

CHAPTER 12

Overcoming in Light of Jesus' Soon Return

AT THE RAPTURE JESUS IS SEEN COMING IN THE CLOUDS

Once again, at the breaking of the 6th Seal we believe Jesus will appear in the clouds to rescue, His beloved “Bride” (i.e., the True Church) from the destructive wrath and judgement to be released upon the earth. From the above passages it appears that Jesus will be seen in the clouds by those living upon the earth and many will seek to hide themselves (especially the Global Elites) recognizing that the day of His wrath against them has now come. While at the same time many of the Jews who have seen Him will mourn because they will realize that Jesus Christ of Nazareth truly is their Messiah and the Son of God whom they rejected and crucified on the Cross (Matthew 24:30; Zechariah 12:10-12). With this awesome appearance will come the activation and mobilization of the 144,000 Jewish evangelists from every tribe of Israel released to proclaim the Gospel. A great awakening and harvest will begin among the Jews (Revelation 7:1-8; Zechariah 13:8-9; Revelation 14:14-16). Having Rapture rescued His mostly Gentile Church the Lord will now turn His attention to saving and preserving His Jewish brethren who turn to Him and believe. Just as He preserved the children of Israel during the outpouring of plagues on ancient Egypt (Exodus chapter 8 to 11) so He will preserve those among the children of Israel who turn to Him in this final hour. It should be noted that many of the “Trumpet” and “Bowl” judgements of Revelation parallel those that God released upon the ungodly in Egypt (Exodus chapters 7 to 10). Thus, supporting the contention that these wrathful judgements are reserved for unbelievers, not for God’s church that has been Raptured before the Trumpet judgements begin (Revelation 7:9-17). We believe God in His mercy will also save many lukewarm Christians who were left behind and other Gentiles who turn to Him with all their hearts in genuine repentance. This will be the final harvest of souls that will take place in the midst of great wrath and judgement just before Jesus’ physical return to earth as revealed in Rev. 14:14-16.

A SOBER WARNING TO PREPARE FOR HARDSHIP AS CHRISTIANS

⁹ “After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; ... ¹⁴And I said to him, Sir, you know. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the

Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in His Temple: and He that sits on the throne shall dwell among them. ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them to living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes” (Revelation 7:9, 14-17 KJVER).

After the mobilization of the 144,000 on earth we see in Heaven “a great multitude which no man could number” from every tribe and tongue and nation on the face of the earth standing before the throne of God, the Father and the Lamb (Jesus) (Revelation 7:9-14). This multitude we believe is the *Raptured Church* which is rescued out of the midst of great tribulation from severe hardship, persecution and from the coming wrath. We see from the above text that those who were Raptured had been suffering from hunger, thirst and exposure to the elements. We as Believers need to take heed to this reality as those in the Body of Christ are sounding the alarm as to what lies ahead. Some prophets in the *Body of Christ* are warning about the coming persecution, economic collapse and famine encouraging Christians to prepare by storing up non-perishable foods, living and medical supplies, water and precious metals. This includes our Pastor Dr Joseph Grubb a prophet who has been warning us to make such preparations for about the last 8 to 10 years. While others are making light of this call and even mocking those who by the leading of the Holy Spirit are sounding the alarm. In light of this passage, we need to pay heed to any promptings of the Holy Spirit through His prophetic ministers to prepare for what lies ahead. Realizing that if we are here to face coming famine, economic collapse and the possible implementation of the Mark of the Beast, then we as Believers will be facing great adversity. Surely God will provide for His people, yes. However, if He is speaking to us prophetically to prepare now and we don’t listen, we will suffer unnecessarily for our failure to take heed and obey. Deb and I are very thankful for Pastor Joseph and other prophetic ministers who are faithfully warning God’s people to spiritually and practically prepare. God is warning us through them to prepare for tough times ahead and as we obey it will alleviate a lot of unnecessary suffering. If the Lord is speaking to you to make these practical preparations, we urge you to obey God’s leading. Not only for yourself, but also for those you can help.

