it is the time for every true believer to look up, and by faith he may see the bow of promise encircling him.*

This is another reason for the Plagues, 7 Trumpets & 7 Last Plagues, “to prepare the soul for peace”. (7 LP 30 days not 3 ½ years) God, by withdrawing His protection, is allowing “permits conflicts” which are produced by Satan.

GC Chapter 40

God’s People Delivered (Seven Last Plagues)

GC 635 *When the protection of human laws shall be withdrawn from those who honor the law of God, there will be, in different lands, a simultaneous movement for their destruction. As the time appointed in the decree draws near, the people will conspire to root out the hated sect. It will be determined to strike in one night a decisive blow, which shall utterly silence the voice of dissent and reproof.*

This is Queen Ester's and the 6th Trumpet "*the time appointed in the decree*" experience. Maybe in some lands there still will be some protection; maybe the death decree won't be issued in every country.

GC 638 *Those who have sacrificed all for Christ are now secure, hidden as in the secret of the Lord's pavilion. They have been tested, and before the world and the despisers of truth have evinced their fidelity to Him who died for them. A marvelous change has come over those who have held fast their integrity in the very face of death.*

Another reason for the 7 Last Plague is to test the Living Saved before the world and the universe that they would not change even "*in the very face of death*".

GC 640 *The voice of God is heard from heaven, declaring the day and hour of Jesus' coming, and delivering the everlasting covenant to His people. Like peals of loudest thunder His words roll through the earth. The Israel of God stands listening, with their eyes fixed upward.*

I believe this exact day and hour will be announced during the 7 Last Plagues maybe during the 6th Last Plague.

GC 644 *In the lives of all who reject truth (the Lost) there are moments when conscience awakens, when memory presents the torturing recollection of a life of hypocrisy and the soul is harassed with vain regrets.*

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

The Lost will have memories "*torturing recollection*" of their past and it will "*torment*" them, just before the Second Coming and after the Third Coming. God will not torture them by burning them to death in the Lake of Fire.

GC 649 *"These are they which came out of the great tribulation:" they have passed through *the time of trouble (7 T's) such as never was since there was a nation; they have endured the anguish of the time of Jacob's trouble; (6th T to 7 LP) they have stood without an intercessor through the final out-pouring of God's judgments. (7 LP)*

Here Sister White gives a summary of the "*great tribulation*" 1335 days. (*See EW 33 + 85)

GC Chapter 41

Desolation of the Earth **(Second Coming)**

GC 656~7 *"The Lord cometh out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earthy for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain". Isaiah 26:21. "And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem. Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth." Zechariah 14:12*

Some SDA's tell me that this is proof that God will burn The Lost to death in the Lake of Fire, but let's read on a few lines further.

GC 657 *“And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried.” Jeremiah 25:33.*

At the coming of Christ the wicked are blotted from the face of the whole earth—consumed with the spirit of His mouth and destroyed by the brightness of His glory. Christ takes His people to the City of God, and the earth is emptied of its inhabitants.

She is talking about the events of the Second Coming not the Lake of Fire of the Third Coming. So why does she quote *Zechariah 14:12* for a description of the Second Coming? Maybe because Zechariah is using symbolic language and not literal. Also, there are no “*plagues*” at the Third Coming.

GC 658 *Now the event takes place foreshadowed in the last solemn service of the Day of Atonement. When the ministrations in the holy of holies had been completed, and the sins of Israel had been removed from the sanctuary by virtue of the blood of the sin offering, then the scapegoat was presented alive before the Lord*

Could it be that the “*foreshadowed of the last solemn service*” of the Second Coming, God destroyed the wicked by His brightness at the Second Coming, will be the same at His Third Coming? I think so, a quick death is consistent with His character, burning the wicked to death isn't. I believe that “*the last solemn service*” to be the 3rd jury, which is the Lost at the Third Coming.

Rev. 20:3 *He threw him into the Abyss, (bottomless pit) and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended.*

GC 658 *That the expression “bottomless pit” (Rev. 20:3 KJV) represents the earth in a state of confusion and darkness is evident from other scriptures.*

GC 659 *Here is to be the home (prison) of Satan with his evil angels for a thousand years. Limited to the earth, he will not have access to other worlds to tempt and annoy those who have never fallen.*

In Rev. 9:1 & Rev. 20:3 both use the word “*bottomless pit*” in the KJV. In the NIV they use “*abyss*”. Now some people believe that these both have to be the same. They are in one way; that is they both are prisons.

Rev. 20: 7 *When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison*

In Rev. 20 the prison is, as our sister has pointed out, the earth with no people for Satan “*to tempt and annoy.*” In Rev. 9 the prison is not mentioned by our sister but because you have to have a key to open it, it must be a prison that keeps the fallen angels from doing any harm. As soon as it's open that's exactly what they do.

GC 660 *For a thousand years, Satan will wander to and fro in the desolate earth to behold the results of his rebellion against the law of God. During this time his sufferings are intense. (Mental suffering) Since his fall his life of unceasing activity has banished reflection; but he is now deprived of his power and left to contemplate the part which he has acted since first he rebelled against the government of heaven, and to look forward with trembling and terror to the dreadful future when he must suffer for all the evil that he has done and be punished for the sins that he has caused to be committed.*

During the thousand years between the first and the second resurrection the judgment of the wicked takes place. (second jury) The apostle Paul points to this judgment as an event that follows the Second Advent. “Judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts.” 1 Corinthians 4:5. Daniel declares that when the Ancient of Days came, “judgment was given to the saints of the Most High.” Daniel 7:22. ..Rev. 20:4,6 ... 1 Cor. 6:2... In union with Christ they judge the wicked.

The Saved Saints are the 2nd Jury.

GC 661 *At the close of the thousand years the second resurrection will take place. Then the wicked will be raised from the dead and appear before God for the execution of “the judgment written.”*

The “judgment written” has to be after they have been judged by all, which includes themselves, “every knee shall bow and confess”. Then the Judge will pass sentence.

GC Chapter 42

The Controversy Ended (Third Coming)

GC 664 *At last the order to advance is given, and the countless host moves on.... With military precision the serried ranks advance over the earth’s broken and uneven surface to the City of God. By command of Jesus the gates of the New Jerusalem are closed, and the armies of Satan surround the city and make ready for the onset. Now Christ again appears to the view of His enemies. Far above the city,*

GC 666 *In the presence of the assembled inhabitants of earth and heaven the final coronation of the Son of God takes place. And now, invested with supreme majesty and power, the King of kings pronounces sentence upon the rebels against His government and executes justice upon those who have transgressed His law and oppressed His people.*

As soon as the books of record are opened, and the eye of Jesus looks upon the wicked, they are conscious of every sin which they have ever committed.

Above the throne is revealed the cross; and like a panoramic view appear the scenes of Adam’s temptation and fall, and the successive steps in the great plan of redemption.

