

1. The Second Coming -Rapture

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This document has been updated a second time after considerable further study and with guidance from God's Holy Spirit. As we study end times prophecy, we must be careful to recognize what we come to believe may not unfold in the manner that we think. Even doing our best and using only scripture we may not get it right. We need to watch and pray always and adjust our thoughts to what we see unfolding around us that is in line with scripture. The most important thing is for us to be ready at all times, so that when Yeshua (Jesus) returns we will be found acceptable. This current update has to do with reading God's word with logic and is found in section H.

This document focuses on the rapture and some aspects of the Tribulation and Yeshua's second coming. However it looks mainly on what happens and when to those identified as the Saints of God and Yeshua. In order to do this a collection of scripture describing what we are told about the second coming of Yeshua and the Saints is used. It covers both the Old and New Testaments. In order to establish the time sequence of events and the rapture, one must first study what happens to the Saints and the timing of when it comes about. One must know God's Holy Days in order to do this study, and must use logic and recognize important clues.

In order to start we need to clearly define who are the Saints of God and Yeshua. The word Saints also is described as Set-Apart ones, Holy ones, Chosen ones and includes all those who are identified by God as being His **special** people defined in the way they walk and grow or mature as His highly valued people.

A. Defining the Saints

The following verse fully defines for us what is required to become a Saint of God and Yeshua . The verse is full of meaning that only becomes apparent upon solid reflection of what is being said. In other words to understand this study you must let go of your preconceived beliefs and open your mind.

[Rev 14:12](#) Here is **the patience** of the **saints**: here *are* they that keep **the commandments of God**, and **the faith of Jesus**.

The Saints are defined by having three solid and specific attributes, anyone that does not have all three has not acquired the grade of being one of the Saints. These are people who are very special in God's eyes.

- 1) **The patience** of the Saints is their unwavering commitment to endure to the end no matter what, including persecution and death. It is acceptance and enduring without complaining up to the very end, no matter what treatment they receive from the world with respect to their belief in God and Yeshua. This includes following and enduring even while being severely persecuted, even to the point of death. **They are thankful of their relationship to the Father and Yeshua**, and are unflinching in their belief and way of going forward.

- 2) **The Commandments of God** are found throughout the first five books of the Bible, they are the Torah. They must be read carefully in conjunction with what we learn from Yeshua. They are also reinforced from the books of the prophets as well as from Yeshua's sayings and examples. One keeps the Commands by their intent in our heart, mind and spirit. Keeping the commandments of God is that of **keeping the Torah**. It is not limited to the ten commandments. It is not just what Yeshua said in addressing some of the commandments as often taken by the Sunday Churches. Mat 5:18 from Yeshua tells us the Torah is in effect up to the Last Day.

- 3) **The faith of Yeshua** is a strong unwavering belief in Yeshua as our savior, our messiah, so strong that one actively goes forward in following and obeying all what Yeshua showed us and told us to the very best of our ability and with the help of the Holy Spirit. The faith of Yeshua is found throughout the New Testament in what he told us and showed us as well as we are to show our love for Him and the Father as well as all others. Doing this one cannot but help to grow and mature as one of God's children, to develop a righteous and loving heart. The action of following Yeshua is that of growing in love for God and Yeshua as well as growing in love for our fellow man, it acts to have us develop the personal characteristics that God values. For clarification, following Yeshua means keeping the weekly and annual Sabbaths, keeping the Holy Days of God, and keeping the Torah as well as growing with a proper loving and righteous heart. Those that are required to go through the Tribulation period are given the opportunity to grow into becoming one of the Saints as they are tested. The test requires that they keep the three criteria in Rev 14:12, right up to the very end, even if it costs them their physical life.

Today everyone in all the various Christian Churches might say and think they are the Saints and their pastors likely tell them this. But the Bible is specific on defining the criteria of those who meet the requirements of being given the title or grade of Saints. Clearly the Saints are the ones in the early Congregations that were set up by the Disciples, now days the Congregations are called Churches. These early Congregations were passionate to learn God's Word, to repent and accept Yeshua as their saviour and to follow and obey what He told them to do, and what the Old Testament told them to do. Note the early Congregations only had the Old Testament to study and follow as well as direction from the Apostles. We are told this by Paul in his letters that he wrote to the various Congregations that he set up in his ministry. Paul was directing these followers through the action of God's Holy Spirit working within him and with the use of the Old Testament.

Eph 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the **saints** which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

Eph 1:2 Grace *be* to you, and peace, from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul's many letters are addressed to the Saints. To be faithful in Messiah Yeshua is to follow and obey what Yeshua showed us and told us, we are to do the Will of the Father. Further we are also told that the **Gentiles** that formed Paul's new Congregations or ministries were **zealous for the law, or the Torah**. Examine what Paul said about the Congregations of Gentiles.

Act 21:18 And the *day* following Paul went in with us unto James; and all the elders were present.

Act 21:19 And when he had saluted them, he declared particularly what things God had wrought among **the Gentiles** by his ministry.

Act 21:20 And when they heard *it*, they glorified the Lord, and said unto him, Thou seest, brother, how many **thousands of Jews** there are which believe; and they are **all zealous of the law**:

These writings of Paul also reinforces the definition of the Saints found in Rev 14:12, in that the Congregations of **Gentiles** were **zealous** of learning and of following the law (Torah), or the Commandments of God. Note that this is not just the 10 Commandments, which are an abbreviated summary for a covenant document. It is much more inclusive, it is following the way of God and doing God's Will as they went forward through life, the way is defined and laid out in the first five books of the Bible.

That which is required of man to become a Saint or set-apart-one of God is now clearly defined. Unfortunately the world has few Christians that meet the requirements of being a Saint. Now days it is only by careful and consistent study of the Bible by oneself, with the right approach and attitude that one can be guided to the truth from the Holy Spirit being active within you. It is the spiritual learning of the truth that is what counts, the learning and obeying of what is shown. To do this one must pray before starting to read, ask God to help you open your mind, to let go of preconceived ideas, and to tell God that what he shows you that you will accept and obey and place it on your heart , in your mind and your spirit. If you are sincere in this, the truth will be opened to you a little at a time. Then over time as further spiritual learning occurs, we continue to grow towards becoming one of God's Saints or chosen ones. Also everything we are told or learn from the world around us, and especially from Church doctrine and pastors, we must always evaluate it against scripture with God's help and then only keep that which we find is true according to what the Bible tells us. Be very aware of being deceived, only God's word is truth, this includes both the Old and New Testaments.