GRACE TO FACE SUFFERING IN THIS FINAL HOUR

Jesus prophetically declared the following to His disciples of our generation: ⁹“Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and you shall be hated of all nations for My name’s sake. ¹⁰ And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. ¹¹ And many false prophets shall rise, and

shall deceive many. ¹² And because iniquity (sin) shall abound, the love of many shall wax (grow) cold. ¹³ But he that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved. ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness to all nations; and then shall the end come” (Matthew 24:9-14 KJVER).

Since the beginning of Christ’s Church Believers have suffered trials, persecution and martyrdom for their faith at various times throughout history. Suffering, trials and persecution have always served to strengthen and purify God’s people as we remain intimate and confident of His goodness and reliant upon His grace (James 1:2-4; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10, Psalm 91). In the above passage Jesus reveals that at the very end of time, which our generation has entered into will be a time of worldwide persecution and martyrdom. Again, our concern is that many have taught a pretribulation *Rapture* scenario that has left many “*born again*” Believers totally unprepared for the severe hatred, persecution and possible martyrdom we will soon be facing even in North America. *Jesus clearly warned that this “persecution madness” as David Wilkerson referred to it would take place before the completion of the great commission and Harvest. Consequently, the Church will still be here to face this persecution and to bring in this great Harvest before the “Rapture” (verse 14 above) even in the midst of great adversity and darkness (Isaiah 61:1-3). Sadly, Jesus also revealed that it will result in many false and unprepared “Believers” being offended and hatefully turning against and betraying their brethren (verse 10 above and; Matthew 13:36-43).*

Beloved, we reiterate that under the Trump/Pence administration the Lord has given us a season of reprieve to prepare by humbly returning to Him with all our hearts in genuine repentance (Joel 2:12-14). That we may receive His mighty grace to endure hardship (suffering) as good soldiers in this season of purification (2 Tim. 2:3-4). And best of all, as we yield our lives fully, He will make us His vessels of honour fit to manifest His glory and bring in the great harvest of precious lives into His eternal family (2 Timothy 2:19-21; Revelation 7:9-14). Dear one, if you believe then you have been called and chosen to be an overcomer in this final leg of your race to victory in this glorious harvest and home going (I Corinthians 9:14-27; Hebrews 12:1-7). Therefore, be faithful even unto death and you shall receive the crown of life (Revelation 2:10). [For further study: Psalm 34:19; 2 Tim. 2:12 & 3:12; I Peter 4:12-19; Hebrews 5:8; Rev.6:9-11].

OUR CALL TO CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IN LIGHT OF PERSECUTION

Preparing as Believers for the coming persecution may involve our participation in Christian cohousing communities that God may direct as places of refuge and shelter

for His people in the coming season of chaos and hatred. Another thing we should prayerfully consider is what type of home God would have us live in during this scenario seeing that severe earthquakes will continue increasing everywhere. In the community above us in Vaughan, high rise condos and apartments are springing up in droves as never before. *In light of the earthquake factor should we as Christians prayerfully be considering townhome and other low-rise alternatives in light of these realities?* We need to be Spirit-led in all our decisions as we enter into this final era leading toward the Rapture and Jesus' soon return.

⁴² *“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. ⁴³And all that believed were together, and had all things common; ⁴⁵And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. ⁴⁶And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, ⁴⁷Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved ... And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that any of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. ³³And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, ³⁵And laid them down at the apostles’ feet: and distribution was made to every man according as he had need”* (Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-35 KJV).