GC 668 *The whole wicked world stand arraigned at the bar of God on the charge of high treason against the government of heaven. They have none to plead their cause; they are with out excuse, and the sentence of eternal death is pronounced against them. (Another reason for the second resurrection, the Lost have to stand trial.)*

As if entranced, the wicked have looked upon the coronation of the Son of God.

GC 669 *Satan seems paralyzed as he beholds the glory and majesty of Christ....*

Memory recallsHe reviews his workHe recalls his constant efforts to oppose the work of Christ...

GC 670 *Satan sees that his voluntary rebellion has unfitted him for heaven. ... The reproach, which he has endeavored to cast upon Jehovah, rests wholly upon himself. And now Satan bows down and confesses the justice of his sentence.*

GC 671 *With all the facts of the great controversy in view, the whole universe, both loyal and rebellious, with one accord declare: “Just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints.”*

These are the 3 juries, “the whole universe”, 100 percent of all God’s children.

Notwithstanding that Satan has been constrained to acknowledge God's justice and to bow to the supremacy of Christ, his character remains unchanged. The spirit of rebellion, like a mighty torrent, again bursts forth. Filled with frenzy, he determines not to yield the great controversy. The time has come for a last desperate struggle against the King of heaven. He rushes into the midst of his subjects and endeavors to inspire them with his own fury and arouse them to instant battle. But of all the countless millions whom he has allured into rebellion, there are none now to acknowledge his supremacy. His power is at an end. The wicked are filled with the same hatred of God that inspires Satan; but they see that their case is hopeless, that they cannot prevail against Jehovah. Their rage is kindled against Satan and those who have been his agents in deception, and with the fury of demons they turn upon them.

Rev. 14: 20 They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses' bridles for a distance of 1,600 stadia. NIV

GC 672 Fire comes down from God out of heaven. The earth is broken up. The weapons concealed in its depths are drawn forth. Devouring flames burst from every yawning chasm. The very rocks are on fire. "The day has come that shall burn as an oven." "The elements melt with fervent heat, the earth also, and the works that are therein are burned up." Malachi 4:1, 2 Peter 3:10. The earth's surface seems one molten mass; a vast, seething lake of fire.

GC 673 The wicked receive their recompense in the earth. Proverbs 11:31. They "shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts." Malachi 4:1. Some are destroyed as in a moment, while others suffer many days. All are punished "according to their deeds." The sins of the righteous having been transferred to Satan, he is made to suffer not only for his own rebellion, but for all the sins which he has caused God's people to commit. His punishment is to be far greater than that of those whom he has deceived. After all have perished who fell by his deceptions, he is still to live and suffer on. In the cleansing flames the wicked are at last destroyed, root and branch; Satan the root, his followers the branches. The full penalty of the law has been visited, the demands of justice have been met and heaven and earth, beholding, declare the righteousness of Jehovah.

This is the best evidence, which I do not believe, that the Lost will physically burn while they're alive; however, it is still not conclusive. EW page 54 leans more to a quick death. It is not consistent with God's character for one thing. Satan will have 1000 years of mental suffering, and he will suffer longer but it does not mean that God will burn him to death very slowly. Satan is evil and he thinks evil and he knows, "he must suffer", and he will but not at the hands of God. Because the wages of sin is death not torture. Torment & torture will be self-inflicted. He will suffer more mental terror after the third resurrection and the 3rd jury. I believe his greatest suffering, humiliation, will come after he confesses. He will get off his knees and in a rage go out and deceive the Lost into attacking the city. Even worse torment will come when the Lost turn on him. I believe God will cry when he has to put Satan to death, just like King David cried for Absalom.

God's Strange Act is His putting to death, the second death, people He created. His character will never permit Him to torture anyone.

While the earth was wrapped in the fire of destruction, the righteous abode safely in the Holy City. Upon those that had part in the first resurrection, the second death has no power. While God is to the wicked a consuming fire, He is to His, people both a sun and a shield. Revelation 20:6; Psalm 84:11.

GC 674 "I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away." Revelation 21:1 The fire that consumes the wicked purifies the earth. Every trace of sin is swept away.

In the Bible and in the Spirit of Prophecy they only state that the Lost are consumed, destroyed, devoured, physically burned instantaneous. The wages of sin is death, not torture and then death.

How do you explain “Some are destroyed as in a moment, while others suffer many days.” and “Satan, punishment is to be far greater”? Good question, I believe this is where they are “tormented day and night, Rev. 20:10” in their minds before God consumes, destroys, devours them. God is able to shield them from the “consuming fire”, His Glory, which will kill them instantaneous until “the demands of justice have been met” and some are “destroyed as in a moment” by the killing outside the city. One thing that I’m positive about is that God’s character will not allow Him to torture anyone; burn anyone alive unto the second death. God’s wrath is complete after the seven last plagues. *Rev. 15:1* I’m sure that the scene out side the City must take a few days and I believe that the “tormented day and night” will take place then and/or as they are marching, a few days, across the earth as stated in Early Writings p 292/3.

The wicked will suffer but God will not physically burn them alive. The suffering will be brought on by them selves, in their mind, recalling and reliving past experiences. The more sins they have committed the more time it will take to recall and the longer they will suffer. Satan, who has sinned the most, will be the last to die. He is the scapegoat.

Early Writings

Subsequent Visions **(Seven Trumpets)**

EW 33 I saw that God had children who do not see and keep the Sabbath. They have not rejected the light upon it. And at the commencement of the time of trouble, (7 T) we (SDA’s) were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully. This enraged the churches and nominal Adventists, as they could not refute the Sabbath truth. And at this time God’s chosen (Sunday keepers) all saw*

clearly that we (SDA's) had the truth, and they came out and endured the persecution with us. (See Supplement page 85*)

EW Supplement page 85* “The commencement of that time of trouble, *” here mentioned, does not refer to the time when the plagues (7 LP) shall begin to be poured out, but to a short period just before they are poured out, while Christ is in the sanctuary. (7 T) At that time, while the work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming on the earth, (7T) and the nations will be angry, yet held in check so as not to prevent the work of the third angel. At that time the “later rain” or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, will come, to give power to the loud voice of the third angel, and prepare the saints to stand in the period when the seven last plagues shall be poured out.

Our sister confirms that there will be “trouble will be coming on the earth” “a short period just before” “the seven last plagues shall be poured out”, which is what the 7 Trumpets describe.

EW 34 I saw the sword, famine, pestilence, and great confusion in the land. The wicked thought that we had brought the judgments (1~4 T and now the 5th T) upon them, and they rose up and took counsel to rid the earth of us, (6th T) thinking that then the evil would be stayed.

This refers to the first five trumpets and now they want to set in place the sixth trumpet death decree.

In the time of trouble (7 LP) we all fled from the cities and villages, but were pursued by the wicked, who entered the houses of the saints with a sword. ... And as God spoke the day and the hour of Jesus' coming ...