We are told by Paul, that the early congregations which he set up and that followed what he taught, were the Saints. Paul taught under the direction of God's Holy Spirit. Today we need to read and study the Bible very carefully in order to glean the truths from God's Word, being open and obedient to what the Spirit shows us. Pieces of understanding on specific themes come from scripture in various books and verses throughout the Bible and only by collecting and compiling these together, all addressing the same theme, do we come to seeing and understanding the

truths. When we become passionate to follow Yeshua and to do God's Will, we spend a lot of time in prayer and in God's Word with the right attitude of mind. We must diligently and continually search for the truth in God's Word and use it to grow and continually reinforce it within our mind and on our heart. This is something that takes considerable time to grow, it does not happen overnight, it must be worked on year after year. You cannot be lazy in order to do this.

Provided that we are following along the narrow path correctly, then there is no room within us for the pride of life and we must be aware that it does not inadvertently slip in. We need to be careful and continually watch ourselves to ensure that we are growing properly. Watch and pray always. We need God's spirit to help us learn, grow and walk forward. If we are found worthy when Yeshua returns to gather or collect His special ones, then we will have made the grade of being one of His Saints and be taken in joining Him.

B. Collection of the Saints

The second coming of when Yeshua returns occurs at the end of the Tribulation and the start of the Millennium. Since Yeshua is in the clouds, He does not come down to earth immediately, rather first those He collects rise up to join with Him. The word rapture is defined by man as meaning a collection of people for a resurrection. This rapture in Revelations at Yeshua's second coming is a continuation of the first resurrection. The first resurrection consisted of Yeshua Himself and the Spring harvest of Saints which arose and came out of the graves in Jerusalem as described in Matthew below.

[Mat 27:52](#) And the graves were opened; and many bodies of **the saints** which slept arose,
[Mat 27:53](#) And came out of the graves **after his resurrection**, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

These are Saints of the past, they would be ones from the far and current past in Yeshua's time. They would likely contain John the Baptist and many others persecuted and killed or died in Yeshua's time as well as others such as King David, Abraham, Moses, Aaron, Daniel, Noah, and going back to the time of Adam.

In addition there are the 144,000 of the First Fruits or spring harvest as described in the following verses. These are not those in current Churches of today, rather it is most likely that they are the male children that were killed by Pharaoh in Egypt at the time of Moses as well as the male children killed by Herod at the time of Yeshua's birth. These are all males of all the various Israelite tribes. It is only early children, that are without fault and have no guile and are virgins, they are the ones that meets the criteria we are told in Revelations. They are the ones that Rachel weeps for.

The Lamb and the 144,000

[Rev 14:1](#) And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred

forty *and* four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

Rev 14:2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

Rev 14:3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

Rev 14:4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for **they are virgins**. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, *being* the **firstfruits** unto God and to the Lamb.

Rev 14:5 And in their mouth was found **no guile**: for they are **without fault** before the throne of God.

Since these being the first fruits, without faults etc, they definitely were Saints. They were a very special group of souls. These first fruits are one part of the spring harvest, collected at the time of Yeshua's resurrection. When gathered they are with Him always, wherever He goes.

Further description of the completion of the first resurrection will be developed as this study progresses as well as other insights. The first resurrection and other events are much more complex than the manner and the way in which man normally thinks.

The first resurrection has a common theme of the First Fruits only. We are told in Mat 27:52 that the Saints are resurrected after Yeshua's resurrection. This occurs in the Holy Day of First Fruits of the Spring Harvest at that time. These will be all the Saints over the ages from Adam up to Christ. The first resurrection then pauses for a period of around 2000 years before it then occurs again on one specific day. On that one day it continues in gathering the Saints from the time Yeshua left the earth up until the end of the Tribulation when Yeshua returns again. This occurs at Yeshua's second coming. This will most likely occur on Shavout or the Holy Day of the Summer First Fruits. Once this occurs the first resurrection is complete. The pause of 2000 years is nothing to God, as a thousand years is like a day. This second gathering at Yeshua's second coming completes the theme of the gathering of the Saints and fulfills the Holy Day of Shavout, it completes the first resurrection. This is the only rapture or resurrection that the Bible speaks of with respect to the Tribulation.

When Yehsua returns at His second coming, He comes in the clouds and the whole world will see Him.

Mat 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

C. Completion of the First Resurrection

The completion of the first resurrection occurs **on one day** at the **end of the Tribulation**. The seventh trumpet announces Yeshua's second coming. Yeshua then comes in power and glory and he comes in the clouds as stated in Mat 24:30 above. Every eye will see Him throughout the entire world.

Rev 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they *also* which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

This verse above is likely one with some duality, but it most likely applies mainly to the second resurrection at the Last Day, see the document "*Rev Ch1 Verse 7*"

This is where all the Saints that were killed and died over roughly two thousand years since Yeshua ascended to heaven will now rise up and join Him in the clouds as well as any Saints living at this time.

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

1Th 4:17 Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

This gathering occurs in a specific order, with the Dead first followed by those who are alive at this time. It is only the Saints that are resurrected. All others need to wait for the second and final resurrection at the Last Day which is the large Fall Harvest.

1Co 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, *and* become the firstfruits of them that slept.

1Co 15:21 For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead.

1Co 15:22 **For as in Adam all die**, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

1Co 15:23 But **every man in his own order**: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

1Co 15:44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

1Co 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; **We shall not all sleep**, but we shall all be changed,

1Co 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

We know that when Yeshua comes in the clouds and gathers His Saints, those that are Saints that are alive on earth at the time rise up into the clouds, following right after the dead. The manner in which they will rise in our physical bodies is changed into spiritual bodies. In the scripture below where we are told "all die". Since all die those alive at the time, will somehow change from physical to spiritual and rise to be gathered by Yeshua in the clouds. This is a

continued first resurrection that is taking place, with all those that are gathered or taken are then changed. It appears that the physical body when transformed into spiritual will disappear from this earth. Since we all do not sleep, the change must be instantaneous.