Is the Lord calling us back to a Book of Acts type of intimate community to *lovingly* support one another in what is coming? There is a very real possibility that we will still be here when world currencies collapse and even after the *Mark of the Beast* is implemented. Therefore, we need to prepare. In these scenarios we will not be able to buy or sell with worthless devalued paper currency or ultimately, without having received the implant (Mark). Our hope may be in self supporting communities like in the passage above and by utilizing a form of bartering outside the community for needed supplies for the community. As never before we must allow the Holy Spirit to lead us in our preparedness for the storms ahead. Beloved we urge you to pray for God's leading regarding the building up of your *tribulation storehouse* and where you need to be living. Non-perishable food, clean water, living supplies (E.g., toilet paper, soap, first aid items, etc.) and precious metal coins will become very valuable commodities in these scenarios. Again, we strongly encourage you to pray what God would have you to do. There is a lot of emergency preparedness information

you can access on line. Pray with others of like precious faith who may be concerned about these things as well and work together as a team moving toward community. One final warning, cash money and its value is about to collapse with the coming economic meltdown. Seriously pray about transitioning your cash and assets into precious metals that will retain their value as currency and be readily usable for bartering (especially silver coins). Also pray about taking a portion of your cash out of your Bank as it may close during such a crisis. This way you'll maintain access for quick utilization in a collapsing market.

WE WILL BE PRIVILEGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GREATEST HARVEST EVER

Another very positive insight from Revelation chapter 7 is the multitudes that are going to be saved from every nation in this season leading up to the Rapture. May the Lord give us as Believers much grace to be prepared vessels diligently occupying in this coming great Harvest. If the Rapture occurs at the midpoint of this final 70th week of Daniel's 70-week prophecy then the final 3 ½ years of this week will be filled with the unprecedented horrors of the Trumpet Judgments (Revelation chapter 8 & 9) and the Bowl Judgments (Revelation 16). Again, the horrible reality is that two thirds of the world's population could perish as a result of these judgements. Thank God that Jesus will return to earth to prevent even greater destruction by the forces of evil and to save Israel and restore divine order over planet earth. At His return Jesus will destroy the forces of the Antichrist with the power of His Word (Revelation 19:11-21). Those Believers who were raptured into Heaven will return to rule and reign with Jesus as He directs. Also Believers who were martyred during the period of wrath will be resurrected at Christ's return and will also rule and reign with Him during His millennial Kingdom (Revelation 20:4). It should be noted here that there are Believing wrath victims resurrected as revealed in Revelation 20:4. They had to have died after the Rapture otherwise they would have been resurrected at the Rapture. Consequently, a post tribulation or post wrath Rapture does not make much sense in light of this reality. According to God's Word there is a period after the Rapture when many Believers will die for their faith during this time of wrath. Therefore, there must be a prewrath Rapture to rescue His beloved church (Hallelujah!)

A FINAL REVIEW ON THE TIMELINE OF THESE PROPHETIC EVENTS

How long it will take before all these outstanding prophetic events unfold is uncertain, but it is close. We believe we are 72 years into this terminal generation that Jesus declared would not pass away until all be fulfilled including His physical return to planet earth (Matthew 24:33-44). Some leaders like James Bailey in his z3news.com podcast entitled *Transformation of the World by 2036* prophetically