Good news, Sister White states that we don't have to flee to the mountains until the 7 Last Plagues, which I calculate to be only 30 days. Maybe some people will flee a couple of months earlier to their mountain cabins in anticipation. I believe this refers to the 6th Last Plague just before the Second Coming. God will tell us, and/or confirm, exacting the day and the hour.

Then commenced the jubilee, when the land should rest. I saw the pious slave rise in triumph and victory and shake off the chains that bound him, while his wicked master was in confusion and knew not what to do; for the wicked could not understand the words of the voice of God. Soon appeared the great white cloud. It looked more lovely than ever before. On it sat the Son of man.

I believe the “commenced the jubilee, when the land should rest” is the end of the 6000-year-old trial, which will be followed by 1000 years of “jubilee” in heaven.

The Sealing **(Seven Trumpets)**

EW 36 Then I saw that Jesus would not leave the most holy place until every case was decided (sealed) either for salvation or destruction, and that the wrath of God (7 LP, Rev. 15:1) could not come until Jesus had finished His work in the most holy place, laid off His priestly attire, and clothed Himself with the garments of vengeance. Then Jesus will step out from between the Father and man, and God will keep silence no longer, but pour out His wrath on those who have rejected His truth. I saw that the anger of the nations, (7 T) the wrath of God, (7 LP) and the time to judge the dead (3 juries) were separate and distinct, one following the other, also that Michael had not stood up, and that the time of trouble such as never was, (7 LP) had not yet commenced. The nations are now getting angry, (7 T) but when our High Priest has finished His work in the

sanctuary, He will stand up, and put on the garments of vengeance, and then the seven last plagues will be poured out. (Note that this chapters titled is called ‘The Sealing’ not ‘The Last Plagues’.

Rev. 11: 15 *The Kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ...17)
 “Lord God Almighty...you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.”...18)
 “The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets
and your saints and those who reverence your name, and for destroying those who destroy the
earth.”*

I saw that the four angels would hold the four winds until Jesus’ work was done in the sanctuary, and then will come the seven last plagues. These plagues (7 T not 7 LP) enraged the wicked against the righteous; they thought that we had brought the judgments of God upon them and that if they could rid the earth of us, the plagues would then be stayed. A decree went forth to slay the saints, (6th T) which caused them to cry day and night for deliverance. This was the time of Jacob’s trouble. (6th T ~ SC) Then all he saints cried out with anguish of spirit, and were delivered by the voice of God.

Jesus work in the sanctuary is finished because all the living saints are sealed. The first four trumpets will be the catalyst that will have the Sunday law be put in place. The 5th Trumpet will make ‘The nations are now getting angry’ and the 6th Trumpet will have the death decree issued giving the saints a choice to worship on Sunday (man’s law) and be saved or worship on Saturday (God’s law) and be killed. When every one makes their choice, ‘every case was decided (sealed) either for salvation or destruction’, These plagues enraged the wicked against the righteous’ and because they failed to obey man’s law ‘decree went forth to slay the saints’, the death decree will be acted upon. I believe from this that the time of Jacob’s trouble starts with the sixth trumpet and ends when Christ comes. They have to choose Sabbath or Sunday, kill or be killed, “then will come the seven last plagues.” and it looks, to them, as if they will be killed.

Luke 21:25 *There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. (2nd T) 26) Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. (1st ~ 3rd T) 27) At that time (ETE) they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28) When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.... 32) “I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.”*

Rev. 9: 20 *The rest of mankind that were not killed by these plagues (7T) still did not repent.*

The Bible refers to the 7 Trumpets as “these plagues”. The 7 Trumpets are not interpreted as plagues in the historic interpretation. Our sister says nothing about the 7 Trumpets as plagues directly, but in EW 33 + 85 she state that there will be plagues before the 7 LP. She was not shown any vision that she directly relates to them. Maybe this is why we must “prophesy again”.

Rev. 10:11 *Then I was told, “You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, languages and kings.”*

Shaking of the Powers of Heaven (Seven Trumpets)

EW 41 *Dark, heavy clouds came up and clashed against each other. The atmosphere parted and rolled back; then we could look up through the open space in Orion whence came the voice of God. The Holy City will come down through that open space.*

Orion can only be seen by both hemispheres in the spring and the fall. We know that Jesus was born (His First Coming) in the fall and that in spring we celebrate His resurrection, which was on Sunday, which represents the counterfeit to the true Sabbath, the day of the Lord. Therefore; I believe that the Second Coming will be in the Fall of the Northern Hemisphere.

The Open and the Shut Door **(Seven Trumpets)**

EW 44 *Satan was trying his every art to hold them where they were, until the sealing was past, until the covering was drawn over God's people, and they left without a shelter from the burning wrath of God, in the seven last plagues.*

The sealing of the living will be finished at the 7th Trumpet, the wrath of God which is followed by the 7 Last Plagues, the burning wrath of God, the withdrawing of His protection.

EW 50 *The mighty shaking (7 T) has commenced and will go on and all will be shaken out who are not willing to take a bold and unyielding stand for the truth (7 T) and to sacrifice (die, 7 LP) for God and His cause.*

The Last Plagues and the Judgment **(Seven Trumpets, Second & Third Coming)**

EW 52 *At the general conference of believers in the present of truth, held at Sutton, Vermont, September, 1850, I was shown that the seven last plagues will be poured out after Jesus leaves the sanctuary. Said the angel; "It is the wrath of God and the Lamb that causes the destruction or death of the wicked. (The time frame is prior to the Second Coming.) At the voice of God the saints will be mighty and terrible as an army with banners, but they will not then execute the judgment written. The execution of the judgment will be at the close of the one thousand years." (After the 3rd Jury)*

After the saints are changed to immortality and caught up together with Jesus, after they receive their harps, their robes, and; their crowns, and enter the city, Jesus and the saints sit in judgment. "Behold ye," said the angel, "the saints, in unison with Jesus, sit in judgment, and mete out to the wicked according to the deeds done in the body, and that which they must receive at the execution of the judgment is set off against their names."

"Jesus and the saints (The Saved) sit in judgment" are the 2nd Jury.

EW 54 *Then the wicked saw what they had lost; and fire was breathed from God upon them and consumed them. This was the execution of the judgment. The wicked then received according as the saints, in unison with Jesus, had mete out to them during the one thousand years. The same fire from God that consumed the wicked purified the whole earth. The broken, ragged mountains melted with fervent heat, the atmosphere also, and all he stubble was consumed. Then our inheritance opened before us, glorious and beautiful, and we inherited the whole earth made new. We all shouted with a loud voice, "Glory; Alleluia!"*

The “*execution of the judgment*” is after the Third Coming and “*fire was breathed from God upon them and consumed them*”. To consume something is very quick. What is meant by “*The wicked then received according as the saints, in unison with Jesus, had mete out to them during the one thousand years*”? Could it be that they are allowed to live longer and be tormented in their minds? The more sins they’ve committed the longer they had to live to recall them all and be tormented by their own memories. This is more consistent with God’s Character than the doctrine that God will physically, slowly burning, some for days, to death His creations.

