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I. PRECEPTS

We have much confusion and sometimes down right arguments and dissention as to the Lord coming back before, in the midst, or at the end of the great tribulation period. This series of "Look For His Coming" is an attempt to shed some light on the subject. It is also understood that an estimated 20 to 30 percent of the scriptures are directed toward prophesy. We are told the Lord would do nothing until he revealed it unto the prophets first

(Amos3:7). We are children of light and not the children of darkness (John 12:36). Daniel made it clear that there would be those of understanding in the last days and they would turn many (Daniel 11:33). He also tells of the persecution that will befall them.

I had a well-known minister tell me that when he surrendered to preach he had some older brethren to tell him to always study the bible precept upon precept. He found this was the way to study the bible precept upon precept. For example the precept of sin entering the world starts in Genesis and goes through Revelation. All scriptures are enjoined. Christ coming is foretold in the Old Testament many times and is shown many times in the New Testament. All scriptures are enjoined in this concept and must be interpreted accordingly. Originally Adam had no sin and in the closing chapters in Revelation God's children are returned to this state. If we want to know the truth of the Bible we must enjoin Precept upon Precept, line upon line, a little here and a little there. The Bible must be taken in its entirety and everything must fit. A brick wall is put together piece by piece with every brick in place. If one brick is taken out there is a hole in the wall and it has been weakened. The more bricks taken out the greater the hole is and the weaker the wall. When you start to tamper with the Word of God and take a little out here and a little there or change a little here and a little there we become like

Isa 29:13 below. We may draw near Him with our mouths and with our lips do honor Him but our heart will be far from Him.

CONCLUSION: If we are born again believers in Jesus Christ, believing He is the only begotten Son Of God, and believe He is coming again and we are willing to pick up our cross and follow Him, willing to lay our life down for Him and

have the faith to be persecuted, then we have no need of knowing when He is coming back. We will be ready.

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1. PRECEPT:

Strong's Concordance

Definition: Old Testament - commandment, precept, to constitute, enjoin, appoint, charge, give a, give in, send with, send a messenger, put, (set) in order.

(The above was used in Isaiah chapter 28)

A different Hebrew word is however used in Isaiah Chapter 29 which the definition is as

follows: *a command, whether human or divine (collect the Law) (which was) commandment, law, order, or precept.*

Webster's Dictionary New 20th Century 2nd Edition refers to Precept as to take, beforehand, to admonish, before.

1. a commandment, or direction meant as a rule of action or conduct. 2. a rule of moral conduct, a maxim
3. a rule of direction, as doing something technical
4. in law, a written order; a warrant, a writ

Precedence in laws of the land shows past cases to set a rule of order to go by from past experience. This in turn sets future rulings.

Rule upon rule, law upon law, commandment upon commandment, enjoined, put together, interlocking from beforehand.

As you will see later God gives knowledge to those that have been weaned from the milk and drawn from the breast. We must have basic knowledge of God's Word and be prepared to move further into the word. It certainly seems clear to me that the entire word of God is enjoined together with each commandment based upon all other commandments and rule upon rule. Every thing from Genesis 1:1 to the end of Revelation is enjoined together with each precept closely fitting in its place with all others fitting together.

ALL MUST BE IN HARMONY.

How can we hope to understand the coming of the Lord except it is shown to fit the precepts stated

through the Bible and enjoined? If a theory will not enjoin and clearly does not fit then by all means leave it alone.

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CAN WHAT IS PREACHED AND TAUGHT
BE SCRIPTURALLY SHOWN IN THE
BIBLE? IS IT A SUPPOSITION,
CONJECTURE OR WHAT THEY HAVE
BEEN TAUGHT? PERHAPS IN SOME
CASES IT MAY SIMPLY BE WHAT IS
DESIRED, OR WHAT IS WANTED TO BE
HEARD.

“...precept upon precept,...”

“...precept upon precept,...”

“...line upon line,...”

“...line upon line;...”

“...here a little,...”

“...there a little;...”

Isa 28:13 But the word of the LORD was
unto them precept upon precept, precept
upon precept; line upon line, line upon
line; here a little, and there a little; that
they might go, and fall backward, and be
broken, and snared, and taken.

“...Whom shall he teach knowledge?...”

“... whom shall he make to understand
doctrine?...”

“... them that are weaned from the milk,...”

“...drawn from the breasts....”

Isa 28:9 Whom shall he teach knowledge?
and whom shall he make to understand
doctrine? them that are weaned from the
milk, and drawn from the breasts.

**Isa 28:10 For precept must be upon precept,
precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon
line; here a little, and there a little:**

“...precept of men:...”

Isa 29:13 Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as
this people draw

near me with their mouth, and with their lips do
honour me, but have removed their heart far from
me, and their fear toward me is taught by the
precept of men:

Please note that this last precept has been separated out as the precept of men. I fear that many things we believe have been separated out from the word of God by the precepts of man and not of God. We must be careful that our precepts are Godly precepts and not from man. Please note the Hebrew word for precept used in Isa. 29:13 is different than Isa. 28:10.

If we plan to search the scriptures on end times to receive knowledge and understanding we must be:

- 1. weaned from the milk (Isa. 28:9)**
- 2. drawn from the breast (Isa. 28:9)**
- 3. precept upon precept (Isa. 28:13)**
- 4. line upon line (Isa. 28:13)**
- 5. a little here and a little there (Isa. 28:13)**

All the scriptures must be enjoined and any precept must fit the rest of the Bible and all its precepts, lest we fall into the trap of the precept of man. Certainly all scholars should know that any studies should be led by the Holy Spirit.