All that are resurrected are changed into a spiritual body. The Saints that are resurrected are with Yeshua forever. They will be His administrators and serve Him during the Millennium, administering and ruling over the entire world.

Yeshua also told us He will prepare a place for us in His Father's house and that He would come and receive us to Himself and we would be with Him. This now occurs at the end of the Tribulation as He has prepared the place for us.

Joh 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were not so*, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

Joh 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there ye may be also*.

The following verses apply to those alive at the end of the Tribulation, at Yeshua's second coming. It is only the Saints that are taken, the others that are alive are left on earth.

Mat 24:40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Mat 24:41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Mat 24:42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

Luk 17:34 I tell you, in that night there shall be two *men* in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.

Luk 17:35 Two *women* shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Luk 17:36 Two *men* shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Note that the light font words were added by the translators. All these that are taken are only those who are found acceptable by having walked and grown as commanded, they are only the set-apart ones or the Saints.

We know that when Yeshua comes to take the kingdom on earth for the Father, which is the second coming, when He rules and destroys those coming against Jerusalem, the Saints come with Him, note we are told that at this moment in time **All the Saints** come with Him.

Zec 14:5 And ye shall flee *to* the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, *and all the saints* with thee.

1Th 3:13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with **all his saints**.

Those that are killed for their faith hold a special place in God's eyes, there is no greater test of one's faith as that of enduring to the end of being persecuted and killed.

Psa 116:15 Precious in the sight of the LORD *is* the death of his saints.

In addition we are also told of a great multitude were given white robes, which are those who were tested and came through the great Tribulation.

Rev 7:9 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;

Rev 7:13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

Rev 7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. 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.

Again this reinforces the gathering the new Saints that were tried and come out of the great Tribulation.

D. The Secret Gathering of the Philadelphia Church

Many Churches in the world today and false teachers tell their congregations that a secret rapture or resurrection takes place ahead of the start of the Tribulation. Unfortunately this will destroy the faith of many when it does not happen and they are left to go through the Tribulation. The following is the one verse in the Bible that is used to suggest this thought.

Rev 3:10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, **I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.**

First recognize that the above verse applies only to the Philadelphia Church. The various Christian Churches in today's time will be discussed later in this document. When we examine the above scripture in detail it tells us that this congregation will be kept from having to go through the test or trial or temptation that comes upon the whole world. This event refers to the Tribulation and having each person decide whether they will subscribe to the one world economy which requires

taking the mark of the beast. So Yeshua is telling this group that He will do something to keep them from the hour of temptation. There are three possibilities for this to occur;

1) These people could be resurrected and taken off the world, ie raptured before the start of the Tribulation.

2) These people could be gathered ahead of the start of the Tribulation and taken to a place of refuge and protection somewhere on earth. They would then live there protected for the duration of the Tribulation.

3) These people could be put down or killed ahead of the start of the Tribulation.

Any of these three scenarios would keep these people from the temptation and not having to go through the Tribulation.

Out of these three the second and third scenarios are the ones that will likely happen and we really have no way of knowing which one of them will occur. This is arrived at after conducting the study document "*Killing and War*". That document shows us that both the Father and the Son look at our death differently than the way man looks at death. God looks at our death as a point in time where we are finished or have completed our walking forward in this world and now we die and sleep until being resurrected at some time in the future, either at the first or second resurrection.

The first option, that of being raptured or resurrected needs to be evaluated as to what happens just prior to the start of the Tribulation in order to understand that it does not occur. The following verses tell us of an event recorded by John.

Rev 6:8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

Rev 6:9 And when he had opened the **fifth seal**, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

Rev 6:10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

Rev 6:11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they *were*, should be fulfilled.

The fifth seal is broken just before the start of the Tribulation, this is established from others studies that follow in sequence to this first study. The book of Revelations gives us more insight into the Saints. The Saints that have been martyred ask God to avenge them, but they are told to wait a little while until other Saints are killed during the Tribulation. They are to wait until these others join with them. So who are these Saints under the alter ? They will be all those martyred from the time of Yeshua ascending to heaven up to the start of the Tribulation. They have not been resurrected at this time, but rather are told to wait a little season, being to the end of the Tribulation. By the end of the Tribulation their fellow servants will be killed and join them. We can take from this that a secret resurrection ahead of the Tribulation has not occurred as these Saints are still not resurrected but need to wait until the end of the Tribulation. So that means we can disregard the first option from happening. It is likely that the blood of these Saints are crying out from the earth and we are given this critical clue to enable us to understand that there is no secret resurrection. Recognize that scripture tells us the dead rise first then followed by those that are

alive, each in his own order (1Th 4:15-17). The dead do not rise until the end of the Tribulation at Yeshua's second coming, therefore any that are alive and found to meet the status of Saint rise right after the dead have risen. The first option does not occur.

We are left with only the second and third options. Looking at the second option if it occurs there will be a collection of people in the Philadelphia Congregation that are taken to a place of refuge for the duration of the Tribulation. Logic would indicate that this would occur just prior to the start of the Tribulation. Why, because these individuals would be able to witness to those in the other Churches as well as other individuals and help guide them to the Truth of God's word and how they need to go through the Tribulation. As the tribulation approaches people will panic and many will be ready to accept the Truth of God's word as they look for answers.

We are told that during the Tribulation there will be a place of refuge that will exist at least at the midpoint of the Tribulation, consider the following scriptures.

Rev 12:14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

This place in the wilderness is a place of protection where Satan cannot come and that means that a One World Government will not have access to it either, as it is protected by God.