Duty in View of the Time of Trouble **(Seven Trumpets)**

EW 56 The Lord has shown me repeatedly that it is contrary to the Bible to make any provision for our temporal wants (worldly wants) in the time of trouble. (7 LP)

Houses and lands will be of no use to the saints in the time of trouble, (7 LP) for they will then have to flee before infuriated mobs, and at that time their possessions cannot be disposed of to advance the cause of present truth.

I believe it will be OK to have some idea where a good place to flee. “*Temporal wants in the time of trouble*” I believe is defines as ‘worldly wants’ such as houses, lands, jobs, bank accounts etc. as given above. I think we should have a stock pile of food for one or two months and clothes etc. I also believe that we will have to flee our mountain hideout a few days just before the Second Coming and depend on “*angels provided them food and water*”. This subject is another side issue that I haven’t dug into much.

EW 282 I saw the saints leaving the cities and villages, and associating together in companies, and living in the most solitary places. Angels provided them food and water.

EW 58 I saw that the time for Jesus to be in the most holy place was nearly finished and that time can last but a very little longer. What leisure time we have should be spent in searching the Bible, which is to judge us in the last day.

The Mark of the Beast **(Seven Trumpets)**

EW 65 The pope (SLW) has made a breach in the holy law of God but I saw that the time had fully come for this breach to be made up by the people of God and the waste places built up.

EW 66 Then my eyes were taken from the glory and I was pointed to the remnant on the earth. The angel said to them, “Will ye shun the seven last plagues? Will ye go to glory and enjoy all that God has prepared for those who love Him and are willing to suffer for His sake? If so, ye must die that ye; may live. Get ready, get ready, get ready. Ye must have a greater preparation (7 T) than ye now have, for the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate and to destroy the sinners thereof out of it.”

EW 67 Heaven will be cheap enough, if we obtain it through suffering. We must deny self all along the way, die to self daily, let Jesus alone appear, and keep His glory continually in view. I saw that those who of late have embraced the truth would have trials to pass through (7 T) that would be keen and cutting, in order that they may be purified and fitted through suffering to receive the seal of the living God, pass through the time of trouble, (7 LP) see the King in His beauty, (SC) and dwell in the presence of God and of pure, holy angels. (1000 years in Heaven.)

Please note the sequence of events, 7T, 7LP, SC.

But now time is almost finished and what we have been years learning, they (Sunday keepers) will have to learn in a few months. (More than the 30 days of the 7 LP) They will also have much to unlearn and much to learn again. Those who would not receive the mark of the beast and his image when the decree goes forth, must have decision now to say, 'Nay', we will not regard the institution of the beast.

The period of time will be only *a few months*. “Those who of late have embraced the truth would have trials to pass through”, and “when the decree goes forth, must have decision” EW 67, are before the sealing, which is before the 7 Last Plagues. Therefore they can only refer to the 7 Trumpets, which is called by Rev. 9:20 ‘these plagues’.

The Gathering Time (Seven Trumpets)

EW 74 *September 23, the Lord showed me that He had stretched out His hand the second time to recover the remnant of His people, (first was 1844) and that efforts must be redoubled in this gathering time. In the scattering, Israel was smitten and torn, but now in the gathering time God will heal and bind up His people.*

“*This gathering time*” is before the 7 Last Plagues; therefore it must refer to the 7 Trumpets period.

Then I saw in relation to the “daily” (Dan. 8:12) that the word “sacrifice” was supplied by man’s wisdom, and does not belong to the text, and that the Lord gave the correct view of it to those who gave the judgment hour cry. When union existed, before 1844, nearly all were united on the correct view of the “daily”; but in the confusion since 1844, other views have been embraced, and darkness and confusion have followed. Time has not been a test since 1844, and it will never again be a test.

“*Time will never again be a test*” but it doesn’t mean that the Children of the Light can not examine the “*Time*” given in Daniel chapter 12.

The Shaking (Seven Trumpets)

EW 270 *I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the True Witness to the Laodiceans. This will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver, and will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. Some will not bear this straight testimony. They will rise up against it and this is what will cause a shaking among God’s people.*

The “*True Witness to the Laodiceans*” are God’s people for the end time events. We have been preaching the straight truth for 150 years but during the 7 Trumpet period, the Gathering period, the straight truth will be pour out after the 4th Trumpet for 1260 days, 3 ½ years and a lot of professed church people (SDA’s) will be shaken out.

I saw that the testimony of the True Witness has not been half heeded. The solemn testimony upon which the destiny of the church hangs has been lightly esteemed, if not entirely disregarded. This testimony must work deep repentance all who truly receive it will obey it and be purified.

This happens during the sealing time, probation time, and 7 Trumpets time.

EW 271 Said the angel, "Look Ye!" My attention was then turned to the company I had seen who were mightily shaken. I was shown those whom I had before seen weeping and praying in agony of spirit. The company of guardian angels around them had been doubled, and they were clothed with an armor from their head to their feet. They moved in exact order, like a company of soldiers. Their countenances expressed the severe conflict which they had endured, the agonizing struggle they had passed through.

The numbers of this company had lessened. Some had been shaken out and left by the way. The careless and indifferent, who did not join with those who prized victory and salvation enough to perseveringly plead and agonize for it, did not obtain it and they (SDA's) were left behind in Darkness, and their places were immediately filled by others (Sunday keepers) taking hold of the truth and coming into the ranks. Evil angels still pressed around them, but could have no power over them.

I heard those clothed with the armor speak forth the truth with great power. It had effect. Many had been bound; some wives by their husbands, and some children by their parents. The honest who had been prevented from hearing the truth now eagerly laid hold upon it. All fear of their relatives was gone, and the truth alone was exalted to them. They had been hungering and thirsting for truth; it was dearer and more precious than life. I asked what had made this great change. An angel answered, "It is the latter rain, the refreshing from the presence of the Lord, the loud cry of the third angel." (7 T)

EW 272 Day and night their cry ceased not: "Thy will, O God, be done! If it can glorify Thy name, make a way of escape for Thy people! Deliver us from the heathen around about us. They have appointed us unto death; but Thine arm can bring salvation." These are all the words, which I can bring to mind. All seemed to have a deep sense of their unworthiness and manifested entire submission to the will of God; yet, like Jacob, every one, without an exception, was earnestly pleading and wrestling for deliverance.

The death decree is during the sixth trumpet.

