

Repent! How, Even if, President Trump was the Antichrist the Church Wouldn't Know It

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“Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.” 1st Corinthians 1:10

There have been multiple people who have over the years reminded me (Tim) that using a version other than King James Version often instantly causes someone who might otherwise read something to ignore it. The purpose of All Will Stand's ministry is to reach people for Christ, not to cause division amongst those who might be offended by using a different version.

Truly I would myself be skeptical of attending a Church as a guest where they are using a different Bible version, even if Textus Receptus, rather than the King James Version. In fact the opinion of All Will Stand has always been that the King James Version Bible is the only one recommended. The VW-Edition was used, as being easier to be understood to the unlearned and from having fully researched the scope of the project that created this modern version. Yet such a version is not available in any bookstore, nor online websites, with the exception of Lulu, so it is something that most people would never come across.

Then the aspect of there being numerous perversions, such as the NIV (a lighter one than the more modern ones) that are out there. Just as one would expect to see the King James Version Bible in a good Church, so too, those of the same mindset (of which I would be

included) can understand how one would also expect to see the King James Version used in ministry, whether online or in print.

"Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:"... Matthew 24:32

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Preface

The original material for this book was written in December 2019 & January 2020, prior to the removal of normalcy from the world, of which I am thankful for that.

With such a distraction that COVID-19 has become in our daily lives, I pondered the timing of the book back when it was published in January 2020. Certainly I would not have wanted the book to become skewed with thoughts of the current situation on my mind.

In October of 2020 a bonus chapter was written and added to the ministry's website (www.AllWillStand.org). This update to that book includes that chapter *The End is Near*. In this chapter the argument is made based upon biblical prophecy of why President Trump MUST be a suspect of being the Antichrist. This is not my opinion, this is based upon what the Bible clearly states.

As is well known, President Trump lost the election or had it stolen, depending on how you look at things. Whether he runs in 2024 or not is unknown as of this final update to the book (March 2022). The purpose of the book, to show how the Antichrist could rise to power and Christians would not know it, is still as relevant as ever.

A verse of interest:

"But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end." Daniel 7:26

Could this verse, big question here, possibly suggest that the Supreme Court ruled against President Trump, until the end???

Regardless of how the future plays out, one thing is certain. Whether or not President Trump remains a suspect of being the Antichrist or not matters little. The simple fact that he can be used as an example of how the Antichrist could rise to power and the church would seemingly not notice it, provides ample evidence of how such a thing could happen.

To my Baptist friends, particularly those who are independent, fundamental Baptists, I would ask you a question based upon a premise that you have. You have a correct premise that the Antichrist will come out of Rome, many thinking of the European Union. Well, where is Rome?

To that effect I would direct you to a book coauthored with Brandon Schurhardt called *The End: A Final Warning to the Inhabitants of the Earth*. In that book (which you can get for free off of the website), a compelling case is made that the United States of America is the revived Roman Empire.

To close, much could be said about how COVID-19, immunity certificates, etc., could be preparing the world for the mark of the Beast (*Rev. 13:16*) or even perhaps become the mark of the Beast during the “*time of Jacob’s trouble*” (*Jer. 30:7*), better known as the Tribulation. Yet the scope of this book is not about that, the above referenced book is.

Certainly with the condition of the world, if there was ever a time in the history of mankind to be watching and ready (*Luke 12:37-40*), this would be it. I don’t suppose to have all of the answers, nor can any man, but we do have what we need and that is God’s Word to mankind, the Holy Scriptures.

Our goal as Believers is not to search for the Antichrist, but to preach the Gospel that people might be Saved. Nonetheless, when a man is rising to power, like Donald Trump, it should certainly be pointed out that he matches the characteristics laid out regarding prophecy about the Antichrist.

Seek God before it is too late!

“And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29:13

*“(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)”
2nd Corinthians 6:2*

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The Antichrist

"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; 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, shewing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." 2nd Thessalonians 2:3-12

In this late hour there should be some preaching about the Rapture, the Antichrist, the Tribulation (*"time of Jacob's trouble" Jer. 30:7*), the Two Witnesses, the False Prophet, as well as the Great White Throne Judgment, where whoever has not repented and believed into Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior will be cast into the Lake of Fire for all of eternity! These are very serious times, these are very serious issues.