proclaim that it will unfold within the next 20 years or so. He believes that the final generation began in 1967 when Israel retook control of Jerusalem. Based on Psalm 90:10 he concludes that this terminal generation will end in 2047 (i.e., 1967 + 80 years) and therefore everything including Jesus' return will occur before this. Other scholars believe that the terminal generation began on May 14, 1948 when Israel was miraculously restored as a nation. Therefore, if you use 80 years as a Biblical generation that would mean Jesus' physical return to earth would need to occur before 2028 (1948 + 80 years). On the other hand, if a Biblical generation is 100 years as is implied in Genesis 15:13-16 it would need to be fulfilled before 2048 (i.e., 1948 + 100 years). Regardless of what scenario you embrace, most all believe our generation is the one who will witness Jesus' physical return to establish God's Kingdom on earth. Again, we emphasize that we're not dogmatic about our perspective, but we believe the final generation began with the restoration of Israel in 1948. We also believe that this generation will not pass away until all these things are fulfilled whether it is before 2028, 2037, 2047 or 2048. One thing we need to remember is that Jesus said it would happen before this final generation expires and He did not reveal how much time in advance of its expiration it would take place. Therefore, we need to be prepared now because all these prophecies are now in process and could be fulfilled rather quickly when the final prophetic dominoes begin to fall. The following is a summary of what could prophetically unfold leading up to the Rapture. Again, we reiterate that from our viewpoint the tribulation has already begun with the release of the first two Horsemen of the Apocalypse. The spirit of Antichrist and the spirit of *Killing* (Revelation 6:2-3) have already been released and are primarily working through the worldwide network of evil Global Elites. These ruthless Elites are funding and supporting any method of killing they possibly can to depopulate planet earth. Globally promoting and instigating whatever will assist them in the extermination of humans. At the same time, they support and promote the lawless behaviours of homosexuality and transgender sex change because it contributes to population control. Children and youth that go through sex change therapy are sterilized as a result of the process and cannot procreate. In the same way homosexual and lesbian marriage and relationships eliminate procreation and child bearing. Globalists are not so much caring for the gay and transgender community as much as for using them and their lifestyle to help with their population control agenda. In review, the following are the things that are currently unfolding that need to be fulfilled before the Rapture (*as we see it*):

- The Ezekiel Chapter 38 and 39 War and invasion of Israel ends and the seven-year covenant or *peace treaty* is established. This treaty will include authorization to rebuild the third Jewish Temple which will quickly be erected.

- The 3rd Horseman of the Apocalypse is released bringing worldwide economic collapse and famine when one loaf of bread will cost an entire day's wage (approximately \$222 CND/ day). This economic meltdown could set the stage for the implementation of the new electronic world currency with its personal computer chip implant in the right hand or forehead known as the "*Mark of the Beast.*" We as Believers could be here when this is being implemented (Take Heed!).
- The 4th Horseman of the Apocalypse is released and ¼ of the geographic area of the earth is inundated with outbreaks of violent conflict (war, genocide and terrorism) famine, disease and attacks by wild animals (Revelation 6:7-8).
- The 5th Seal is broken and a worldwide *persecution madness* and killing of Believers is released (Revelation 6:9-11).
- The 6th Seal is opened and a massive earthquake rocks the earth and the cosmic upheaval begins with the sun being blacked out and moon becoming blood red and then "*the stars of Heaven*" will fall to the earth. These will not be literal stars, but will likely be asteroids that will hit the earth with such force that every mountain and island on earth will be moved out of their places (Revelation 6:12-14).

It is during this cosmic upheaval that Jesus will appear in the clouds of the sky and many (*we believe*) will behold His majesty and tremble in fear as revealed in Revelation 6:15-17. They will declare; "*for the great day of His wrath is come, and who shall be able to stand?*" (Revelation 6:17 KJVER) It is at this appearance in the clouds of the sky by Jesus that the Rapture will take place as revealed in Revelation chapter 7. In chapter 7 we see the 144,000 Jewish evangelists activated and mobilized to reach and harvest the precious Jewish souls in Israel and beyond (Revelation 7:1-8). At the same time, we see a great multitude from every tribe, tongue and nation that no man could count standing before the throne of God (Revelation 7:9-17). Again, we believe this is the Raptured church which will include the greatest ingathering of souls in the history of the world (*brought in before the Rapture*).