The Loud Cry (Seven Trumpets)

EW 277 I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven, descending to the earth, and again ascending to heaven, preparing for the fulfillment of some important event. Then I saw another mighty angel commissioned to descend to the earth, to unite his voice with the third angel, and give power and force to his message. Great power and glory were imparted to the angel, and as he descended, the earth was lightened with his glory. The light which attended this angel penetrated everywhere, as he cried mightily, with a strong voice, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." The message of the fall of Babylon, as given by the second angel, is repeated, (7 T) with the additional mention of the corruption, which have been entering the churches since 1844. The work of this angel comes in at the right time to join in the last great work of the third angel's message as it swells to a loud cry. And the people of God are thus prepared to stand in the hour of temptation, (7 LP) which they are soon to meet.

Angels were sent to aid the mighty angel from heaven, and I heard voices which seemed to sound everywhere, "Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

The 7 Last Plagues (*last*) are referred to as "*her plagues*".

EW 278 The glory of God rested upon the patient, waiting saints, and they fearlessly gave the last solemn warning, proclaiming the fall of Babylon and calling upon God's people to come out of her that they might escape her fearful doom.

The third message was to do its work; all were to be tested (7 T) upon it, and the precious ones all were to be called out from the religious bodies. ... I saw that this message will close with power and strength far exceeding the midnight cry. (of 1844)

The Third Angel's Message Closed **(Seven Trumpets)**

EW 279 I was pointed down to the time when the third angel's message was closing. (6th T) The power of God had rested upon His people; they had accomplished their work and were prepared for the trying hour (7 LP 30 days) before them. They had received the latter rain, (7 T) or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and the living testimony had been revived. The last great warning (7 T) had sounded everywhere, and it had stirred up and enraged the inhabitants of the earth who would not receive the message.

I believe "the trying hour" is not prophetic but a general time statement.

I saw angels' hurrying to and fro in heaven. An angel with a writer's inkhorn by his side returned from the earth and reported to Jesus that his work was done, and the saints were numbered and sealed. (Rev. 7: 3+4 the sealing of the 144, 000) Then I saw Jesus, who had been ministering before the ark containing the ten commandments, throw down the censer. He raised His hands and with a loud voice said, "It is done." (7th T) (See comments GC 613.)

EW 282 The people turned upon their ministers with bitter hate and reproached them, saying, "You have not warned us. You told us that all the world was to be converted, and cried, Peace, peace, to quiet every fear that was aroused. You have not told us of this hour; and those who warned us of it you declared to be fanatics and evil; men, who would ruin us." But I saw that the ministers did not escape the wrath of God. Their suffering was tenfold greater than that of their people.

Keep in mind 'their suffering was tenfold' is during the Second Coming and not at the Lake of Fire and the Third Coming. They are not suffering from any physical fire. I believe this suffering is not in reference to the 7 Last Plagues but to mental suffering because they have known the truth but did not preach it.

The Time of Trouble **(Seven Last Plagues)**

EW 282 I saw the saints leaving the cities and villages, and associating together in companies, and living in the most solitary places. Angels provided them food and water, while the wicked were suffering from hunger and thirst. Then I saw the leading men of the earth consulting together, and Satan and his angels busy around them. I saw a writing, copies of which were scattered in different parts of the land, giving orders that unless the saints should yield their peculiar faith, week, the people were at liberty after a certain time to put them to death. (Queen Ester's experience exactly.)

EW 283 Soon I saw the saints suffering great mental anguish. They seemed surrounded by the wicked inhabitants of the earth.

It was an hour of fearful, terrible agony to the saints. Day and night they cried unto God for deliverance.

This "terrible agony, mental anguish, Day and night" is during the 7 Last Plagues and not at the Lake of Fire.

EW 284 *I was pointed back to faithful Noah. When the rain descended and the flood came, Noah and his family had entered the ark and God had shut them in. Noah had faithfully warned the inhabitants of the antediluvian world, while they had mocked and derided him. So I saw that the people of God, who had faithfully warned the world of His coming wrath, would be delivered.*

Gen. 6:3 *Then the Lord said, “My Spirit will not contend with man forever, for he is mortal; his days will be a hundred and twenty years.”*

7:10 *And after the seven days the floodwaters came on the earth.*

:17 *For the flood kept coming on the earth.*

The beginning of the Antediluvian’s close of probation was at the start of Noah’s 120 years of warning the people. When the door on Noah’s Ark closed, it was their close of probation, then there was 7 days, followed by 40 days of flooding. Just like the 7 Trumpets will warn the world and be followed by the 7 Last Plagues.

Deliverance of the Saints **(Second Coming)**

EW 285 *It was at midnight that God chose to deliver His people. As the wicked were mocking around them, suddenly the sun appeared, shining in his strength, and the moon stood still.*

Orion can be seen best at midnight. Which time zone this will happen we don’t know.

The Earth Desolated **(Second Coming)**

EW 289 *My attention was directed to the earth. The wicked had been destroyed, and their dead bodies were lying upon its surface. The wrath of God in the seven last plagues had been visited upon the inhabitants of the earth, causing them to gnaw their tongues from pain and to curse God. The false shepherds had been the signal objects of Jehovah’s wrath. Their eyes had consumed away in their holes, and their tongues in their mouths, while they stood upon their feet. After the saints had been delivered by the voice of God, the wicked multitude turned their rage upon one another. The earth seemed to be deluged with blood, and dead bodies were from one end of it to the other.*

Rev. 14:20 *They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses’ bridles for a distance of 1,600 stadia. (NIV)*

This refers to Rev 14:14-20, “The Harvest of the Earth” at the Second Coming. I believe our sister is speaking figuratively when she states with reference to the *false shepherds*: “Their eyes had consumed away in their holes, and their tongues in their mouths, while they stood upon their feet.” I don’t think any one could stand up if this happened literally. In the GC 656 ~ 657 she describes the same scene but she quotes Zechariah 14:12 which is the same figurative language.

EW 290 *Here is to be the home of Satan with his evil angels for a thousand years. ... During this time, Satan suffers extremely. (mentally) Since his fall his evil traits have been in constant exercise. But he is then to be deprived of his power, and left to reflect upon the part which he has acted since his fall, and to look forward with trembling and terror to the dreadful future, when he must suffer for all the evil that he has done and be punished for all the sins that he has caused to be committed.*

Then I saw thrones, and Jesus and the redeemed saints sat upon them; and the saints reigned as kings and priests unto God. Christ, in union with His people, judged the wicked dead, (2nd Jury) comparing their acts

with the statute book, the Word of God, and deciding every case according to the deeds done in the body. Then they, according to their works; and it was written in against their names in the book of death. Satan also and his angels were judged by Jesus and the saints. Satan's punishment was to be far greater than that of those whom he had deceived. His suffering would so far exceed theirs as to bear no comparison with it. After all those whom he had deceived had perished, Satan was still to live and suffer on much longer.

Once again the “meted out to the wicked the portion, which they must suffer” is self-inflicted mental anguish, the more they have sinned the more they have to recall and suffer. There is no concrete evidence of physical flesh burning suffering.