PRECEPT:

2. HE IS COMING AGAIN

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

Acts 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.

CLOUD, CLOUDS

Dan 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold,
one like the Son of man came with the clouds of
heaven, and came to the Ancient of

days, and they brought him near before him.

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.

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Rev 14:14 And I looked, and behold a white
cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the
Son of man, having on his head a golden crown,
and in his hand a sharp sickle.

Rev 14:15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.

Rev 14:16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

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.

Mark 13:26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

Luke 21:27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

Mat 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

John 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.

1 Th 2:19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?

1 Th 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.

1 Th 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:

1 Th 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.

1 Th 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you
wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul
and body be preserved blameless unto the coming
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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MODERN DAY CHRISTIANS WANT A
CROWN WITHOUT A CROSS

A SERVANT IS NOT BETTER THAN HIS
MASTER

Mat 10:24 The disciple is not above his master,
nor the servant above his lord.

Luke 6:40 The disciple is not above his master:
but every one that is
perfect shall be as his master.

“... precept upon precept, ...”

“... precept upon precept, ...”

“... line upon line, ...”

“... line upon line; ...”

“... here a little, ...”

“... there a little; ...”

Isa 28:13 But the word of the LORD was unto
them precept upon

precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they
might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and
snared, and taken.

LET IT BE CLEAR NO MAN KNOWS THE
DAY OR THE HOUR FOR THE RETURN
OF THE LORD.

II. PRECEPT:

3. WILLINGNESS TO LAY ONES LIFE DOWN

*What is the greatest love that one can have. Christ
gave his life for each of us. Abraham was willing
to give the chosen son Issac as a sacrifice (the
promised son that the chosen race was to come
through). We are told to pick up the cross and*

follow Christ. The servant is certainly no greater than the master. We are told that there is no greater love than to lay down your life for a friend. He that loves his life will lose it but he that hates this life in this world shall keep it until life eternal.

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ABRAHAM

Gen 22:10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

Gen 22:11 And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I.

Gen 22:12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

JESUS CHRIST

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

STEPHEN

Acts 7:58 And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

Acts 7:59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

Acts 7:60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

BELIEVER

Mat 10:39 He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

BELIEVER

Mark 8:34 And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

Mark 8:35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

JESUS CHRIST

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

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BELIEVER

Luke 9:23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

Luke 9:24 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.

BELIEVER

Luke 17:32 Remember Lot's wife.

Luke 17:33 Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.

JESUS CHRIST

John 10:15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

BELIEVER

John 12:25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

John 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Most of the Apostles were killed because of their faith. Many early Christians were slain. As you will see later under Persecution that through the ages many of our brothers and sisters had to lay their life down for the cause of Christ.

PRECEPT:

4. PICK UP THE CROSS

**Luke 14:27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross,
and come after me, cannot be my disciple.**

**"...he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after
me..."**

"...is not worthy of me..."

Mat 10:38 And he that taketh not his cross, and
followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

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"...take up his cross, and follow me."

Mat 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

"...take up his cross..."

Mark 8:34 And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

"...take up his cross, and follow me."

Mark 10:21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

"...take up his cross daily, and follow me."

Luke 9:23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let

him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

IT IS CLEARLY A COMMANDMENT FROM CHRIST TO

PICK UP THE CROSS AND FOLLOW HIM.

III. PRECEPT:

5. PERSECUTION

"Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you..."

Mat 5:11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you,

and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

"...persecute you;..."

Mat 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

"...when they persecute you..."

Mat 10:23 But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities

of Israel, till the Son of man be come.

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"...persecute them..."

Mat 23:34 Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them

shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city

"... for when tribulation or persecution ariseth..."

Mat 13:21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

Persecution and Tribulation is repeatedly stated in The New Testament.: See:

Luke 11:49, 21:12, Mark 4:17, 11Tim 3:12, Acts 19:22

Rom 5:3, 12:14, Col 1:24, 11 Cor 1:4, 1:5, 7:4, 12:10, Gal 5:11,

Gal 6:12, 6:14, and Phil 3:8

"...The servant is not greater than his lord..."

"...If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; ..." John 15:20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

This concept is repeated in Mat 10:23-24, Luke 6:40, John 13:16 and 15:20.

The scripture is very clear that persecution will come, but woe unto the hand that it comes by. We are to be willing to lay our life down for the cause of Christ.

Remember Abraham was willing to give the life of the chosen child to

father the chosen race. Christ gave his life on the cross of Calvary. Stephen lay his life down. Most of the apostles did likewise.

**THE FAITHFUL FEW HAVE
ALWAYS BEEN PERSECUTED.**

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IV: PRECEPT: PAST PERSECUTIONS

A. TRAIL OF BLOOD

B. VALLEYS OF PIEDMONT

C. FOXE'S BOOK OF MARTYRS

A. "THE TRAIL OF BLOOD"

"The Trail Of Blood" was written by J. M. Carroll after he was 70 years old. J. M. Carroll was born January 8, 1858. He became interested in the history of the church that Christ established when here on earth during his ministry. He wanted to make known the little known history of the Faithful Witnesses of the Lord Jesus. J. M. Carroll gave lectures on his findings at churches and some were so impressed that it was agreed if he would write his lectures down that they would be published. He died on Jan 10, 1931 before the book came off the press. By October 1982 1,500,000 copies had been made. Currently I am sure that now it far exceeds that number.