One thing that many agree upon is that when the Antichrist establishes this special seven-year covenant or "*peace treaty*" with Israel and many other nations this will start the final seven years leading to Jesus' physical return to earth (Daniel 9:26-27). As previously mentioned, many believe the Rapture will also take place during this 70th week of Daniel's prophecy near the midpoint or 3 ½ years into this concluding 7 year period (Daniel 9:20-27). Consequently, one of the major prophetic dominoes to be watching for is when this seven-year Covenant or Agreement with Israel and

other nations is set up. It will begin the final seven-year countdown that will include the Rapture and Jesus' physical return. The worst destruction and loss of life in all history will also unfold during this seven-year period. However, on the positive side it will also be the time when the greatest ingathering of souls from every nation on earth will turn to Jesus and be saved before the Rapture. Then the final harvest of precious souls will take place during this period of wrath primarily among the Jews and also among Gentiles who will return or turn to Jesus fully after the Rapture as revealed in Revelation 14:14-16. These Jews and Gentiles who turn to Jesus for salvation during this horrific period are the *sheep nations* who will enter with Jesus into His millennial (1,000 year) reign over the earth (Matthew 25:31-46; Revelation 20:1-6). The Gentile *sheep* nations will be those who surrendered to God in their hearts and will demonstrate this by the compassion exhibited towards God's people during this period of wrath, especially toward the Jews (Matthew 25:31-40).

PARADISE LOST WILL BE RESTORED AT JESUS' RETURN

At Jesus' physical return many awesome and incredible events will take place. Corrupt human government of planet earth will end and God's Divine government under Jesus Christ the Son of God will be established. When Jesus returns, He will rule from Jerusalem over this natural, temporal world for 1,000 years (Revelation 20:4-6). During this 1,000-year period Satan and his evil cohorts will be bound for this entire period. In the scripture recorded on page 104 from Daniel 12:11-12 we see two-time additions, one of 30 days and one of 45 days to the final 3 ½ years of Daniel's 70th week prophecy. We know this because an Old Testament Biblical year was 360 days and for a 3 ½ year period that would be a total of 1,260 days. What then is being revealed by this 1,290-day period and the blessing promised to those who make it to the 1,335 days? We believe the Holy Spirit has given some insight in regards to the significance of these two periods. We believe the 30 days will be the time when Jesus will judge the people of the nations who survived through the final period of wrathful judgements of Revelation in order to remove the ungodly rebels from the earth before the start of His millennial reign (Matthew 25:31-46). All those who enter into the millennial kingdom will be those who believe and submit to Jesus' Lordship. All the "goats" or rebels will be cast into "hell" and judgement at this time (Matthew 25:41-43). That is why in Daniel 12:12 it declares that those are blessed who come to the 1335th day because they are deemed to be His "sheep" who will enter the beauty of His glorious renovated millennial Paradise. We believe that during the extra 45 days that Jesus will set up His government and renovate and restore the Paradise that was lost due to the curse of man's sinful rebellion in the Garden of Eden. Also, He will need to restore all the damage and

carnage inflicted upon the earth as a result of the Trumpet and Bowl judgements. We catch a glimpse of this restored Paradise in the following passage from Isaiah:

⁴ “But with righteousness shall He (Jesus) judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and He shall smite the earth: with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips shall He slay the wicked. ⁵ And righteousness shall be the girdle (strength) of His loins, and faithfulness the girdle (strength) of His reins. ⁶ The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid (young goat); and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷ And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ And the sucking (nursing) child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice (viper’s) den. ⁹ They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰ And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse (Jesus), which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and His rest shall be glorious” (Isaiah 11:4-10 KJVER).

The curse of carnivorousness and killing, deadly venom and stings will no longer infect or exist in the animal kingdom and humanity (Hallelujah!). Upon the return of the King of the Universe, these curses will be broken. At the same time the knowledge of God’s love and truth will cover and rule the earth.