The Second Resurrection **(Third Coming)**

EW 292 *All (the Lost) are seeking to hide in the rocks, to shield themselves from the terrible glory of Him whom they once despised. (This is the same scene at the Second Coming but the following sentence has this scene at the Third Coming; thus there must be two of the same scenes at different times.) And, overwhelmed and pained with His majesty and exceeding glory, they (the Lost) with one accord raise their voices, and with terrible distinctness exclaim, “Bless is He that cometh in the name of the Lord!” (At the Second Coming the Lost “curse the name of God”, Rev. 16: 9; therefore this must be the 3rd Jury confessing God was right.)*

EW 293 *Then Jesus and the holy angels, accompanied by all the saints, again go to the city, and the bitter lamentations and wailing's of the doomed wicked fill the air. Then I saw that Satan again commenced his work.*

Satan succeeds in deceiving them, and all immediately begin to prepare themselves for battle.

The Lost are the 3rd Jury, every one will confess, then Satan starts his battle march to the city. Our sisters' statement “*Then I saw*” doesn't mean that the sequence of events happen in the order that she writes. In this case it might or it might not. The same applies to what she writes in the GC because the sequences of events are different in GC then in EW.

The Second Death **(Third Coming)**

EW 294 *Satan rushes into the midst of his followers and tries to stir up the multitude to action. But fire from God out of heaven is rained upon them, and the great men, and mighty men, the noble, the poor and miserable, are all consumed together. I saw that some were quickly destroyed, while others suffered longer. They were punished according to the deeds done in the body. Some many days consuming and just as long as there was apportion of them unconsumed, all the sense of suffering remained. Said the angel, “The worm of life shall not die; their fire shall not be quenched as long as there is the least particle for it to prey upon.”*

What does “*The worm of life*” mean? I believe this is used figuratively. I believe it means a person's memory. I believe the term “*their fire*” is the recalling of every sin, which is like a fire of torment in their minds that preys upon every evil deed until all have been recalled and then they die. The more they've sinned the longer the suffering.

Satan and his angels suffered long. Satan bore not only the weight and punishment of his own sins, but also of the sins of the redeemed host, which had been placed upon him; and he must also suffer for the ruin of souls which he had caused. Then I saw that Satan and all the wicked host were consumed, and the justice of God was satisfied; and all the redeemed saints, with a loud voice said, "Amen!"

I then looked and saw the fire which had consumed the wicked, burning up the rubbish and purifying the earth.

Once again I say the wicked will suffer but God will not physically burn them alive because His wrath is complete at the 7LP. The suffering will be brought on by them selves, in their mind, recalling and reliving past experiences. The more sins they have committed the more the more time it will take to recall and the longer they will suffer. Satan, who has sinned the most, will be the last to die.

Evangelism (Seven Trumpets)

EV 27 If Heaven's Warnings Go Unheeded. I am bidden to declare the message that cities full of transgression, and sinful in the extreme, will be destroyed by earthquakes, by fire, by flood. (7 T) All the world will be warned (still a chance, 7 T Loud Cry) that there is a God who will display His authority (wakes up the world) as God His unseen agencies will cause destruction, devastation, and death. All the accumulated riches will be as nothingness.

Calamities will come, calamities most awful, most unexpected; (1Thess. 5:3 While people are saying "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly) and these destruction's will follow one after another. If there will be a heeding of the warnings that God has given, and if churches will repent, (still a chance, 7 T) returning to their allegiance, then other cities may be spared for a time.

Strictly will the cities of the nations be dealt with and yet they will not be visited in the extreme of God's indignation, (which is the 7 LP) because some souls will yet break away from the delusions of the enemy and will repent and be converted, (during the 7 T) while the mass will be treasuring up wrath against the day of wrath. Manuscript 35, 1906

Out of these *calamities* (not atomic warfare) will come people that will *repent* and be saved; therefore, they happen before the 7 Last Plagues and must be the 7 Trumpets. *The day of wrath*, 7 LP I believe is figurative and means a short time period, say 30 days.

*EV 29 A View of Great Destruction. Last Friday morning, just before I woke, a very impressive scene was presented before me. I seemed to awake from sleep but was not in my home. From the windows I could behold a terrible conflagration. **Great balls of fire** were falling upon houses, and from these balls fiery arrow were flying in every direction. It was impossible to check the fires that were kindled, an many places were being destroyed. The terror of the people was indescribable. After a time I awoke and found myself at home. Letter 278, 1906*

Testimonies (Seven Trumpets)

9T 28 *An Impressive Scene. In the visions of the night a very impressive scene passed before me. I saw **an immense ball of fire** fall among some beautiful mansions, causing their instant destruction. I heard someone say: "We knew that the judgments of God were coming upon the earth, but we did not know that they would come so soon." Others, with agonized voices, said: "You knew! Why then did you not tell us? We did not know." On every side I heard similar words of reproach spoken. (We must warn the world before it happens.)*

Rev 8: 6 *Then the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to sound them. 7) The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with Blood, and it was hurled down upon the earth. An third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up. And all the green grass was burned up.*

Because the book of Rev. is a symbolic prophetic book, I believe the agent, the symbolic principle, the actor, in the message is symbolic and the results will be literal to the point of sound principles of prophetic interpretation. That is, that the general points of picture is given in the literal interpretation, they are not exact and are described as best that the writer could with the knowledge of the times. I believe the agent, "There came hail and fire mixed with blood" to be symbolic for a meteorite shower. I believe this is what E.G. White saw in her **great balls of fire** vision.

Manuscript 53, 1910 Because Large Cities Will Be Swept Away. Everywhere there are men who should be out in active ministry, giving the last message of warning to a fallen world. The work that should long ago have been in active operation to win souls to Christ has not been done. The inhabitants of the ungodly cities so soon to be visited by calamities have been cruelly neglected. The time is near when large cities will be swept away and all should be warned of these coming judgments. But who is giving to the accomplishment of this work the wholehearted service that God requires?

*Review and Herald, Sept. 10, 1903 **Destruction of Thousands of Cities.**
O that God's people had a sense of the impending destruction of thousands of cities, now almost given to idolatry.*

Rev. 8: 8 *"The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea, a third of the sea turned into blood, 9) a third of the living creatures in the sea died and a third of the ships were destroyed."*

I believe the agent is an Asteroid. I believe this is what is being referred to in:

Luke 21: 25 There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. 26) Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken.

I believe E.G. Whites vision of "destruction of thousands of cities", Rev. 8:8 and what Luke saw in 21:25 are the same.

2T 693 *The special test (7 LP) upon the fourth commandment did not come until after the temple of God was opened in heaven.*

Previous to His coming to judge the world in righteousness, He sends forth a warning (7 T) to arouse the people and call their attention to their neglect of the fourth commandment, that they may be enlightened and may repent of their transgression of His law, and prove their allegiance to the great Lawgiver. He has made provision that all may be holy and happy if they choose.