His research through the history of the church over centuries since

Christ showed the Faithful Witnesses were hated by people in the Dark Ages. Many were put in prison and untold numbers were put to death. There was great suffering. Persecution was heaped upon these people. This is where the title of the book came from "The Trail of Blood". By following the trail of blood (martyrs) and the suffering and persecutions of these Faithful Witnesses he was able to trace them from the time of Christ up until the 20th century in 1931 when he died. There is a chart in the back of the book showing from 100 A. D. until 2000 A. D. There

are red dots to show the consistency of the blood being shed over the

centuries. The cover of the book is dark red, I feel sure, is to symbolize the blood shed.

Christ was persecuted and put to death. Stephen was stoned to death and most of the disciples were persecuted and put to death. The New

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Testament records many of Paul's persecutions. If you trace these

persecutions through the ages you will find the Faithful Witnesses.

I have no connection with the group that prints and distributes "The Trail Of Blood" other than trying to be a faithful witness of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a small booklet currently can be obtained at the following e-mail address mail@bryanstation.com at a cost of \$1.50 per book for up to 5 copies, or \$1.25 per copy thereafter.

I encourage everyone to get a copy or check it out on-line showing our ancestors giving the ultimate sacrifice to remain faithful until the end.

The following is on the inside of the front cover.

Rev 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

This book and the two mentioned below show this to be true.

"...If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you;..."

John 15:20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

NOTE ABOVE: WILL ALSO PERSECUTE YOU, NOT SHOULD, NOT COULD, NOT MIGHT, BUT **WILL** PERSECUTE YOU.

B. "THE VALLEYS OF PIEDMONT"

Years ago I read an article in a religious state paper indicating they were trying to raise enough money for a reprinting of a book written in 1668 called "Valleys of Piedmont" about the bloody massacre of the ancient Christian sect called the Waldenses. The best I can remember the cost

to publish was around \$20.00. I sent them enough for two books. You had to put the money up front because funds were not available to have

them printed. Weeks and months later here they came.

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The Waldenses are a Christian group started by Peter Waldo. He left his

wife and gave his fortune away to the church and charity to start

preaching in the streets in 1173 in Lyon, France. His followers were not allowed to preach in some areas and this may be the reason almost 500 years later many of them had left and were in the Valleys of Piedmont.

After the bloody massacre in 1665 the head of state in England, Ireland, and Scotland had commissioned Samuel Morland to investigate the incident that happened to the ancient people in France. He collected as many documents as possible to establish who these people were, what they believed, what happened to them and why. His work was completed in 1658, three years after the massacre.

I quote from page d3 "...I found it to be, even from one end thereof to the other, one of the saddest tragedies that even had been acted in the Christian world; a Story so lined and interwoven with horrible Attempts, such bloody Edicts, such profound stratagems, and barbarous Persecutions, against the poor harmless and innocent Flock of the great Sheperd of our souls,..."

The documents secured were preserved in their original language and translated side by side. A map of the Valleys of Piedmont drawn to scale was included showing the 3 valleys, mountains, villages, and

churches. Often times when people were persecuted and killed the name of the person was given, often the village they came from and sometime even the name of the persecutor. Documentation was given in great detail. Often they were killed for simply not renouncing their belief.

The author included 25 drawings that he selected showing how they were killed. I have selected 10 out of these and only giving a short synopsis. I

have the drawings and a longer account for those desiring or needing further proof.

1. boiled heads and eat brains
2. sickle into lower belly and ripped open to navel (female)
3. ravished, breast and privits cut off and fried (female)
4. stabs in feet and ears - privates cut off frying it with a candle to stop bleeding to prolong suffering (male)
5. 80 yrs old man tied neck and heels together and thrown off a formidable Precipices (cliffs).
6. small children and infants thrown down precepts (cliffs)

7. 2 women - stakes thrust through privates to the upper back and one end of stake put in ground

8. small children snatched from mothers arms and torn or cut in pieces (one not above 6 weeks)

9. leg tied to a mule and drug through the streets

10. roasted a 10 year old girl alive over flames and sliced off a slice to eat but the flesh was not well done

Remember they had committed no other crime than being a Faithful Witness.

NOTE TO THE READER: Often spelling of such words and capital letters as bloody, privits, Precipies, precepts and Sheperd are used from the original documents and appear different from modern language.

C. FOXE'S BOOK OF MARTYRS

Foxe's Book Of Martyrs vividly portrays death from the crucifixion of Christ through the centuries to come. Most of the disciples were killed. Stephen was stoned. They present stories of many martyrs . Over 3 centuries the Roman Empire persecutions and martyrdom were well known especially under Nero.

One might say over the centuries one of the signs of the spread of Christianity has been persecution and martyrdom. It has been said blood has been the seed to spread the Church through the years. The papal persecutions continued over years with many kings empowering them to persecute those of a different persuasion.

Cases are mentioned in Italy, France, Germany and Bohemia where the flow of persecution and martyrdom continued.