However the other argument for option three is that just ahead of the start of the Tribulation those in the Philadelphia Church will have done what they can to guide those that will be going through the Tribulation and therefore are no longer able to help people any further, since all people will have chosen how they are going forward once the Tribulation starts. So those of the Philadelphia church could be removed from having to go through the Tribulation period by suddenly dying brought on by God's hand as a result of completing their walk and no longer being able to help others. They would sleep in Christ, following in the same manner as Moses.

There are two sets of scriptures that suggest that the Philadelphia Church will be gathered and hidden and not need to go through the Tribulation, suggesting that option number 2 could take place rather than option number 3. These are as follows;

Isa 26:20 Come, **my people**, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: **hide** thyself as it were **for a little moment**, until the indignation be overpast.

Isa 26:21 For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to **punish** the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

Zep 2:2 Before the decree bring forth, *before* the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the LORD come upon you, **before the day of the LORD'S anger** come upon you.

Zep 2:3 Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: **it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD'S anger.**

So there is the possibility that there is a place of refuge where these people will be hidden from Satan and the world through the Tribulation period when God's anger comes down upon the world.

Not to discount the third option of being put to sleep or killed, recognize at the end of Moses walk, he was put to sleep. Also consider the following verses from Job, he asks the LORD that he be hid in the grave while the LORD's wrath is brought down on the world.

Job 14:13 O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me!

Job 14:14 If a man die, shall he live *again*? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

We will not know definitely which of the two different methods will occur until it happens. However it really does not matter which of the two occur, as it will be God's will as to what occurs.

Now consider the following two verses that speak to the coming Tribulation, Trial, Temptation, Test or Snare.

Luk 21:35 For as a **snare** shall it come on **all them that dwell** on the face of the **whole earth**.

Luk 21:36 **Watch** ye therefore, and **pray always**, that ye may be **accounted worthy to escape** all these things that shall **come to pass**, and to stand before the Son of man.

The above verse Luk 21:36 is referring to the Saints in the Philadelphia Church and goes with Rev 3:10 which appears to fit with either a collection of people to a place of refuge, for a select few or those people suddenly dying and hence sleeping through the tribulation period. In the verse Yeshua also tells all people to walk forward according to God's Will and to pray always and grow in a manner that they will be accounted worthy of becoming a Saint and escaping the Tribulation. It is an invitation by Yeshua for people to change and walk forth properly before it is too late.

Do not get your hopes up, the Philadelphia Congregation is a very small group that meets the status of being the Saints. In today's time they go forward in the same way as the original Congregations that was set up by Paul. If you do not at the moment follow the way the original Congregations followed, there is still time for you to change before the Tribulation starts, do not leave it too long as it takes a considerable period of time in order to change, learn and grow properly along with prayer and guidance from God's Spirit.

E. The Way the Other Six Churches Walk

The Tribulation starts suddenly, right at the end of the days of sorrows. There will be no mistaking when this occurs as there will be a tremendous earthquake such that the mountains and

the Islands of the world will be moved out of their place. Also the sun will be dark and meteorites will bombard the earth (breaking of the 6th seal). Those on the earth will believe the end has come, but this event is just the heralding in of the start of the Tribulation. Just before this moment in time people will have made their choice, either to accept the one world economic system and take the mark of the beast or to reject it. Those that reject taking the mark will have to attempt to live by faith and trust in God as well as going forth by barter.

Most in the main stream Christian Churches will likely still be waiting for themselves to be taken in some manner, not recognizing the event had taken place and that they are left and still remain on earth and will be going through the Tribulation. They will not realize that they are now in the Tribulation and have just before this moment made their choice with respect to the temptation. When it finally dawns on them, they will not be given any time to prepare their mind on how they are to go through the Tribulation, which would not occur if they truly knew the Bible.

The major temptation that comes upon the whole world just ahead of the start of the Tribulation period will be to take the mark of the beast so that one can buy and sell in order to live and avoid persecution and be able to exist in the one world economy. The Bible interprets taking the mark or accepting the one world economy to be the same as worshipping the beast.

The hour of temptation that will come upon the entire world, refers to the coming Tribulation that occurs seven years ahead of Yeshua's second coming to earth. This means all of those in the other 6 various Christian Churches will not be raptured, or collected at this time. These others will in fact be forced to pass through the Tribulation period. This is because only one of the Christian Churches of today keep the Torah or the Laws of God and the faith of Yeshua and grow in patience. The other six Christian Churches in today's time do not keep the Laws of God, they do not keep the Torah. This means they do not meet the criteria of the definition of the Saints from Rev 14:12. Later in this document we will examine the Christian Churches of today and why this fits. If you think that keeping the Commandments of God are not required today, consider the following three verses;

[Rev 22:14](#) Blessed *are* they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

[Mat 19:17](#) And he said unto him, *Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.*

[Joh 14:21](#) *He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.*

So what are the commandments ? They are all given in the first five books of the Bible, they are known as the "Torah", which the King James Version as well as many other bible versions translate as "Law". The commandments are much more than just ten. Read Leviticus. It is not a pick and choose only those you like, it is doing all that we can do with keeping the intent in our current time as directed to us out of the complete Bible. If you do not keep the Sabbath on the seventh day of the week, which is Saturday, and if you do not keep the Holy Days of God including

the annual Sabbaths as well as other commands, then you are definitely not one of the Saints.

Consider what Yeshua said about the Torah or Law, it is in effect until the current heavens and earth pass away. This happens at the Last Great Day, the day following the end of the Millennium.

Mat 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Luk 16:17 And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail.

The Law referred to is the Torah, and all is fulfilled in the future by Yeshua, as told by the Prophets and scripture. All is fulfilled at the Last Great Day when Yeshua destroys death, the last enemy of the Father. It is then that the current heavens and earth pass away, being replaced by new ones. Yeshua told us that the heavens and the earth will pass away, but His words will never pass away. The above scriptures by Yeshua are written in a future tense, they are a prophecy that as yet will at some time be fulfilled. The following scripture reinforces this.

Mat 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

Also consider the instruction in Malachi, warning of the coming Day of the wrath of God which the main portion is the Tribulation. He reminds people to remember the Torah or the Law as well as the statutes and judgments. This warning is given mainly to those near the coming Tribulation, who will be required to pass through the Tribulation unless they change and become one of the Saints before the Tribulation starts.

