To Whomever is reading this letter…

If you are confused as to what has just happened to family members, friends, and/or neighbors who have **suddenly disappeared**, you have just missed a crucial opportunity that could have saved you from a 7-year period of great tribulation on the earth.

The event that rescued those now "missing" is referred to (by Christians) as the *Rapture of the Church.* The reference to "the Church" means all of those who believed that the Jesus born around 2 B.C. (the one whose birth is celebrated at Christmas time) was God incarnate. (If you can still find a Christian Bible or use the Bible application included in this thumb drive, read *"1 Thessalonians, chapter 4, verses 15-18."* Though the scriptures do not use the word, "Rapture," this word has been used to identify the event described in the aforementioned scripture verses.)

This timeframe you are now in is referred to as the "Great Tribulation" and it will last seven years. It will be absolutely dreadful for you and the others that were not rescued by the Rapture. This Great Tribulation is being parceled out by God because of the wickedness in the world. Those remaining in the world have failed to acknowledge that He is the creator and benefactor of all things. Mankind has received the valuable gift of life He has provided without gratitude…without obedience…without any desire to live in fellowship with Him. So, God has spared all "believers" from the dreadful times of His *wrath* that will come upon the earth, because of its wickedness. *Believers are now in Heaven and you remain on earth.*

Two fundamental reasons God created mankind (male and female) was to have them manage his creation and be in *fellowship* with Him. Just like you choose your spouse and friends, because you enjoy their company and have similar ideals, thoughts, values, etc., God wants you to choose His ways, thoughts, and values so the two of you can enjoy fellowship…forever.

God is a spiritual being and had no beginning and will have no end. He also has a holy and righteous soul. Man was created in His image…that is in His likeness. Man has a soul and God has given mankind freedom to choose the spirit that will dominate his essence (his soul). Only through this freedom to choose his guiding spirit, can God know who really desires to have fellowship with Him. If man chooses to have fellowship with Him, God will plant His spirit in man's heart.

Unfortunately, since sin (rebellion against God) was introduced into the world by Adam and Eve's disobedience, sin has continued for over 4000 years with increasing intensity and debauchery. During these millennials, God continued to provide opportunity for mankind to learn from their mistakes and desire fellowship with Him. He even came to earth about 2 B.C. and took on human form (as the man, Jesus of Nazareth) to have fellowship with people. During His time here, He used various means to convince everyone that He was who He claimed to be…the one and only sovereign God of the universe. He spoke with great authority and proficiency concerning all things and performed miracles, including raising people from the dead. However, most people rejected Him, even to the point of having Him crucified in A.D. 32.

You can read about Jesus' 1st visit to earth in the first four books of the New Testament…in the Christian Bible.) His first coming into the world was to save mankind from their sins (redeem them) so they could be in fellowship with Him for eternity. God's patience has finally run out.

Mankind's sins began in the Garden of Eden when Adam and Eve disobeyed God's command not to eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Before I continue, be comforted to know that God still knows that in your heart you really know that He exists and that He alone created the world from nothing (see the book of *Romans chapter 1*). God also will continue to offer His fellowship with those who have not yet hardened their hearts against Him.

ALL IS NOT LOST FOR YOU!

Though you never acknowledged that God created all things, including yourself, and came to earth as a man named Jesus to die for your sins, He still loves you and wishes that no one should perish (see *2 Peter 3:9*). This seven-year period that has just begun represents God's last provision for the redemption of His specially chosen people (the Jews…descendants of one of the patriarchs of old…*Judah*) who do not believe He was really God incarnate in the person of Jesus. God has also extended the opportunity (by His grace) to all gentiles (i.e., non-Jews) to claim Jesus as Lord, Master, and Saviour, thus assuring them of an eternal life in Heaven (see Romans 11:11). This was done as a result of the Jews' rejection of the deity of Jesus.

Those that harden their hearts (deny His sovereignty and Jesus' sacrificial death on a cross (the price He paid to cleanse your record of sins…past present, and future) will become eternal residents of Hell. (Jesus, by the way is also referred to as the "Son of God.")

So, during this 7-year period, He has sent you this letter and 144,000 evangelists to take advantage of this final opportunity to avoid living eternally in Hell. These evangelists and perhaps other "new" believers" (those like you who have already given their hearts to Jesus, acknowledging Him as the creator and benefactor of all things) can help you understand the way you too can rejoice and have confidence in an eternal life with the one and only Holy and Righteous God…and those who you knew that have earned this status by God's GRACE (see *Ephesians 2:8-9*).

What Lies Ahead in the Great Tribulation

To understand what lies before you, you can find answers in several places in the Bible. You may wish to begin with chapter *24 of the Book of Matthew*, which is the first book in the New Testament. Here, Jesus, who is really God incarnate (that is God in human form) describes for a few of his disciples what these times will be like and when He will come down to earth again. When He comes again, this will be His "Second Advent" or "Second Coming" (His reappearance).