I encourage the reader to read Foxe's Book of Martyrs to see the accounts of early Christians, through the Dark Ages, and the Protestant

Reformation showing the great unwavering faith of these early brothers and sisters in Christ bringing the word of God to us through the centuries. Many had to pay the ultimate price of giving their life. The faithful few are always found.

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We are told we are to follow Christ. He gave his life for us. We are told **we would be persecuted**, not might be, not could be, but that **we would be persecuted**.

"...they will also persecute you..."

John 15:20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

Now let us stop and look at our current generation. Do we have the faith to stand unwavering as the early Christians did? Could we stand the test? Most so called Christians today do not attend church on a regular basis, read the Bible little if any. Prayer is seldom heard, unless we are in big trouble. Are we dedicated, committed Christians desiring the presence of the Lord and seeking his face and hungering and thirsting for his Word? Most do little for the Lord without enticement, entertainment, feeding us, promising us fun and games. Yes, many even rob God of tithes and offering to use for simple pleasures and would even argue that it was not God's to begin with.

GOD'S HOUSE IS A HOUSE OF PRAYER AND FOR SPIRITUAL ENLIGHTENMENT.

Mat 13:21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

Mat 10:23 But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.

Mat 23:34 Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city:

“...deliver you up to be afflicted...”

“...shall kill you...”

“...ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake...”

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.

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

“...shall endure unto the end...”

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

THE GREAT TRIBULATION

“... great tribulation...”

“...was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. ..”

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.

“...shall be a time of trouble,..”

“...such as never was since there was a nation...”

Dan 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that

shall be found written in the book.

“...unto the end of the war desolations are determined...”

Dan 9:26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

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V. PRECEPT:

ARE THESE PRECEPTS?

PRECEPT

A. NOTE: ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION COMING BEFORE THE GATHERING OF THE SAINTS.

“... abomination of desolation...”

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:)

“...the Son of man coming in the clouds...”

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.

“... abomination of desolation...”

Mark 13:14 But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:

“...the Son of man coming in the clouds...”

Mark 13:26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

Mark 13:27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

“...the desolation thereof is nigh.”

Luke 21:20 And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies,

then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.

“... the Son of man coming in a cloud...”

Luke 21:27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

“...If any man worship the beast and his image,...”

“...and receive his mark in his forehead...”

Rev 14:9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice,

If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

Rev 14:10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

Rev 14:11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his

image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

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 cloud one sat like unto the Son of man...”

Rev 14:14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

Rev 14:15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for

the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.

Rev 14:16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

PRECEPT

B. CLOUD OR CLOUDS

Dan 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

Dan 7:14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his

kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

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.

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Mark 13:26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

Mark 13:27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

Rev 14:14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

Rev 14:15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a

loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.

Rev 14:16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

OPINION

"...one like unto the Son of man..." is mentioned in Rev. 1:13, Rev. 14:14, and Daniel 7:13. In Rev. 1:18 it clarifies who verse 13 is referring to,

Daniel 7:13 clarifies in verse 14 to whom it is being spoken of. In Mat. 24:30 the Son of man is mentioned twice in the same verse telling of his coming. In Mark 13:26 Son of man once again is mentioned. Obviously in Rev. 14:14 this is the coming of the Lord, as well as in Mat. 24:30 and Mark 13:26.

PRECEPT

C. OVERCOMETH:

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.

Note: overcometh is repeated in Rev 2:11, 2:17, 2:26, 3:5, 3:12,

3:21, and 21:7

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PRECEPT

D. ENDURE TO THE END

Mat 10:22 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

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

Mark 13:13 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Mat 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

PRECEPT

E. SAINTS (mentioned in Revelation alone)

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.**

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

Saints also are mentioned in Rev. 5:8, 8:3, 8:4, 11:18, 13:7, 15:3, 16:6, 17:6, 18:24, 19:8, and 20:9.

PRECEPT

F. SAME DAY

“...until the day that Noe entered into the ark,”

Mat 24:38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

Mat 24:39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

“...until the day that Noe entered into the ark,...”(Luke 17:27)

Luke 17:26 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

Luke 17:27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

“...the same day that Lot went out of Sodom...”(Luke 17:29)

Luke 17:28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

Luke 17:29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.

Luke 17:30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

“...his wife looked back from behind him...”

Gen 19:26 But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

“... In the selfsame day...”

Gen 7:13 In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark;

Gen 7:14 They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his

kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort.

Gen 7:15 And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life.

Gen 7:16 And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in.

PRECEPT

G. END TIME PERSECUTION:

Please distinguish between the wrath of God and Persecution. What Satan is allowed to do to test us and try us is far different than the wrath of God being poured out. The wrath of God was poured out upon the Egyptians in Egypt at the time of Moses without touching even the cattle

of the Hebrews. Persecution has always been with us in both the old and the new testaments. As I understand the Word persecution will be with us until the end.

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.

John 15:20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

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.

END TIME PERSECUTION IS REPEATED IN
MARK 13: 9-13 AND LUKE 21:12-17

TO ME THE ABOVE SEVEN ARE BIBLICAL
PRECEPTS.

1. Gathering of Saints after the Abomination of Desolation
2. Coming in the cloud or clouds
3. Overcometh
4. Endure to the end

5. Saints mentioned all the way through Revelation

6. Same Day

7. Persecution of the saints

VI. WRATH OF GOD

“...delivered us from the wrath to come...”