5T 463 The work, which the church has failed to do in a time of peace and prosperity, she will have to do in a terrible crisis under most discouraging, forbidding circumstances. The warnings that worldly conformity has silenced or withheld must be given under the fiercest opposition from enemies of the faith.

The Bible says there will be 'Peace and Safety' (not atomic warfare) then 'sudden destruction'. The SOP states *peace and prosperity* and *terrible crisis* this sounds like we will have to give the loud cry during the 7T.

7T 219 The time has come when everything is to be shaken that can be shaken, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Every case is coming in review before God; He is measuring the temple and the worshipers therein.

Rev. 11:1 I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, "Go and measure the temple of God and the; altar and count the worshipers therein.

7T 219 "He is measuring the temple and the worshipers therein." This sounds like the same event and Rev. 11 which is in the future.

Last Days Events

P 95 "Read every verse of Revelation eleven, it is yet to take place."

Away From the Cities

Get out of the cities as soon as possible and purchase a little piece of land where you can have a garden, where your children can watch the flowers growing and learn from them lessons of simplicity and purity.-- 2SM 356 (1903).

Out of the cities, is my message at this time. Be assured that the call is for our people to locate miles away from the large cities. One look at San Francisco as it is today would speak to your intelligent minds, showing you the necessity of getting out of the cities. . . .

The Lord calls for His people to locate away from the cities, for in such an hour as ye think not, fire and brimstone will be rained from heaven upon these cities. Proportionate to their sins will be their visitation. When one city is destroyed, let not our people regard this matter as a light affair, and think that they may, if favorable opportunity offers, build themselves homes in that same destroyed city. . . .

MR 1518 (May 10, 1906). Let all who would understand the meaning of these things read the eleventh chapter of Revelation. Read every verse, and learn the things that are yet to take place in the cities. Read also the scenes portrayed in the eighteenth chapter of the same book. \

Fathers and mothers who possess a piece of land and a comfortable home are kings and queens.--AH 141 (1894).

8T 118 *The Loud Cry As foretold in the eighteenth of Revelation, the third angel's message is to be proclaimed with great power by those who give the final warning (still have a chance, 7 T) against the beast and his image”*

8T 302 *The solemn messages that have been given in their order in the Revelation are to occupy the first place in the minds of God's people. Nothing else is to be allowed to engross our attention.*

15 Manuscript Release 228 (1903) *“Let us read and study the **12th chapter of Daniel**. It is a warning that we shall all need to understand before the end.” (It is not to be interpreted as historic but future.)*

Testimonies to Ministers

(Now)

The Study of the Books of Daniel and the Revelation

TM 112 God's Spirit has illuminated every page of Holy Writ, but there are those upon whom it makes little impression, because it is imperfectly understood. When the shaking comes, (future) by the introduction of false theories, these surface readers, anchored nowhere, are like shifting sand. They slide into any position to suit the tenor of their feelings of bitterness. Daniel and Revelation must be studied, as well as the other prophecies of the Old and New Testaments. Let be light, yes light, in your dwellings. For this we need to pray. The Holy Spirit, shining upon the sacred page, will open our understanding, that we may know what is truth.

I want truth and nothing but the truth. Please show me my errors in this study. Prove me wrong. If you can't but are not convicted yet, please keep this study in mind and handy until you can find proof of my erroneous belief and then advise me. Or when these events do take place, so that you can share the truth with others.

There is need of much closer study of the word of God; especially should Daniel and the Revelation have attention as never before in the history of our work.

The light that Daniel received from God was given especially for these last days.

TM 113 The very name "Revelation" contradicts the statement that it is a sealed book. "Revelation" means that something of importance is revealed.

TM 116 We are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Many of the prophecies are about to be fulfilled in quick succession. Every element of power is about to be set to work. Past history will be repeated; (1844) old controversies will arouse to new life and peril will beset God's people on every side.

Rev. 10:10 I took the little scroll (Daniel) from the angel's hand and ate it. It tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it, my stomach turned sour. 11) Then I was told, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, languages and kings."

I believe this 1844 message will be repeated during the 7 Trumpets. We will prophesy again the true end time 7 Trumpets message that no one has ever heard.

TM 117 The books of Daniel and the Revelation should be bound together and published. A few explanations of certain portions might be added, but I am not sure that these would be needed.

Every effort is to be made to give the light, not only to our people, but to the world. (This is why I have written the first part of this book interdenominational and having it published by a non Adventist publishing house.) I have been instructed that the prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation should be printed in small books, with; the necessary explanations and should be sent all over the world. Our own people need to have the light placed before them in clearer lines.

Compare my study with others and you will find that my explanations are according to the SOP 'a few explanations, necessary explanations'. Now I would like to be proven wrong or have it "sent all over the world".

Selected Messages (Seven Trumpets)

3SM 386 *Many Not in Our Ranks to Come to the Front* – There are many souls to come out of the ranks of the world, out of the churches, even **the Catholic church**, whose zeal will far exceed that of those who have stood in rank and file to **proclaim the truth** heretofore. For this reason the eleventh hour laborers will receive their penny. These will see the battle coming and will give the **trumpet** a certain sound. When the crisis is upon us, when the season of calamity shall come, they will come to the front, gird themselves with the whole armor of God and exalt His law, adhere to the faith of Jesus, and maintain the cause of religious liberty which reformers defended with toil and for which they sacrificed their lives.

3SM 387 Our own land is to become a battlefield on which is to be carried on the struggle for religious liberty, to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience. Then can we not discern the work of the enemy in keeping men asleep who ought to be awake, whose influence shall not be neutral, but wholly and entirely on the Lord's side? **Shall men cry, Peace and safety**, now, when **sudden destruction is coming upon the world**, when God's wrath shall be poured out? Manuscript 30, 1889.

PP 104 When the reasoning of philosophy has banished the fear of God's judgments; **when religious teachers** are pointing forward to long ages of **peace and prosperity**, and the world are absorbed in their rounds of business and pleasure, planting and building, feasting and merrymaking, rejecting God's warnings and mocking His messengers—then it is that **sudden destruction cometh** upon them, and they shall not escape, 1 Thessalonians 5:3

SDA's have not made a stand on what this "sudden destruction is coming upon the world" is; I have provided this study in the hopes that they will.

3SM 397 *Persecution in the Battle Before the Last Closing Conflict.* The two armies will stand distinct and separate, and this distinction will be so marked that many who shall be convinced of the truth will come on the side of God's commandment-keeping people. When this grand work is to take place in the battle, prior to the last closing conflict, many will be imprisoned, many will flee for their lives from cities and towns, and many will be martyrs for Christ's sake in standing in defense of the truth. ... You will not be tempted above what you are able to bear. Jesus bore all this and far more.