SERVANT LEADERS TRAINING FOR REIGNING IN PARADISE RESTORED

The Raptured saints who return with Jesus and the resurrected post-wrath martyrs will be servant leaders who will govern and maintain His rule over every city, town, village and hamlet on planet earth (Revelation 20:4; Luke 19:11-19). As Believers it is important that we realize that we are being trained now to reign with our Master when He returns to rule the earth. However, how we as Jesus’ disciples rule will be far different than the way this world’s leaders rule as Jesus explains in the following passages;

*²⁴ “There was also rivalry among (Jesus’ disciples) them concerning which of them was to be counted the greatest. ²⁵ He said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶ But you are not so. **Instead, let him who is greatest among you be as the younger, and he who rules as he who serves.** ²⁷ For who is greater: he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? **But I am among you as He who serves”** (Luke 22:24-27 MEV),*

³⁵ *“And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all”* (Mark 9:35 KJVER).

Jesus reveals that the greatest leaders in His Kingdom will be those who have humbly learned to be the servants of all. Not thinking more highly of ourselves than we ought by lording it over others, but by sincerely seeking to serve others (Romans 12:3,16). At the same time God’s servant leaders will have learned the importance of recognizing and respecting delegated authorities in Christ [E.g., Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers in today’s Church (I Corinthians 12:27-28; Ephesians 4:11-12; I Thessalonians 5:12-13; Hebrews 13:7, 17) as well as today’s civil government leaders and police (Romans 13:1-8)]. True servant leaders will understand how to honour and respect God’s delegated authorities in their lives and humbly submit to their oversight (I Peter 5:1-6). However, if these authorities are corrupted and seek to direct God’s people to do things contrary to God’s Word then we must obey God rather than corrupt leaders who would have us do things against God (Acts 4:1-21). In this age of increasing rebellion, it would be good to take time to study the above scripture references to better understand this vitally important area of proper submission and respect for authority. Thankfully the restored world will be overseen by those who like their Master walk in love and who have a heart to serve rather than to be served (John 13:12-17). What a beautiful atmosphere of love, respect and humble servanthood will permeate world society when Jesus returns to reign supreme as the Prince of Peace, the King of kings and the LORD of all Lords. (Hallelujah!)

THE FINAL SIFTING OF REBELLIOUS HUMANS

Truly, Paradise Lost will be Paradise Restored and our prayers for His Kingdom to come and His will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven will be answered until Satan’s final foray of evil. After these 1,000 years of God’s temporal Paradise, Satan and his fallen angelic army will be loosed on the earth for one final sifting of humanity. Many people will have been born on the earth during this 1,000-year period whose allegiance to God has never been truly tested. Satan and his army will once again be used to sift humanity. Those people who like him have hearts filled with pride, independence and rebellion will be separated in an evil uprising against Jesus. Like Satan they do not want to love God and submit to His loving care and Lordship, nor desire to be a part of His eternal family and will be judged and removed from among God’s children (Revelation 20:7-9). Thankfully, this will be Satan’s last stand and he and his army will finally be cast into the Lake of Fire to be tormented day and night forever and ever (Revelation 20:10). No, Satan and his demon allies are not going to torment anyone in hell as people sometimes believe. He and the fallen angels and the humans who follow his ways will all be tormented

with him in the lake of fire (hell) forever. Satan and his minions are not the rulers of “*Hell*”; He is only the temporary deceptive prince of the powers of the air and a sifting pawn who will meet his final demise with his demonic army at the end of Christ’s millennial reign. ¹⁰“*And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever*” (Revelation 20:10 KJVER).

THE END OF TIME, JUDGEMENT AND THE DAWN OF THE ETERNAL AGE

After this final uprising and sifting of humanity, the judgement of Satan’s human followers will take place at the Great White Throne (Revelation 20:9-15). It will involve all those throughout history who have of their own free will chosen to reject or neglect God’s ways or the loving provision of salvation through His Son. Instead, they have chosen to follow Satan in his ways and will be part of the second resurrection ... the resurrection of the damned. Everything has been recorded and they will be judged according to those things they have done or not done that are unrighteous and against the will of God. ¹²“*And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works ...* ¹⁵*And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire*” (Revelation 20:12 &15).

Dear one, which resurrection will you choose to be a part of?