1 Th 1:10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

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“... God hath not appointed us to wrath...”

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

**“...who hath warned you to flee from the wrath
to come?...”**

Mat 3:7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees
and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto
them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned
you to flee from the wrath to come?

**“... who hath warned you to flee from the wrath
to come?...”**

Luke 3:7 Then said he to the multitude that came
forth to be baptized of him, O generation of
vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the
wrath to come?

*Please note that in the 4 verses listed above that
The New Strong's*

*Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible shows the
same Greek word for wrath. It shows four different
Greek words translated in the New Testament for
the English word Wrath, but all the above come
from the same word. The above leads me to feel
that the final judgment, Hell or The Lake Of Fire
is being referred to in these verses. Certainly this
could not have been referring to the great
tribulation when speaking to*

the Pharisees or the Sadducees.

WRATH REFERRED TO IN REVELATION

"...O Lord God Almighty..."

"...thy wrath is come..." (Rev 11:18)

Rev 11:17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

Rev 11:18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

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"...wrath of God..."

Rev 14:10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

"...wrath of God..."

Rev 14:19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

"...wrath of God..."

Rev 15:1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

"...wrath of God..."

Rev 15:7 And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever.

"...wrath of God..."

Rev 16:1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

"...his wrath is come..."

Rev 6:17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

"...fierceness of his wrath...."

Rev 16:19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

"...wrath of Almighty God..."

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.

WRATH OF THE LAMB

"...wrath of the Lamb..."

Rev 6:16 And said to the mountains and rocks,
Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that
sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the
Lamb:

OPINION

Wrath of God- The plagues in Egypt were not on the children of Israel with them there. I have found the wrath of God in the book of Revelation only once before all kingdoms are given to Christ in Rev 11:15. In

Rev 6:17 it is speaking of the great day. Note all others are after Rev 11:15 as follows: Rev 11:18, 14:10, 19, 15:1, 7, 16:1, 19, 19:15.

Rev 11:15 is when all kingdoms are given to Christ after the seventh angel sounded.

Wrath of God. Many say we will not go into the great tribulation period because we will not be subjected to the wrath of God. I agree we will not be under the wrath of God, however the children were in Egypt during the plagues but look where God's wrath went around them. They were allowed to put blood on the door post so their young would not die. It was no problem for God then, now or later. Much of the mentioning of the wrath of God is during the seven last plagues, seven vials and later.

WRATH

EXAMPLE:

Strongs Concordance

GREEK (or-gay)

violent- passion- punishment-anger, indignation, vengeance, wrath

“...thy wrath is come...”

Rev 11:18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

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EXAMPLES:

Strongs Concordance

GREEK (thum)

Passion (as if breathing hard), fierceness, indignation, wrath

“...devil is come down unto you, having great wrath...”

Rev 12:12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

“...drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication...”

Rev 14:8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

"...wrath of God..."

Rev 14:10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

"...wrath of God..."

Rev 14:19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

"...wrath of God..."

Rev 15:1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

“...vials of the wrath of God...”

Rev 15:7 And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever.

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"...vials of the wrath of God..."

Rev 16:1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

VII. TRIBULATION THEORIES

WE HAVE LOOKED AT SOME OF THE
MAJOR PRECEPTS PUT FORTH IN THE

BIBLE. LET US NOW LOOK AT WHAT FITS THE PRECEPTS. LET US LOOK AT THE PATTERN AND SEE WHAT FITS THE PATTERN. IF ONE BLOCK OF A QUILT IS OFF YOU CAN STAND OFF AND SEE IT DOES NOT FIT THE ENTIRE PATTERN.

Our scholars of today are split on three main theories on the coming of the Lord. I understand there are more than three but let us look at the major ones. The three theories are (1) Pre-Tribulation (2) Mid-Tribulation and (3) Post Tribulation. Now let us think further in that the Mid-Tribulation and Post Tribulation both indicate that the living Christians will go into the seven year Great Tribulation period. The pre-Tribulation says, we the born again Christians, will not enter the seven year period , not even one day. The Mid-tribulation and the Post tribulation Theories say we will enter the great tribulation period.

One of the greatest divisions in the theories is the definition of the word WRATH in regards to the end times. It seems the Pre-Tribulationist hold that the meaning of wrath is that God's children will not go under the wrath of God and define it as the seven years of tribulation. The Mid-Tribulationist seem to believe wrath of God means under the rule of the beast. The Post Tribulationist appear to believe the wrath is the final abode or judgment of the wicked, however the wrath in the tribulation period is for the wicked and not the children of obedience. Persecution from Satan and his followers is not wrath of God.

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MY RESEARCH OF THE THREE THEORIES,

**PRE TRIBULATION, MID TRIBULATION,
AND POST TRIBULATION** IS THAT THEY
BELIEVE PART OR ALL OF THE IDEAS
PROJECTED IN THEIR PARTICULAR
SECTION BELOW.

PRE-TRIBULATION THEORY

1. "...not appointed us to wrath..."

1 Th 5:9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath,
but to obtain salvation

by our Lord Jesus Christ,

*They define the wrath as the tribulation period.
Persecution is not the wrath of God. Please refer
to Mat 3:7 and Luke 3:7 and check the word
wrath in the Greek to see if it is not the same word
used as wrath in 1 Th 5:9.*

2. "...blessed hope..."