Mal 4:4 Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, *with* the statutes and judgments.

Many Churches also use the following verse as applying to a rapture, but by careful reflection it does not necessarily relate to the resurrection, its meaning is a general statement to all mankind and is focused on salvation. Recognize that it does not mean that one can compromise when experiencing persecution. If one goes forward with compromise they are not walking forward with patience and endurance and they are not keeping the commandments.

1Th 5:9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

It will be so easy for those lukewarm Christians to grab hold of the above scripture and say it will be OK to compromise, especially since they walked that way all their life and their churches taught that way forward. Perhaps you have heard a pastor say “we do this to please God, or to honor God”, when in fact what God has told us to do is ignored.

All the Saints alive just before the start of the Tribulation have either been collected and removed to a special place of refuge for the duration of the Tribulation or killed by God and

therefore sleep. We also know this from above verse in Rev 3:10 that the main or initial part of this collection happens before the hour of temptation comes, which is the Tribulation. People will be so distracted by the start of the Tribulation that this event of a very few individuals here and there either disappearing or suddenly dying will hardly be noticed.

All remaining people that are alive at the time are tested by having to go through the Tribulation. If they chose properly they will likely be persecuted and possibly killed, but they will in the course of Tribulation events become given the status of Saint. They must endure to the end to become qualified in being given the status of Saint.

The time of Yeshua's second coming is only known by the Father, but the Bible makes an analogy of this coming to that of the collection of the Jewish bride, or the Saints, which are the initial members of the Congregation or Church as set up by Christ and those that walked on the narrow path keeping the way forward and doing the Will of God in obedience to His word. We know that prophecy is tied into the Holy Days of God, therefore most likely the summer harvest Holy Day of Shavuot will be that of the gathering of the summer Saints at the second coming of Yeshua. The summer harvest is Shavuot or Pentecost where the Congregation of God was first established and the Holy Spirit was widely given, it is the time the Torah was given to Israel, it is also most likely the time when Enoch was taken. The summer harvest is larger than the spring harvest but much smaller than the fall harvest. Both of these first two harvest times are First-fruits. The first is in the time of Passover and is the barely harvest and then the second is at Pentecost and is the wheat harvest. We have some warning signs as given to us from Yeshua as to the season when the end time is close.

During the initial start of the Tribulation after the sixth seal is broken, the angels were told to wait in delivering their continued destruction on the earth until the servants of God were sealed in their foreheads. Since the initial living Saints have been removed in one manner or another, these others are ones that must go through the Tribulation that will not take the mark of the Beast. But they will be persecuted and or killed by the Beast, they will endure to their very end. Being sealed, they will not be tormented by the plagues that God delivers to the earth from this point forth, but will not be protected from persecution by the Beast.

Rev 7:1 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

Rev 7:2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

Rev 7:3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

The following tells us the purpose of the sealing of God's servants.

Rev 9:3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

Rev 9:4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their

foreheads.

The seal of God does not protect those of His servants from being persecuted by the dragon but does protect His people from the wrath of God as it comes upon the earth. The dragon is allowed to make war against the Saints that remain and are going through the Tribulation period.

Rev 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Rev 13:7 And it was given unto him to make war with the **saints**, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

Rev 13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Rev 13:9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.

Rev 13:10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the **saints**.

The last verse above is very important, it tells us how the new Saints are to go through the Tribulation, by patience and faith. They are not to go through by use of the sword, or by guns as in today's time.

We are told that in the later times some shall depart from the faith, these will generally be those in the various Churches. Others that still keep the faith and did not make the grade of becoming one of the Saints prior to the Tribulation test that comes upon the world will be tried. This trial is whether they make the right choice and can endure to the end to become one of the Saints.

1Ti 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

The Saints are the servants of Yeshua who form His management team in his worldly government and are set up to oversee the Nations of the world during the Millennium. This in a manner is generally indicated in Mark, by Yeshua's coming initially to only a select few, being His disciples, and speaking in parables so the masses were not saved at that time.

Mar 4:10 And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable.

Mar 4:11 And he said unto them, **Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all *these* things are done in parables:**

Mar 4:12 **That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and *their* sins should be forgiven them.**

We do not know definitely the year or time that Yeshua will collect His Saints that are alive, but we do know it will be ahead of the temptation coming upon the entire world. This will most likely be just before the start of the Tribulation period. It will be sometime before those that are living will be tested by taking or rejecting the mark of the beast.

The **theme** of the **first resurrection** is consistent, it is that of collecting the Saints. The first resurrection is **totally** in keeping with this theme. It is only the Saints that are resurrected at the first resurrection and then they all come back with Yeshua as He saves Jerusalem and sets up His kingdom on earth. To God time is not important, whether it is a short or a long period, a thousand years can be as a day . Since it is only the Saints that are collected at the first resurrection, it started when Yeshua was resurrected, then has paused for about 2,000 years until Yeshua's second coming and He will then rapture those Saints both dead and alive at His second coming, that time being the end of the Tribulation. The first resurrection is complete sometime when Yeshua comes in the clouds with all His angels and just before He comes down to earth and stands on the Mount of Olives, as all His Saints come with Him at that time. That time is Yeshua's second coming. The first resurrection starts when Yeshua is resurrected roughly 2,000 years ago, and finishes just at Yeshua's second coming. It is only the First-fruits that are resurrected at the first resurrection, these are the Saints, the spring and summer harvests. You must know Gods Holy Days to understand this. The second resurrection is the large fall harvest of the large, large, multitude of people that belong to Yeshua. This occurs on the Last Day, at the end of man living on the earth or the end of the Millennium. This is where all remaining people that did not take place in the first resurrection are resurrected and judged. Those that pass judgment are given eternal life with the Father and the Son, those that do not pass judgment are thrown into the lake of fire. All of this is in the scriptures, read them for yourself. God's word tells us there are two and only two resurrections.