"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Revelation 20:10-15

A generation ago, back into the late 1990's there was still preaching going on about prophetic events that would take place in the future. The Bible is certain and while we will never be able to figure out all of the details, there certainly are enough details to fill multiple sermons on such subjects. Of course, would not the 'things to come' be a predecessor for answering the people why (they need to repent and believe the Gospel), as well as a stern warning for Believers to be carrying out the Great Commission until the Rapture happens?!

"This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken

before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour: Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen." 2nd Peter 3

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:18-20

Our job as Believers is not to try and guess who the Antichrist may or may not be. Though I would say that if someone seems to fit the bill, based about characteristics of the Antichrist that the Bible clearly states, one should at least point out that in this late hour, someone who is seemingly matching the qualifications could possibly be it, as no one is paying attention! So even if the Antichrist was beginning to rise in power in our day and age, there are very, very few who would be paying attention, once again fulfilling prophecy!

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents,

unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." 2nd Timothy 3:1-5

"Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 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, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." Matthew 24:32-42

Our world is a mess, violence fills our streets, drug abuse is rampant, the world economics are a house of cards, situated by the elite banksters, just waiting to come crashing down. There are wars and rumors of wars (*Matt. 24:6*). The church is in shambles, the false doctrines and false christianity being preached has no end. The Churches that are holding out and being faithful to Christ are becoming less and less, as more and more Churches topple to the apostasy.

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities. Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord. But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they

that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you; Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet. These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire." 2nd Peter 2

"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; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. 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: 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. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. 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. 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. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Revelation 3:14-22

The world is ripe for deception, in this chapter a study of characteristics of the Antichrist are going to be looked at, some will have possible theories provided, others are more certain. No one is going to know everything before the time happens, but those who are truly Saved will be Raptured out of here before the start of the Tribulation and the Antichrist being unveiled.

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

"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we

which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 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: 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. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." 1st Thessalonians 4:14-18

"After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter." Revelation 4:1

First, understand that the Antichrist will not be unveiled until after the Rapture, so while some might suspect a person or a person might fit the bill, the proof of that will not be given until AFTER the Rapture happens, not before. So it is NOT possible to say with certainty exactly who the 'man of sin' is.

There have been a lot of suspects throughout the years. There were those who suspected Bill Gates, Prince William, President Obama, President Clinton and many Popes. Personally when I was younger I found some of the information to be interesting, but never bought into any of those people being the Antichrist. Oddly, the only person who I have ever pondered about, due to fitting much of the characteristics listed in the Bible, is also extraordinarily rare to have anyone list him as a suspect. Nonetheless, the Bible is quite clearly that the Antichrist is not unveiled before the Rapture.

"And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:" ... 2nd Thessalonians 2:8

There are a lot of misconceptions about the Antichrist, while not expecting to provide all of the answers here, perhaps a bit of insight into what the Bible teaches. I've looked around online at some of the resources out there, even looking at KJV only lists of Bible verses about the Antichrist and find that all of them fall short. This is not to say that there is not accurate information here and there, but a quick google search reveals the ignorance of the times. A lot of what is written is extra biblical or simply pure garbage, often mixed with occultic works. I don't recommend believing much of what is seen, but rather use the Bible as the sole authority and see if those things are so (*Acts 17:11*).

Antichrist is a Literal Person, an Individual, not Simply Possessed by Satan

First of all the Antichrist is a -literal- person who will rise to the scene. The Bible quite clearly prophecies this.

"Wilt thou yet say before him that slayeth thee, I am God? but thou shalt be a man, and no God, in the hand of him that slayeth thee." Ezekiel 28:9

"Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of the sanctuary was cast down." Daniel 8:11

"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." Daniel 9:27

"And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate." Daniel 11:31

"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:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. 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. Behold, I have told you before. 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. 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. For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together. 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:"... Matthew 24:15-29

"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; 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, shewing himself that he is God." 2nd Thessalonians 2:3-4

"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever." Revelation 20:10

Clearly the Antichrist is a person who achieves actual things. This notion that there is simply a spirit of antichrist and that there will never be a real Antichrist is not biblical. In Revelation 20:10 you can clearly see that both the beast (Antichrist) and the False

Prophet are in the Lake of Fire, but Satan is not yet in the Lake of Fire, not for over a thousand years after (Rev. 20:7).

Antichrist is Called both the Little Horn and the Beast

"I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things." Daniel 7:8

"And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land." Daniel 8:9

"And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. 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. 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. If any man have an ear, let him hear." Revelation 13:1-9

The Antichrist is called the 'little horn' in the book of *Daniel* and the beast in the book of *Revelation*. Both are speaking of the same person.