Titus 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

They seem to believe that blessed hope is deliverance before the tribulation and not going under the wrath of God. My blessed hope is in Jesus Christ and his return for us for eternal life regardless when he returns or what we have to undergo. Persecution is not the wrath of God.

3. "...And immediately I was in the spirit..."

Rev 4:2 And immediately I was in the spirit; and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.

Rev 4:3 And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

This is felt by many to be a picture of the Church entering heaven. I failed to find this mentioned in these verses.

4. "...hour of temptation..."

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.

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Many define hour of temptation as the great tribulation period. Most agree that one week in Daniel shows the seven years with each day representing a year. The word hour is used 10 times in Revelation. The Greek translation infers a short period of time. An example could be while the mark of the beast is being given. I am not saying but only suggesting a possibility. Once again the scripture does not say that hour is the great tribulation period.

5. "...four and twenty elders..."

Rev 4:4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white

raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

Many feel that 12 elders will be from Israel and 12 from the Church. One main problem that I see here is that they seem to be in heaven when John sees them and have already been given their seats. Also, please consider that the fact that the 144,000 are not sealed until Rev. Chapter 7 and specifically identified as the firstfruits in Rev. Chapter 14. This would present a problem of identifying the 144,000 with Israel or the church if part of them has already been selected and their reward given before Rev Chapter 7 or 14.

6. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven..."

1 Th 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:

1 Th 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.

Many feel that this shows imminent return. It appears to show what is going to happen and gives no reference to when. This is the scripture given by most that hold to the Pre-Tribulation Rapture and sometimes the

only one. All 3 theories agree that this is going to happen, but when is still unanswered.

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7. "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye..."

1 Cor 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.

*This is felt by many to show imminent return.
Please note that at the last trump is clearly stated
to be when. Enough said.*

*My research indicates the Pre-Tribulation Rapture
theory generally originated with John Nelson
Darby around 1827 in Ireland and later spread
through The Plymouth Brethren, Moody, Dallas
Theological Seminary, later through Schofield and
Tim La Haye.*

MID-TRIBULATION THEORY

1. "...sacrifice and the oblation to cease..."

Dan 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the

consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

The sacrifice ceases is when the beast reveals himself.

2. "...gathering together unto him,..."

"...man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;..." (2Th 2:3)

2 Th 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

2 Th 2:2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

2 Th 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;

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2 Th 2:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

The beast must reveal himself before the abomination of desolation.

3. "...not appointed us to wrath..."

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

Wrath period is defined by them as the period of abomination of desolation.

4. "...a great multitude, which no man could number..."

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;

Multitude stated to come out of great tribulation.

5. "...two olive trees, and the two candlesticks..."

Rev 11:4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

Two witnesses come at the beginning of the abomination of desolation.

6. "...except those days should be shortened..."Mat 24:22

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.

They feel the saints will not go under the beast's control hence the days are shortened.

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POST-TRIBULATION OR LATER PORTION THEORY

1. **"...our gathering together unto him,..."**

"...that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;" 2 Th 2:3

2 Th 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord

Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

2 Th 2:2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

2 Th 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;

2 Th 2:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

OPINION

2 Th. 2:1-4 the gathering together unto him can not take place until two things take place (1) a falling away first (2) man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition. The first appears to have already happened. The second in verse 4 opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God. It is

felt the Jews would have nothing to do with him if he had

revealed himself. When the daily sacrifice is taken away and he reveals himself there can be no doubt. The gathering appears to take place after this point but not necessarily at this point.

When: after the man of sin is revealed.

2. "...the last trump..."

1 Cor 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.

OPINION

In 1 Cor. 15:52 It says at the last trump the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

The Greek salpigx is translated trump and the 4 times trumpet are used in Revelation are translated from the same word. The 2 times trumpets are used they are translated from the same word. If the seventh trumpet is not the last trump it appears that it must of necessity be after the seventh trumpet.

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When: last trump

3. "... harvest..."

Rev 14:15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a

loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.

Rev 14:16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

OPINION

In the 14th chapter of Revelation the harvest of the earth is mentioned in verse 14-16. This is the only time in the book of Revelation that the word harvest is mentioned. The harvest suggest the good is gathered. Afterwards, immediately follows the vine of the earth. All indications that I see this would be Armageddon. Note that blood comes out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs. Both are listed one following the other.

When: harvest followed by Armageddon.

4. "...one sat like unto the Son of man,..."

Rev 14:14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

OPINION

"...one like unto the Son of man..." is mentioned in Rev 1:13,

Rev 14:14, and Daniel 7:13.

In Rev. 1:18 it clarifies who verse 13 is referring to. Daniel 7:13 clarifies in verse 14 to whom it is being spoken of. In Mat.24:30 the Son of man is mentioned twice in the same verse telling of his coming. In Mark 13:26 Son of man once again is mentioned. Obviously in Rev 14:14 this is the coming of the Lord.as well as in Mat 24:30 and Mark 13:26.

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When: In Rev 14:14-15 the next event mentioned appears to be Armageddon.

"...the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all." Luke 17:29 5. Luke 17:28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

Luke 17:29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.

Luke 17:30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

OPINION

It appears the same day that Lot went out of Sodom all the wicked were destroyed.

When: Just before the destruction of the wicked.