F. The Lords Return

As covered above, Yeshua's second coming is a second gathering of all the remaining of His Saints, the dead first and then those that are alive, this is the what is referred to by man as the rapture. This occurs at the end of the Tribulation while Yeshua's is coming in the clouds, just before He comes down to earth, placing His feet on the mount of olives. All the Saints from the time Yeshua left the world at His first coming right up to the end of the Tribulation are taken and resurrected and join with the first group of gathered Saints. All the Saints including those just gathered, come down to earth with Yeshua, when Yeshua places His feet on the mount of Olives.

At the very end of the Tribulation, when all the Nations of the world come against Jerusalem, then Yeshua returns, first to gather the remainder of His Saints and then to fight and take His kingdom. This is at the end of the seven year Tribulation period and is the second coming of Yeshua. At this point evil people are destroyed and those with good hearts are spared in the various Nations throughout the world. This now becomes the kingdom of God on earth, where

peace will reign and all the living will be taught and carry out God's Will and follow the Torah. This now is the Millennium and Satan will be locked up at the start of this period. Then near the end of the Millennium it is followed by releasing Satan for a short time and then destroying Satan and all the people that rebel against God. Then the Last Great Day with the final judgment and the large fall harvest of those resurrected and found to be written in the book of life takes place. The Millennium and the final Judgment are another study in themselves. Yeshua's second coming at the end of the Tribulation, quickly leads into the start of the Millennium. The resurrection of the second group of Saints or First Fruits occur at this time, now all of the Saints have been resurrected. The next resurrection will occur at the end of the Millennium and is known as the second resurrection. This time will then be the Last Day.

Yeshua's coming at the start of the Millennium was told to us that it will be the same as when He ascended to heaven in the presence of the disciples.

Act 1:9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

Act 1:10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

Act 1:11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Mar 14:62 And Jesus said, **I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.**

Zec 14:4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which *is* before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall be* a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

So when Yehsua returns to earth, His feet stand on the mount of Olives, coming back in the same manner that the disciples saw Him leave and stated by the angels in Acts 1:11 .

At Yeshua's second coming He comes with power, with all His saints and with His angels;

Jud 1:14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his **saints**,

Mat 25:31 **When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:**

Mat 25:32 **And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats:**

Mat 25:33 **And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.**

Mat 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

The above tells us at Yeshua's second coming He separates the sheep from the goats, the sheep are those with good hearts, the goats are those with evil hearts. The kingdom of God is just now starting on earth, being the beginning of the Millennium or 1,000 year period. Note from what will follow shortly that some people of all Nations throughout the world are spared and not destroyed.

At Yeshua's second coming the Nations were angry and had surrounded Jerusalem and were ravaging through it. A sharp sword comes out of Yeshua's mouth destroying those coming against Jerusalem.

Rev 19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

G. Events Indicating the Coming of the End Times

The end time events of the Tribulation take place over a 7 year period, with the time being broken into two 3.5 year periods as told by Daniel. First as this time period approaches there are some signs that we can use to identify its closeness.

To start we will turn to what Yeshua told us. Consider first the following.

Mat 24:5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

Mat 24:6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

Mat 24:7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

Mat 24:8 All these *are* the **beginning of sorrows**.

The above have been and are happening in our current time. The seriousness of the wars and threat of wars are becoming more critical and now are centered mainly around the restored state of Israel and its people.

The following verses describe what is occurring today in various amounts throughout the world and appears to be increasing of late. The preaching of the kingdom to all Nations by man must be very close to being complete in our current time. There are lots of various religious programs throughout the world using radio, television and internet, as well as conferences on God's

word and missionaries still are going throughout the world. These reach over and cover most of the entire world, however not all preach the coming kingdom. The two witnesses from God will be seen by the entire world during the last half of the Tribulation period, these two witnesses will preach and tell man about the coming kingdom. When the two witnesses complete their preaching of the kingdom of heaven coming to earth, it will be at the end of the Tribulation, which is followed almost immediately by the Millennium kingdom which completes this prophecy. This is covered in the document “5. Tribulation Period”.

Mat 24:9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

Mat 24:10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

Mat 24:11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

Mat 24:12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Mat 24:13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Mat 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Next Yeshua tells us of the Abomination of Desolation as told by Daniel. This is at the beginning of the second three and a half year period of the Tribulation. Those living in Judea are to flee into the mountains when they see this occur. This marks the beginning of the great Tribulation such as the world has never seen, the persecution of man under Satan's control. We are to pray that it not be in the winter or on the Sabbath. The Sabbath is reinforced by Yeshua as being in effect up to and beyond this time. The days will be shortened for the elect's sake. At this time false prophets arise and show great signs. It is also a time where the armies of the Nations will surround Jerusalem. Yeshua will come at the end of this time, He will come out of the East and shine to the West.

Mat 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

Mat 24:16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

Mat 24:17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

Mat 24:18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

Mat 24:19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

Mat 24:20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

Mat 24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Mat 24:22 **And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.**

Mat 24:23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here *is* Christ, or there; believe *it* not.

Mat 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

Mat 24:25 Behold, I have told you before.

Mat 24:26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, *he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.*

Mat 24:27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Mat 24:28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

Luk 21:20 And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.

Luk 21:21 Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.

Luk 21:22 For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

Luk 21:23 But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people.

Luk 21:24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

Note Mat 24:22 above, this is occurring in the Tribulation, telling us man has the capability to destroy the world, which has not occurred until today's time with atomic war. God will prevent this from occurring.

At this end time, there will be a falling away of those lukewarm Christians, the sheep will be separated from the sheep. This now heralds in a time of major persecution and death of those marked by God who are keeping the faith.

2Th 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

Before Yeshua returns we will be sent Elijah, there will be two witnesses, in fact one of them will be Elijah. This will be throughout the last 3.5 years of the Tribulation. It will finish at the second woe, and the third will come quickly.

Mal 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

Rev 11:3 And I will give *power* unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. (3.5 yrs)

Right after the Tribulation we are told of Yeshua's coming and the gathering of His elect by the angels. His elect are His chosen, His favorite. These will likely be the Israelites and others of God's people that came through the great Tribulation and were not killed.

Mat 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

Mat 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Mat 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

The Jews that are gathered will suddenly recognize Yeshua as the Messiah who they pierced and mourn Him.