The Source of the Antichrist's Power is Satan

"Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,"... 2nd Thessalonians 2:9

"And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?" Revelation 13:4

Who knows what signs and lying wonders will take place regarding the Antichrist, but the power behind whatever the signs might be is the workings of Satan.

The Antichrist will have a Fierce Countenance and Understand Sinister Schemes

"And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up." Daniel 8:23

fierce, a.

1. Vehement; violent, furious; rushing; impetuous; as a fierce wind.
2. Savage; ravenous, easily enraged; as a fierce lion.
3. Vehement in rage; eager for mischief; as, a fierce tyrant; a monster fierce for blood.
4. Violent; outrageous; not to be restrained.
5. Passionate; angry; furious.
6. Wild; staring; ferocious; as, a fierce countenance.
7. Very eager; ardent; vehement; as, a man fierce for his party.

countenance, n.

1. The face; the visage, particularly as denoting the emotions; as, a man of goodly countenance.
2. Manifestation of regard; favor; good will; kindness; as to give one's countenance to graft.
3. Show; resemblance; appearance. (Obs.)

Webster's University Dictionary Unabridged, 1942

What exactly consists of a fierce countenance? When I consider a fierce countenance, I would believe that it would be a man who you would not mess with. Would the fierce countenance always be at hand or would it just come out during moments of anger?

From my perspective and my thoughts regarding understanding sinister schemes, is someone who would understand what goes on behind the scenes of the world, around the world. Just as Henry Ford tried to stop World War 1, because he understood what was going on behind the scenes, versus the public perception, so too, I would ponder whether or not this man, the Antichrist, would understand the new world order, the deep state, the 'powers that be' (*Eph. 6:12*).

"And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows." Daniel 7:20

I suppose that the appearance greater than his fellows will be something that will make sense at the time. If a group of world leaders were in a room together, would the Antichrist be someone who is distinguished as greater than those with him through looks, intelligence, character or something else?

The Antichrist's Rise to Power

"And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?" Revelation 13:3-4

There is some sort of supernatural miracle that occurs with the Antichrist. This is a deception of Satan, one of the signs and lying wonders. Does this set the stage for the Antichrist to declare himself as God?

One of the definitions of mortal is the following:

Deadly; destructive to life; causing death, or certain to cause death; as, a mortal wound; mortal poison.

Webster's University Dictionary Unabridged, 1942

What seems to be indicated here is the Antichrist should be dead, but the wound is healed. The whole world would not marvel at the beast if there wasn't a clear miracle here. This is one of the things regarding the Antichrist's rise to power. Whether or not it is an assassination, accident, what the mortal (deadly) wound is, the Bible does not say.

"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." Daniel 9:27

The Antichrist will have a peace pact with Israel. Clearly the Bible indicates that the peace deal is for 7 years. This is primary why Bill Clinton (aside from being President of the United States in the year 2000) was considered a suspect by many, because there was a treaty signed with Israel.

Perhaps the peace deal will be a two state solution (*Dan. 11:39*)?

Yet, for all of those who decide they can live like the devil today and turn around at the last minute when they see the 'proof' of things, through a peace treaty with Israel...take heed!

"Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the

bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." Matthew 25:1-13

Many were saying that we had entered the Tribulation during that time period. Well 2007 has come and gone. I've even known a woman who was a candidate for the House of Representatives who stated that we were in the Tribulation, this back in 2008, be not deceived! The Oslo Accords were signed in secret BEFORE being made public.

Let me ask you, when this ultimate deal is made, is it not confirmed, done in meetings, agreed upon, before the paper is signed? Who signs to purchase a home, unless the decision has already been made? A signature, even a public signing, is something that is agreed upon -prior- to the ink being placed on the paper. Do not suppose that you have time to run and 'get oil' (*Matt. 25:10*) once you hear of it, for the Rapture might very well have already taken place. Do not mess with your eternal destination and postpone what you already know you should do, that is to repent and believe the Gospel, to believe into Jesus Christ, in order to be Saved. If you are counting on being last minute and thinking that you can continue in your sin...take heed!

"And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Revelation 22:10-12

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Matthew 24:44-51

So, in essence, perhaps this is the most telling of all of the characteristics of the Antichrist rising to power, his relationship with Israel. While the Bible doesn't say that the Antichrist is Jewish, certainly it would seem to be more believable. Is it possible that the religious Jews and the leaders of Israel would be deceived that the false Messiah, the Antichrist, is a Gentile?