6. CLOUDS OR CLOUDS

"...one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven..."

Dan 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of

man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

"...he cometh with clouds..."

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.

"...behold a white cloud..."

Rev 14:14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

OPINION

Clouds: In Revelation 1:7 it indicates that he cometh with clouds. The word cloud appears 6 times in Revelation and clouds 1 time. Clouds is as mentioned above. Twice cloud is mentioned not referring to the harvest or gathering of the saints. Revelation 10:1 refers to an angel clothed

with a cloud. Revelation 11:12 refers to the two witnesses being taken

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up after they were killed. The only four times that cloud was used was in Revelation 14:14 -16 and the word is used 4 times. In short, we are told in the first chapter he is coming in clouds and the only mention in Revelation of cloud, other than the two unrelated, are in three verses telling of his coming. In Mat. 24:30 clouds are mentioned with his coming as well as Mark 13:26.

When: This scripture takes place at the harvest and the next scriptures after is Armageddon.

7. Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

OPINION: We have seen where the coming of the Lord will be at the last trump. The seventh trumpet is the last of the seven trumpets. If the coming of the Lord is not at this time it appears it will be after the sounding of the seventh trumpet. For those that have reservations look up the Greek word for trumpet in the seven trumpets and the Greek word for trump in 1Corn. 15:52 and see if they are not the same.

When: The seventh trumpet is the last one mentioned.

FOR FURTHER STUDIES ON THE POST
TRIBULATION SEE THE FOLLOWING:

A. OVERCOMETH "...overcometh..."

Rev 2:7, Rev 2:11, Rev 2:17, Rev 2:26, Rev 3:5,
Rev 3:12, Rev 3:21 and Rev 21:7

OPINION

*Overcometh- All seven churches in Revelation 21
we are told*

*"overcometh" and remember this is one
revelation.*

B. ENDURE TO THE END

Mark 13:13 Mark 10:22 Mat 24:13

OPINION

It appears that this is self explanatory.

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C. SAINTS

Saints: Please note that the word Saints appears in the book of Revelation 13 times as follows: Rev 5:8, Rev 8:3, Rev 8:4, Rev 11:18, Rev 13:7, Rev 13:10, Rev 14:12, Rev 15:3, Rev 16:6, Rev 17:6,

Rev 18:24, Rev 19:8, and Rev 20:9.

OPINION

I once asked an older preacher, who is now deceased, if he thought we would go into the tribulation. He immediately stated yes. I ask him why he thought it. He simply stated saints are mentioned all the way through the book of Revelation. Look above and see for yourself.

D. "...firstfruits..."

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.

OPINION

In Revelation Chapter 14:4 the 144,000 are referred to as the "firstfruits" unto God and the Lamb. They were not sealed until the 7th chapter of Revelation after at least one-fourth of the earth is dead well into the tribulation period.

The 144,000 follow the Lamb "...withersoever he goeth..." (Rev.14:4). We are told in John 14:3 and implied in II Thes. 4:17 that where he is we will be also. If the 144,000 are following the Lamb in Rev.

14:4 and are the "...firstfruits..." (Rev. 14:4)
where are we if the gathering has already
occurred?

E. Abomination of Desolation:

In Mark 13:14 it speaks of the Abomination of Desolation which goes through verse 24 of the same chapter. It states after **that** tribulation telling of the signs and then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds. It seems obvious that **that** tribulation is referring to the Abomination of Desolation. Mat. 24 does likewise in verse 15 it

refers to the Abomination of Desolation. Then in verse 29 it speaks of immediately **after** the tribulation of those days. Once again it tells of

the coming of the Son of man in verse 30. As I perceive it we are told at least 3 times that the Lords coming will be **after** the start of the abomination of desolation. Once in II Thes. 2:1-4, Once in Mark 13 and once in Mat. 24

OPINION

It appears the Coming of the Lord will be after the start of the Tribulation of the Abomination of Desolation.

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F. Persecution and affliction

In Mat. 24:8,9,10,11, and 12

Mark 13:9

Luke 21:12

In the above verses we are told of the many afflictions that will befall us

between the period of the beginning of the period of sorrow and the Abomination of Desolation.

G. WHAT TWO QUESTIONS WERE ASK IN MAT 24:3 AND TO WHOM WAS HIS RESPONSE?

When and **What**: In Mat. 24:3 the disciples asked Jesus two questions (1) **When** shall these things be? (2) **What** shall be the sign of thy coming, and the end of the world? Jesus response was to these two questions. "Mat 24:33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these

things, know that it is near, even at the doors."

This tells us **when**.

"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."

Verse 30 tells us "what shall be the sign".

When and **what** are ask by some of the disciples in Mark 13:4

In Luke 17:20 The question of when only was ask of the Pharisees. In Luke 21:7 when and what were ask.

Look at each of these and see if the coming of the Lord is not after we see all the signs given.

In Mat. 24 Jesus was asked the disciples about his coming and the end of the world. Please note that in his answer pronouns are used , if my count is right, 18 times referring to the disciples who were there and had ask the two questions.

When: After we see all these things mentioned in reference to Mat24:33 above.

OPINION

When the pre-tribulation theory is the only way taught the idea seems to be we do not have to worry because we will not be here. That is for someone else. It tickles the ears. Do not prepare for the worst and hope for the best. It goes along with the good life idea or a quick fix so eagerly desired by so many.