Zec 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for *his* only *son*, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for *his* firstborn.

This now becomes the time for the start of the Millennium rule. At this coming of Yeshua we also know that the last wrath of God destroys those with evil hearts. We also know that some people survive of all the Nations of the world. These that survive and remain of the Nations must be those who have good hearts but did not make the grade of becoming the Saints. These are the ones that as time goes forward come to Israel to learn the Torah and worship at the Holy Days of Tabernacles or the fall feast.

Mal 4:1 For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

Mal 4:2 But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

Mal 4:3 And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do *this*, saith the LORD of hosts.

Jer 4:26 I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place *was* a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, *and* by his fierce anger.

Jer 4:27 For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end.

Zec 14:16 And it shall come to pass, *that* every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

Note that there is a difference between the elect and “his elect”. Yeshua’s elect are most likely the Israelites and God’s people that did not die in the Tribulation, while the “elect” are those of the Nations with a good heart that survived the Tribulation and are able to live and die through the Millennium.

Other important verses are those as follows;

Rev 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

Rev 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of **saints**.

Rev 19:9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed *are* they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

Rev 21:9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

These verses indicate that the wedding supper of the Lamb occurs with the Saints being the bride. We are not told exactly when this occurs but it appears to occur in heaven. Since Yeshua comes back to earth to fight at the beginning of the Millennium and all the Saints come with Him, possibly the marriage takes place later as all the Saints were not collected until just before Yeshua’s return.

The Saints judge the world. This falls in with the Saints being Yeshua’s servants helping to administer His rule over the entire **world** during the Millennium.

1Co 6:2 Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

1Co 6:3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?

It is important that we should not get caught up in thinking that the end time will evolve in a specific fixed way, for we do not know definitely how it will unfold. Rather we should keep an open mind, continue to study scripture and watch how things are unfolding in the world as time progresses. Our goal is to always watch ourselves to see that we are staying on the narrow path and growing in the manner that God demands. We need to go forth in a way that we will be found worthy and acceptable when Yeshua returns.

H. The Christian Churches Today

There are seven Congregations or Churches that Yeshua addresses with letters recorded by John. The **theme** of Revelations is directed to tell us about the end days, with the wrath of God and the Tribulation as well as the Last Day and the New Heavens and Earth and the New Jerusalem. This time period is being revealed to John in order for him to record, thus being available to read for those living as this time approaches in order that they might understand and adjust themselves to walk forward correctly before it is too late. In addition to duality in the Bible, logic tells us that the seven Churches are ones that exist during the approaching time of Yeshua's coming for His Saints and that these are real specific current Churches in today's time that can be identified as the end time approaches. Out of these Churches only one of them experiences a collection, that being the Philadelphia Church. This means that the other six Churches will all be tried in the hour of temptation coming upon all those in the world. This is in keeping with the theme of the future around the Day of the Lord's wrath being revealed to John.

If one can read scripture with logic, one can obtain a correct understanding. In the letter by Yeshua to the Philadelphia Church, read the following verse with logic.

Rev 3:10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee **from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.**

Note the highlighted words above, it tells us of a temptation coming upon the whole world that will try everyone that is alive on earth. This letter is not to the existing Philadelphia Church in John's time, rather it is to a future time. To a Church in the future that represents the Philadelphia Church of John's time. A Church that follows Yeshua and keeps the Torah. That hour of temptation has never come down upon the entire world in order to try all men. It is at this moment still in our future. Again with logic the above scripture refers to a current day Christian Church or Congregation that will experience the Test or Temptation that the LORD brings down upon the whole earth. The letter is to a Congregation in today's time, one of the seven, which is the only one walking correctly.

Look around in today's time, there are exactly seven groups of Christian Churches. There is also one other correlation. Yeshua's letters are to seven Churches that Paul established, these are all mainly composed of Gentiles.

The following is an attempt to match the current identifiable Christian Churches in the world to the seven Churches in Yeshua's letters. You may not agree with the matches made here, but recognize that there are seven major identifiable Christian Churches in the world today. Perhaps you will be able to better match them.

Erroneously today each of the various Churches believe they are the Philadelphia Church, and that they will be raptured or taken by resurrection before the start of the Tribulation, however this is not what the Bible says. This is mainly because they think that the Seven categories of Churches represent each Church over specific times in history, and now only the Philadelphia Church exists, which they think is themselves. Revelations tells us this is only the Church that contains the Saints and is the only one that is collected in not having to make a choice from the trial or time of temptation and having to pass through the Tribulation. Previously it has been identified, Rev 14:12, as who makes the grade of being one of the Saints. It is those keeping the

patience, keeping the commandments of God and keeping the faith of Yeshua. Interestingly in today's time we can recognize each of the seven different types of Christian Churches.

At present there is only one Church or Congregation out of the seven that fits being the Philadelphia Church, that being the Complete or Whole Bible followers, usually known as Messianic Christians comprised of both Jews and Gentiles. They go forward as best they can in the same manner the early Congregations as set up by the Apostles went forward. They follow the Torah, the Sabbaths and the Holy Days of God. None of the other of the six remaining Churches go forward in the same manner. The following is an attempt to match up the various Christian Churches of today with those in Yeshua's letters of Revelations. Perhaps you might be able to match them up better than what follows here.

Recognize that Yeshua's letters are a calling to each specific Church to change before it is too late.

Let us start by examining the letter to the Philadelphia Church.

To the Church in Philadelphia

Rev 3:7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

Rev 3:8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou **hast a little strength**, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

Rev 3:9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

Rev 3:10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, **I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation**, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

Rev 3:11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

Rev 3:12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, *which is new Jerusalem*, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and *I will write upon him my new name*.