A couple of many additional references are *Zechariah chapters 13-14* and the *Book of Revelation*. The Book of Revelation is more difficult to understand. For an accurate interpretation of these verses, you will need to ask the Holy Spirit for help. One of the many Jewish Evangelical Christian believers who are there can also help you.

The timeline illustrations (Figure 1 and 2) on the next couple of pages should help you understand what will generally occur. A few of the many Biblical references to these events are provided in these illustrations for your further study.

Basically, here is the situation at hand…

It is possible that the nations with borders around Israel have attempted to annihilate the nation of Israel, but have themselves been destroyed. Following this event, Israel then possessed the territories their neighbors once occupied, giving them valuable resources such as oil and gas reserves. At some point, the Russian army and its allied forces decided to invade Israel and take this newly acquired region of territory (with its rich reserves) for themselves (see *Ezekiel 38-39*). They too, failed in an attempt to overtake this land now occupied by Israel.

> (NOTE: Please read the attached article, *Significance of America's Recognition of Jerusalem as the Capital of Israel.* The land Israel has now come into is actually completes the "land grant" God promised His people about 2000 years ago.)

As a result of all of this turmoil in the Mideast, and after the Rapture Event, a peacemaker appeared and performed something what may otherwise have been considered *impossible*. This person has reached agreement among remaining Arab nations and others to fully recognize Israel as a valid sovereign nation, ending all future conflicts with Israel and living in harmony.

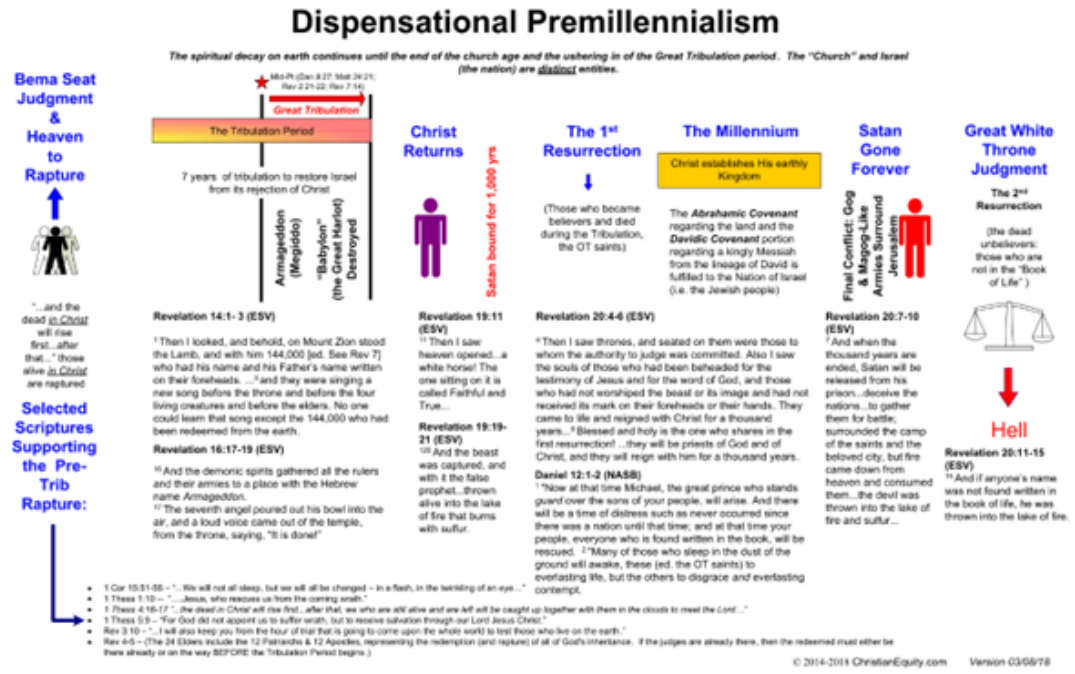


Figure 1 - Events following the Rapture of the Church.

The peacemaker, unbeknownst to most of the world, is actually a pawn of Satan (i.e., the devil). The Bible identifies this person as the "Antichrist (see for instance see, *1 John 2:18*.) He has been

commissioned by Satan to deceive you and the others who were not raptured. He will do this by appearing to be a peace-loving, Israel-loving, and moral political figure for the first half (3 ½ years of the 7-year tribulation period). In fact, he will allow the Jews to rebuild their Temple on its original foundation…the Temple Mount (the place where the Muslim's sacred Dome of the Rock has been in existence since the 7th century A.D.). He will establish a unified world-government system that purports to bring peace, prosperity, and harmony throughout the world.

However, at the midpoint of the 7-year tribulation, the Antichrist, like the Seleucid general, Antiochus IV, in about 167 B.C., will begin persecuting the Jews. (Antiochus slaughtered thousands of Jews; prohibited the Jewish religion; desecrated their Temple; and removed its treasures.)