At the conclusion of the “*Day of the Lord*” which is referring to the literal 1,000 year reign of Christ (see 2 Peter 3:7-10) God will bring an end to this temporal universe of natural time, space and matter. The entire natural universe and earth will be burned up with intense heat and fire as revealed in 2 Peter 3:10-12. Time and the temporal universe we now live in will cease to exist. After this the Bible reveals that God will create an eternal new heavens and a new earth in which only righteousness dwells (2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1). This new heavens and earth which will be everlasting, will interface with the New Heavenly Jerusalem which will descend from Heaven to the new eternal Earth. This Holy City, or New Jerusalem is a massive supernatural structure 1,500 miles wide, 1,500 miles deep and 1,500 miles in height (Revelation 21:10-16). The very throne of God will be in the Holy City and God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit will dwell among His people who will now be clothed in their eternal incorruptible bodies. There will be no more sin, pain, sorrow, disease or death (Revelation 21:2-7). The dawn of the eternal age or “*the Day of God*” as Peter refers to it in 2 Peter 3:12-13 will begin. John shares a brief glimpse of the glory of the New Jerusalem and the eternal age in Revelation chapter 21 and 22. The fullness of the incomprehensible beauty and majesty of this eternal

realm will not be fully appreciated until we get there. As mentioned earlier, Paul the apostle summarized it this way; ⁹ *“But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him”* (I Corinthians 2:9 KJV). Needless to say, it will be more than worth whatever sacrifice it takes to get there.

IN LIGHT OF THIS REALITY HOW SHOULD WE BE LIVING AS BELIEVERS

¹¹ *“Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in all holy conversation and godliness, ¹² Looking for and hasting to the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?” ... ¹⁴ Wherefore, beloved, seeing that you look for such things, be diligent that you may be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless”* (2 Peter 3:11-12a & 14 KJVER). We need to understand that this temporal earth is not our home. It is merely the testing ground to determine which family and eternal home we will choose to live with and in forever. Therefore, we urge each one to soberly examine these truths that you may choose God’s desired eternal destiny for your life (i.e., with Him in the Heavenly Jerusalem).

Truly the end of this ungodly age is near at hand and we need to diligently examine our lives and make the changes needed through genuine repentance and surrender of our lives. This applies to both Believer and non-believer alike in this final hour especially in our worldly western culture. As Believers we need to understand that judgement is starting with us as the Holy Spirit reveals through Peter the apostle;

¹⁶ Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. ¹⁷ For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? ¹⁸ And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? ¹⁹ Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to Him in well doing, as to a faithful Creator” (1 Peter 4:16-19 KJVER).

As mentioned earlier Jesus warned that Believers would suffer extreme persecution and even martyrdom in all nations just before His return: (Matthew 24:9-14). And that this will serve to help purify and prepare us for the great harvest and to enter eternity as part of God’s glorious and triumphant Church (Ephesians 5:27).