Rev 3:13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

We are told that this Church has little strength, that it keeps the Word of Yeshua's Patience. Because of this, those in this Church will be kept from the temptation that will try the world, Rev 3:10. Today we know this congregation is extremely tiny, thus it has little strength, it is so small that it is not positioned in being able to go forth in the current world by making any impact or notice. It is in fact very scattered throughout the entire world, with small groups and individuals here and there. Keeping the Word includes keeping the Commandments of God, the Faith of Yeshua and the Patience. It is the only Church that keeps all three of these, take note the commandments that this group follows is the Torah. All of the other 6 Churches say the Torah was done away with. This select congregation is the Messianic Church of small groups and individuals

spread throughout the entire world in these times. This is the current Church of Philadelphia. Note as coming from this group especially in today's time there are those who say they are Jews and are not, those in the original group that identify themselves as Messianic Christians, but changed in developing and following a distorted doctrine. These are a breakout group of the original Messianic Congregation and are a much larger and growing group in relative terms of still being very small, they are known as Two House. They say they are Jews from lost tribes of Israel. It is clear from the above letter by Yeshua to the Philadelphia Church that this other breakout group are no longer contained or valued within the Philadelphia Congregation. Yeshua is displeased with this breakout group as it goes against the teachings of the New Testament and Yeshua calls them the synagogue of Satan. So it is only the original Congregation of Messianic Christians, or Complete Bible followers that are the Church of Philadelphia, who also could also be referred to as One House in order to make a clear distinction.

Let us move on to other Churches that we might be able to identify today. The Laodicea Church is described as follows;

To the Church in Laodicea

Rev 3:14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

Rev 3:15 I know thy works, that **thou art neither cold nor hot**: I would thou wert cold or hot.

Rev 3:16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

Rev 3:17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

Rev 3:18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

Rev 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Rev 3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Rev 3:22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

We are told this Church is neither hot nor cold. It believes it is rich and full of material goods and not in need of anything. Today there is one Church that looks upon its members as one big family that needs to help each other in becoming rich in material goods. The physical Church itself is rich in material goods. The Church that comes to mind fitting this is the Mormon Church.

Next let's consider the Smyrna Church.

To the Church in Smyrna

Rev 2:8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the

last, which was dead, and is alive;

Rev 2:9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and *I know* the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but *are* the synagogue of Satan.

Rev 2:10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast *some* of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have **tribulation ten days**: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

Rev 2:11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

We are told that this Church will be persecuted, thrown into prison and even be executed for a period of ten days (likely translated as ten years). This Church is well known and is a fairly large organization spread throughout the world. They are so adamant that they have replaced Israel, to the point they ignore scripture that does not agree with their theory or doctrine of the end times and the Millennium. In other words they think that they are the real Jews today. They are big on prophecy prediction. Since they are a highly visible weekly Sabbath keeping Christian Church and also keep the 10 commandments, which includes the Saturday Sabbath, it is very likely they will be singled out at first and persecuted by the antichrist and the Beast. This is the Seventh Day Adventist Church a very visible church located throughout the world. Because of the way the breakout Messianic groups, known as Two House, have gone, they would also fit into this Church identification, as they say they are Jews and are not. This Church may be persecuted starting 3 years ahead of the Tribulation and through the 7 year Tribulation period.

Examining the Ephesus Church next;

To the Church in Ephesus

Rev 2:1 Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;

Rev 2:2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

Rev 2:3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.

Rev 2:4 Nevertheless I have *somewhat* against thee, because **thou hast left thy first love**.

Rev 2:5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

Rev 2:6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

Rev 2:7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

This Church has lost it's first love. They do not recognize Yeshua for who He really is, they give Him a low status. They have much correct, generally more than most of the other Christian Churches. They stress the coming Kingdom of God on earth, the gospel directed by Yeshua to be

spread forward throughout the world. However our salvation is totally tied to Yeshua. Thus today the Church that fits this description is the Jehovah Witness Church.

Next we will look at the Sardis Church;

Sardis

Rev 3:1 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

Rev 3:2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have **not found thy works perfect** before God.

Rev 3:3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

Rev 3:4 Thou hast **a few** names even in Sardis **which have not defiled their garments**; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.

Rev 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

Rev 3:6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

This Church has much that is right, but it's works are not perfect. There are a few who are walking forward properly. They are told to strengthen the things that remain. They need to continue to watch for Yeshua's return. The great number of the various Protestant Churches fit this description as they focus mainly on the heart.

There are two Churches left, Thyatira and Pergamum. These two are similar and therefore we will look at them together;

Thyatira

Rev 2:18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet *are* like fine brass;

Rev 2:19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last *to be* more than the first.

Rev 2:20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and **to eat things sacrificed unto idols**.

Rev 2:21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

Rev 2:22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

Pergamum

Rev 2:12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the

sharp sword with two edges;

Rev 2:13 I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, *even where Satan's seat is*: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas *was* my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.

Rev 2:14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the **doctrine of Balaam**, who taught Balac to **cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel**, to **eat things sacrificed unto idols**, and to commit fornication.

Rev 2:16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

Rev 2:17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth *it*.

In our present time there are two Churches that are very similar and appear to fit the above scripture. These are the Roman Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church. Let us select Thyatira as fitting the Roman Catholic Church and Pergamum as fitting the Orthodox Church. Pergamum appears to be Greek and is proud of their philosophy on life which permeates through western culture. The ancient Greek were pagan worshipers and Greek philosophy is Satan's seat.

In summary these are the present day Christian Churches and how they fit to the Churches Yeshua was addressing.

Messianic	- Philadelphia
Mormon	- Lacadonia
SDA & 2 House	- Symrna
Jehovah Witness	- Ephesus
Protestant	- Sardis
Roman Catholic	- Thyatira
Orthodox	- Pergamum

Recognize that those in the all the Churches that are tested through the Tribulation and who keep the patience and the Faith of Yeshua are those who will be granted Saint status throughout and by the end of the Tribulation up to Yeshua's second coming. In the letters to all the Churches, they were encouraged to correct themselves, to repent and go forth properly doing the Will of God, while there is still time. If you are not doing what is required to be one of the Saints, you need to know what God's word tells you to either change and go forth properly or on how to prepare for going through the Tribulation. It will come quickly and suddenly, not being recognized until it is upon the entire world. Now is the time to change and walk forward as God and Yeshua demand. Do not let it come upon you as in the days of Noah.

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