This doesn't seem plausible, yet if the Bible is nearly silent or silent on the race of the Antichrist, then certainly it can't be said that it isn't possible. I also consider how anti-Semitic people are around the globe. The United States, particularly the republican party

is certainly pro-Israel, yet the same can not be said with the Middle East, Europe, etc., where anti-Semitism has been on the rise for quite some time.

So I question how a Jewish man could rise to the power of the Antichrist, when he would automatically be hated and called part of a conspiracy by much of the world. I also question how Israel could accept this person as their Messiah, if his heritage was not of Jewish decent.

While this topic is just covering the facts here and also a few theories, in regards to Bible prophecy, I can not help but to mention President Trump. The evidence I have seen and have printed out is overwhelming that he is the first Jewish President of the United States. Yet he is not known as a Jew to most of the world.

In Israel, many prominent rabbis believe that he is of the house of David and of Jewish lineage. Their thoughts are that the Messiah is simply a political leader who restores Israel to their rightful place. Should it not be stated that President Trump is trying to make the ultimate peace deal with Israel? Should it not be of interest that President Trump is Jewish, yet the world does not know that? With the exception of Israel, the only country that it truly would matter, because the Tribulation (*"time of Jacob's trouble"* Jer. 30:7) is focused around the restoration of Israel, though the whole world is under God's wrath.

With Jerusalem recognized as the rightful Capital of Israel, with Trump station, now Trump Heights (a new housing division) and a coin featuring Donald Trump from the Temple Mount, the groundwork is obvious laid for a possible large deception. I can not help but to note how President Trump could appease both Israel and the world. While this chapter is not about President Trump, this section must include a least a reference, due to the Jewish reception of him and the references being made by the rabbis that he might be their Messiah.

The other thing that should be mentioned is to tell readers to read *Psalms 83*. Now does such a scenario where Israel's neighbors attack happen before or after the beginning of the Tribulation? Both would be possible, but with recent news of Israel preparing to attack Iran, etc., that issue should be considered as well. How much better and easier to get a peace deal than after a major war, even if it is brief!

All of this will happen in God's timing, not man's. There have been others who have wanted lasting peace for Israel and numerous peace proposals and even peace treaties that did not last. One thing for certain, as God is in control of the timing of all of these events, is that it will never happen until He allows it to happen. It will not happen until the fullness of the Gentiles is completed (*Rom. 11:25*). Perhaps this is why there are so many recent problems with forming a government in Israel???

"I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things." Daniel 7:8

"And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings." Daniel 7:24

"And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy." Revelation 13:1

"And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast." Revelation 17:12

The Antichrist is going to overthrow other kings. When the European Union (EU) was being formed, there were a lot of people who speculated that this was the revived Roman Empire. Originally the EU had ten nations involved in it and they even had currency with a woman riding the beast (*Rev. 17:3*). I heard these things when I was younger and found them interesting, but when the EU had an 11th nation join them, suddenly it did not seem as interesting. Now the EU has 28 nations that have joined.

What is not well known is the fact that the world is broken into ten different regions. From what I have heard, originally the United Nations (UN) were going to call it ten different kingdoms, but then changed the name to regions instead. While this can not be verified, it would fit with biblical prophecy. For instance in the United States we are part of the North American Region (Canada, United States and Mexico).

The Antichrist is going to rule over the revived Roman Empire, which is prophesized in the Bible.

"And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever." Daniel 2:40-44

"In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters. Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof

were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it. After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things. I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened. I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time. 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. 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. I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things. These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth. But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever. Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet; And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows. I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom. Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end. And the kingdom and

dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him. Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart." Daniel 7

So there are these theories that are commonly held, or I guess they are not commonly held nowadays and no one is really talking about them. But one of the theories or assumptions is that the Antichrist just simply starts off ruling over all of the world and there is no other 'kings' contesting him. Well quite clearly the Antichrist destroys three of these kings.

Put in another way, the rise of the Antichrist is not going to be without other nations contesting him, or else why would there be war or rumors of war. Who has to fight a battle when you can win without a shot fired? Already the world is on edge with battles of words, yet so far it hasn't turned into an actual war. This has been going on for quite a few years, take our relationship with Russia, it hasn't been good for quite some time.