If our people think they just might go through part of the tribulation, just maybe, they might want to be closer to the Lord or prepare for his coming. If we prepare for the worst and it doesn't happen that way the

Lord finds us a ready servant either way. If however we feel we have nothing to worry about we could be unprepared for what might come. Many people feel that 75% of the so called church members are not saved. If this is true then if we project the idea you don't have to worry, then where does this put them. We know full well they will go through the tribulation if they survive. Think about it.

Mat 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

It sounds like even if the church had to go through hell Christ would be with us.

Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Those that were beheaded for the witness of Christ were openly rewarded for their faithful witness.

VIII. CONCLUSION

DOES OUR MODERN DAY EASY
BELIEVEISM IGNORE THE FOLLOWING?

1. Pick up the cross and follow me.
2. Greater love hath no man than to lay your life down for a friend.
3. Rich young ruler who was not willing to lay his riches down.
4. Persecution
5. Deny yourself
6. If you love me you will keep my commandments
7. No man can serve two masters (John 3:20-21)
8. Be continually in prayer
9. Everyone that heareth and do not (Mat. 7:26)
10. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit (Mat 7:19)
11. "...Every one that doeth evil hateth the light.." (John 3:20)
12. Not every one that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom (Mat 7:21)
13. Seek ye first (Mat 6:33)
14. Let your light shine - see your good works
15. Whosoever shall break one of the commandments (Mat5:19)
16. Beatitudes -Blessed

a. poor in spirit, b. mourn, c. meek, d. hunger and thirst after righteousness, e. merciful, f. pure in heart, g. peacemakers, h. persecuted, i. revile you

ARE WE UNDER THE LAW ?

Many people have become quite disturbed about the subject are we under the law or not? **We know we are under grace and salvation comes through the blood of Christ.** Let us take a look at what the "Sermon on the mount" says about the law.

Please note that the law, the old time way or man's way listed below that Christ's way is always harder and not easier. Christ's way goes to the heart. When you have been born again, saved, and regenerated His burden is light.

“...Thou shalt not kill...”

Mat 5:21 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgement:

“...whosoever is angry...”

Mat 5:22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

“...Thou shalt not commit adultery:...”

Mat 5:27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

“...looketh on a woman to lust...”

Mat 5:28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

“...Thou shalt not forswear...”

Mat 5:33: Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the lord thine oaths:

“...Swear not at all...”

Mat 5:34 But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is

God's throne:

Mat 5:35 Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King.

“...shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy...”

Mat 5:43 Ye have heard that it hath been said,
Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

“...Love your enemies...”

Mat 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies,
bless them that curse you, do good to them that
hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use
you, and persecute you.

“...do not your alms before men...”

Mat 6:1 Take heed that ye do not your alms before
men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no
reward of your Father which is in heaven.

“...let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth...”Mat 6:3

Mat 6:2 Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men, Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

Mat 6:3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:

Mat 6:4 That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

“...that they may be seen of men...”

Mat 6:5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

“...pray to thy Father which is in secret...”

Mat 6:6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

“...forgive men their trespasses...”

Mat 6:14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

“...ye forgive not men their trespasses...”

“...neither will your Father forgive your trespasses...”

Mat 6:15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

“...when ye fast, be not as the hypocrites...”

Mat 6:16 Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

“...That thou appear not unto men to fast...”

Mat 6:18

Mat 6:17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face;

Mat 6:18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

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How can a person be saved without the law? No law- no transgression- no transgression- no reality of sin- no reality of sin- no guilt- no guilt no conviction. How can a man be born again except he be convicted (realize he/she is a sinner and turn from it)? No conviction- No rebirth

“...the law was our schoolmaster...”

Gal 3:24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

“...I had not known sin, but by the law:...”

Rom 7:7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not know lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

“...For without the law sin was dead...”

Rom 7:8 But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead.

“...by the law is the knowledge of sin...”

Rom 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

It seems clear to me if we do not have the law we do not and can not know that we have sinned and transgressed against God. No knowledge of sin, no transgression, no guilt, no conviction, hence no repentance.

ONCE AGAIN WE ARE REPEATING
SALVATION IS THROUGH THE BLOOD OF
CHRIST AND NOT THE LAW. THE LAW
CANNOT BRING SALVATION BUT IT CAN
BRING GUILT, LEADING TO REPENTANCE.

NO NEED OF KNOWING

**1 Th 5:1 But of the times and the seasons,
brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.**

Acts 1:7 And he said unto them, It is not for you
to know the times or the seasons, which the Father
hath put in his own power.

Mat 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

Mark 13:32 But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

If we have the Godly precepts within our hearts, 1. Pick up the cross and follow Him 2. Willing to give our life for Him as He did us

3. Have faith enough to undergo persecution, then we have no need of knowing when Christ is coming because we will be a ready servant.

CREAM WILL COME TO THE TOP

Milk is one of the staple high nutritional foods on the face of the earth. Babies are raised from infants on it. Cream will rise to the top of the milk and is considered higher in nutrition. When milk is aged and processed the cream then turns to butter. For a comparison think of those, called by the Father, convicted by the Spirit, and accept the Son as Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God, as the milk. The ones that endure persecution as the cream and the ones that give their lives as the butter and a special crown will be given to them.

**THE FAITHFUL FEW WILL
ALWAYS STAND OUT**