GOD IS PURIFYING HIS CHURCH FOR HARVEST & HOMECOMING

Again, we reiterate persecution for the most part has not hurt the Church of Jesus Christ, but has served to purify and strengthen it to accomplish great things for God. Jesus reveals that this is essentially what will happen to His endtime Church. First of all, it will serve to purify His Bride by separating the “*Tares*” from among the “*Wheat*” as Jesus revealed in Matthew 13:36-43. This extreme adversity and persecution will serve to separate the false professors (counterfeit Christians) from the true possessors of relationship with Christ (genuine children of God). Many of the false Christians will likely defect over to the Antichrist’s new one world religion to avoid the persecution and potential beheading. This separation of the counterfeit out of the ranks of the genuine will leave behind a purified church that will shine forth with God’s glory (Matthew 13:37:43). ⁴³“*Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear*” (Matthew 13:43). At the same time, it will shake out of the lives of true Believers any weight or sin that would hinder them from running with endurance this final leg of the race to bring in His great harvest (Matthew 24:14; Hebrews 12:1-27). God loves us; therefore, God is purifying His “*Bride*.” Then His church will arise and shine and the glory of the Lord shall rest upon us to finish strong in bringing in His great ingathering of souls (2 Timothy 2:15-22; Isaiah 60:1-5; Revelation 7:9-14). In Joel chapter 2 God reveals His prophetic pattern in reviving and awakening His people to fulfill His endtime destiny for us in the Harvest. First comes the *Shaking* through great adversity and persecution (redemptive judgements Joel 2:1-11). Which leads to a *Breaking* and repentance among God’s people (Joel 2:12-17). Next comes the *Restoring* of all that God’s people were robbed of by the enemy spiritually, emotionally, physically, financially, etc. by His Spirit (Joel 2:18-27). And finally comes the *Awakening* leading to great salvation and the harvest of precious souls (Joel 2:28-32). *Where are we in this redemptive process?* We believe that Christians in our Western culture have begun to experience the shaking phase of this process and a degree of returning and repentance has also begun. This was very evident in the response by the 10 million Believers worldwide who joined with Rabbi Jonathan Cahn in prayer and repentance via live stream in Washington D.C. on September 26, 2020. The question is; *Did we attain the critical mass of repentance and returning that the Lord requires to avert greater shakings?* If not, the shaking may greatly intensify in the days ahead in order to bring a greater breaking and repentance among evangelical, “*born again*” and spirit filled Believers, especially in Western society. As mentioned earlier we believe many “*born again*” Christians in the West are lukewarm and half-hearted in their relationship with God because they’re consumed by “*the cares of life*” and “*surfeiting*” (i.e., the pursuit of worldly entertainment and pleasure) and “*drunkenness*” (Luke 21:34-36). Consequently,

there is a great need to return to the Lord. Therefore, as Believers, we need to pray for one another that with repentant hearts we will embrace the grace to fully surrender and be transformed into vessels of honour fit for our Master's use (2 Timothy 2:19-21). That we would persevere through the current purifying storms and receive His glory that is being released through us to bring in the prophesied multitude of precious souls from every tribe, tongue, and nation on earth (Matthew 24:14; Revelation 7:9-14). Again, we thank God for those who responded around the world to the 10 Day call to Return and Repentance in September 2020. We sincerely pray that God's critical mass for repentance was some how met by this Spirit-led initiative and that He will relent of severe judgement. Especially as it relates to the U.S.A. and the potential for civil war to erupt with mass casualties. We pray God's people will continue to humbly return and repent before Him to minimize the need for further redemptive shakings to awaken and purify us for Harvest. Rabbi Jonathan Cahn summarized our current situation when he declared; "*God will bring revival (or awakening) either by judgement or through repentance.*" (The Return message Sept. 26th, 2020). Either way revival and harvest will come. We pray it will be by the latter rather than by the former. Sadly, our sense is that North American Believers are still way too comfortable in this present world system, especially here in Canada. Consequently, God in His mercy will continue to shake to awaken His slumbering Western Church in order to keep them from coming wrath. Also, to prepare us to be vessels of honour fit for His purpose to be filled with a double portion of His Spirit (Joel 2:22-24). In order to proclaim the Good News of God's salvation in mighty power and demonstration producing a Book of Acts Part II and bringing in the greatest harvest of souls ever seen (Revelation 7:9-15).

Those of you who are just beginning your new life with Jesus won't fully understand these problems, but you will and you will need to learn how to overcome them. In this final purifying season for His Church the Lord is going to deal with many spots and wrinkles that hinder His true Church from manifesting His glory for harvest (Ephesians 5:26-27). One spot which the Lord is dealing with in this final hour is the tendency to compromise truth in order to avoid offending others by appearing unloving or harsh. However, the Lord is releasing a new anointing and courage in His Church to speak the truth in love regardless of the consequences in order to liberate and save as many precious souls as possible.