3SM 417 A world is represented in the destruction of Jerusalem, and the warning given then by Christ comes sounding down the line to our time: "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; the sea and the waves roaring" (Luke 21: 25). Yes, they shall pass their orders, and destruction will be in their track. They will engulf the ships that sail upon their broad waters, and with the burden of their living freight, they will be hurried into eternity, without time to repent. (There was still time to repent, thus this has to be the 7T time frame.)

Conclusion

What would be great is a few people to brain storm this subject to come up with idea's that would improve this study, so that it can be made even clearer than it is to people who know very little on this subject. Because in the end we will have to explain our idea's to people that will 'come out of her' from the Bible and Bible only. I'm sure that I've missed some relevant Bible verses that would make this study clearer to those people.

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Appendix A

Questions:

Are the 7 Trumpets & 7 Last Plagues Together?

Reasons for placing the 7T & 7LP's together are as follows:

1. *Rev. 7:3 + 4* appears to apply to the first four trumpets and the 7 LP. However, these can only be applied to the 7 LP because probation is closed and the saints are sealed before the *land, sea* and *trees* are harmed. Judgment started with the saints; Abel first and down the ages up to the time of the living. As people come out and take their stand for God they are sealed. The sealing is a process which ends with the 7th trumpet.

Rev. 7:3 *Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God. 4) Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144, 000 from all the tribes of Israel.*

2. *Rev. 8:1~6* is the 7th Seal which is the Close of Probation and then what appears to happen is the 7 T which seem to be immediately after the Close of Probation. However; John's first vision of the seven trumpets takes place in heaven. *Rev. 8: 2 ~ 5*. This vision gives us a picture of the two end time events that involves the Heavenly sanctuary.

Rev. 8: 2 *And I saw the seven angels who stand before God and to them were given seven trumpets. 3) (First Picture) Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all the saints, on the golden altar before the throne. 4) The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of the saints, went up before God from the angel's hand. 5) (Second Picture) Then the angel took the censer, filled it (again, second time) with fire from the altar, (no incense, prayers) and hurled it on the earth; (close of probation) and there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake.*

Rev. 7: 14 *"These are they who have come out of the great tribulation."*

Rev. 16: 17 *The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, "It is done!" 18) Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake.*

The first picture is a censer with much incense, which I believe to be the seven trumpet period; the time of tribulation, before probation closes, because prayers are still effectively being presented to God. The second picture is a censer without any incense but filled only with fire which is hurled on the earth. I believe this to be the close of probation, which is followed immediately by the seven last plagues, *Rev. 15 + 16*, the time of great tribulation, *Rev. 7: 14*. The seventh plague of the seven last plagues, *Rev. 16:18*, is the same as this second vision of *Rev. 8:5*.

I can't think of any other Biblical reasons, can you?

Reasons against placing the 7T & 7LP's together are as follows:

1. *Rev. 22:11*, the 7th Seal and the 7th Trumpet are the same, the Close of Probation. They do not follow in chronological order; therefore *Rev. 8:6* "Then" may be taken as a different time period. Just as the events in *Rev. 12* are not in chronological order.
2. *Rev. 9:20* "The rest of mankind that were not killed by these plagues still did not repent" This takes place during the 6th T. It tells us that they could repent therefore the 7 T period, has to be before the Close of Probation.
3. The 7T & 7 LP are both called plagues, 7T "these plagues" are warnings of the "7 last plagues" to come, the final test.
4. *Rev. 10:7* "But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished." The 'mystery of God' is the plan of salvation, see *Eph 6:19* & *Col 2:2* & *4:3*. *Matt. 24:14* "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations and then the end will come." A testimony, a warning to all nations, "then the end will come" the end of the gift of salvation, the Close of Probation.
5. The 7 T & 7 LP are different. *Rev. 8:8* "A third of the sea turned into blood" *Rev. 16:3* "The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a dead man, and every living thing in the sea died." Blood and Blood of a dead man are totally different, "1/3 of the sea" and "the sea" 100% are totally different. The world wouldn't last 1335 days with "every living thing in the sea died". I believe the 7 LP will be about 30 days and the world could last that long.
6. *Rev. 14: 6 ~ 13* is titled 'The Three Angels' which gives warning to people and it is followed by *Rev. 15* 'Seven Angels with Seven Plagues' which separates the 7 Trumpet warning plagues from the 7 Last plagues.
7. *1 Thes. 5:3* While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly. If the destruction was the 7 LP then there would be no probationary period; a time period for people to "come out of her, my people, *Rev. 18: 4*. Therefore; there has to be a probation period, which is the 7 T.

I'm sure there are more reasons; let me know if you can think of any.

Reasons against placing the 7T & 7LP's together from the S.O.P. only are as follows:

1. *EW 33* "I saw that God had children who do not see and keep the Sabbath. They have not rejected the light upon it. And at the commencement of the time of trouble*, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully. This enraged the churches and nominal Adventists, as they could not refute the Sabbath truth. And at this time God's chosen all saw clearly that we had the truth, and they came out and endured the persecution with us. (See Supplement page 85*)"

*EW 85 Supplement page 85** "The commencement of that time of trouble*," here mentioned, does not refer to the time when he plagues shall begin to be poured out, but to a short period just before they

are poured out, while Christ is in the sanctuary. At that time, while the work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming on the earth, and the nations will be angry, yet held in check so as not to prevent the work of the third angel. At that time the “later rain” or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, will come, to give power to the loud voice of the third angel, and prepare the saints to stand in the period when the seven last plagues shall be poured out.”

Our sister confirms that there will be ‘*trouble will be coming on the earth*’ ‘*a short period just before*’ ‘*the seven last plagues shall be poured out*’, which I believe is what the 7 Trumpets describe.

2. The SOP GC chapter 39, ‘The Time of Trouble’ period is after probation is closed. Before this comes the chapter’s entitled, 35 *Liberty of Conscience Threatened*, 36 *The Impending Conflict*, 37 *The Scriptures a Safeguard*, & 38 *The Final Warning*. Chapters 35 ~ 38 are the 7 Trumpet period. They, just like a Trumpet, give us warning. S.O.P. never puts the 7 Trumpets and 7 Last Plagues together.
3. EGW describes two different plagues just as the Bible describes two different plagues. GC 628 & 629 “*These plagues*” (7 LP) *are not universal, or the inhabitants of the earth would be wholly cut off. Yet they will be the most awful scourges that have ever been known to mortals. All the judgments upon men, prior to the close of probation, (7T) have been mingled with mercy. The pleading blood of Christ has shielded the sinner from receiving the full measure of his guilt; but in the final judgment, (7 LP’s) wrath is poured out unmixed with mercy.”*
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Sister White calls the 7 Trumpets, *the judgments with mercy*, and the 7 Last Plagues, *final judgments with no mercy*.

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