The Antichrist's "world-government" model will now be used to force allegiance to himself upon all of mankind. He will control the money supply for each individual through some sort of technology (implanted chips, credit type cards, etc.). He will know your every move and will severely persecute those who do not worship him alone.

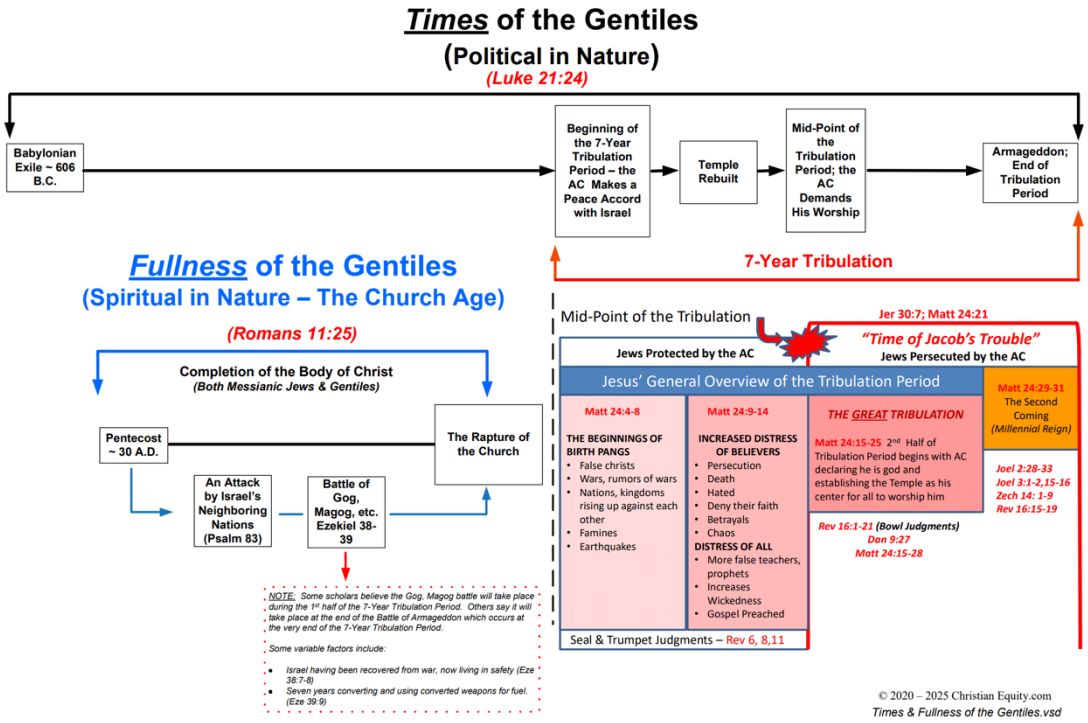


Figure 2 - Events following the Rapture of the Church.

The Antichrist will stop the Jews from worshipping in the Temple; setup an image of himself in there; and demand the entire world (Jew & Gentile) worship him alone. Terrible things will happen to those who are found to oppose him. *Figure 2, above,* highlights the things that will occur during the entire *7-Year Tribulation.*

What Can You Do to Avoid the Terrible Events of this Tribulation Period?

Unfortunately, nothing. You will be in this mess until you die during this period or until it ends (when Jesus returns to earth to reign over it for a 1,000 year period identified as the *Millennial Age)*.

In either of these events, you can still avoid an eternity without God…in a real place called, *Hell*. Hell is a place God initially created for the devil (Satan) and the evil angels (demons) that rebelled against His sovereignty long ago (see *Matthew 25:41*). Since that time, all of mankind who have followed in Satan's ways, as well as those who continue to do so, will also be found there.

To avoid this fate, you must open your heart to God's Holy Spirit; learn of His ways; confess your sins; repent of your sins (ask forgiveness of your sins); identify with Jesus (the Son of God) as your Lord and Master; and let your life follow His ways, even unto death.

Your choices are difficult. If you only cling to this world and your fragile human flesh as your source of strength and contentment (see *Matthew 10:28*), your soul will be forever tormented in Hell. Opposing the Antichrist and his government will result in severe penalties, hardship…even death.

Be aware also that God created *all* things…including the angels. Satan was once a very high-ranking angel, known as Lucifer and his rebellion will eventually end by the hand of God. During Jesus' Millennial Age on earth, Satan will be bound. At its end, Satan will be unbound for his final act of rebellion against God…and all of his armies will be annihilated FOREVER (see *Revelation 20:7-10*)!

Epilogue

The Bible tells us that those who find themselves in the Great Tribulation Period (like yourself), but turn to God (as noted in this letter) will be taken up to Heaven (removed) from this terrible period just prior to Jesus' return (see *Matthew 24:30-31*). This could include YOU!

Your choice between following God's ways or those of the Antichrist will determine the location of your *eternal* life…beyond your mortal body of flesh and bones.

Which way will you choose?