The point here is, the Antichrist's rise to power will include a miracle of his deadly wound being healed, a peace treaty involving Israel, as well as the overthrow of other kings. The exact timing of these events in relation to the Rapture is not made known. Most people assume that the starting gun is the peace deal with Israel, but could there be a short space of time after the Rapture until then??? Also remember, would not that deal be made behind closed doors before it was publicly known? Personally, if you have heard the Gospel and believed it, but refuse to repent, I would advise you to reconsider your stance, while you still can.

"(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)"
2nd Corinthians 6:2

Other Prophecies Regarding the Antichrist

"Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. 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. 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." Daniel 9:25-27

"Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, 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. 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; 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, shewing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." 2nd Thessalonians 2:1-12

"Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time." 1st John 2:18

"And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. 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. 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. If any man have an ear, let him hear. 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. And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and

great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six." Revelation 13

Timeframe of the Rule of the Antichrist

"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." Daniel 9:27

"And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months." Revelation 13:5

"And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished. And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days." Daniel 12:7-13

The assumption, and it may very well be, is that the Antichrist will have full power and rule the world for 7 full years. The Tribulation, as people call it, but really the Seventh Week (more later) will last 7 years, though there are an interesting few extra days that are mentioned in Daniel that could have to do with *Matthew 24:29*???. However, during the last 3 1/2 years, total power seems to be had by the Antichrist. Could it be that the Antichrist will not have -total- power until the middle of the week (7 years)?

Then the abomination of desolation is setup. This seems to correspond with these verses:

"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:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:"... Matthew 24:15-16

"And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days." Revelation 12:6

"And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months." Revelation 13:5

There is much about the Antichrist and the Tribulation that simply can not be known. Literally it will make sense when it happens and one can only ponder some of these things, but can not ascertain as to exactly what will take place or what could possibly fulfill such prophecies.

"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." Daniel 12:4

"And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end." Daniel 12:9

Essentially the Antichrist will tread the Holy Land for 42 months or 3 1/2 years, this being the second half of the Tribulation.

"But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months." Revelation 11:2

The Antichrist will Rule the Entire World and the Economy

"Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces." Daniel 7:23

"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." Revelation 13:7

"And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six." Revelation 13:14-18

Will the Antichrist rule over the entire world immediately for 7 years or for 3 1/2 years??? Nonetheless, the Antichrist will have risen to power, even though full power might not be there until the second half, he will still be in control. After all, if three kings

are abased, there will be some sort of war, whether it involves the military or sheer threat of force.

You often hear the terms one world currency or one world government. Yet the Bible is clear that there will still be nations, though the Antichrist will rule over all of them.

"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: 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:" ... Matthew 25:31-32

The Antichrist will have total control over the world economy.

"And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." Revelation 13:16-17

For years there have been talk of a one world currency and people have been looking to such. A single worldwide currency might very well fit into the prophecy from Revelation. Clearly the Antichrist has total control over all financial aspects of the world economy. Whether you live in Peru, the United States, China or the Democratic Republic of Congo, you can be assured that no one will be allowed to buy or sell without the mark of the beast.

In order to be able to have such a system in place, there must also be a system of control over the world economy. Perhaps to the folly of the masses (if there is even masses who believe such a thing anymore), the idea of a single currency for all nations may not be reality. With the arrival of bitcoins and other digital currency, there are some speculating that this will be the one world currency. Perhaps, as cash in hand could still seemingly buy things on the black market around the world.

However, in the times we live there is a financial bubble around the world that is of extraordinary quantity. Recently someone stated the following in a financial article:

"The U.S. economy is a house of cards, built on quicksand, with a tsunami on the way." - Doug Casey, InternationalMan.com

This isn't just the United States, but the same problems are seen throughout the entire world. Anywhere where there is some wealth, there is also a bubble, in most cases of proportions larger than ever seen before...and the investing into this 'great' economy just doesn't stop. The stage appears to be set to allow for a controlled currency to come into play across the world. When the economy pops, and that will be when the global financial elite want it to, then it seems highly probable that the US dollar will lose its reserve currency status.

Hidden behind the scenes, yet also in the public domain, there has been Special Drawing Rights (SDR) units for years. Essentially it is a one world currency, but instead of being a single currency, it uses a basket of currencies around the world to replace a single nation from holding the reserve currency of the world.

Take into consideration also that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has been openly discussing a global reset. The amount of debt around the world held by corporations, governments and individuals is so much that it is NOT possible for it to all be paid back. The solution could simply be that all of the debt is forgiven and perhaps the reserve currency is changed, switching into a new type of currency, though one might very well still use their currencies of their respective nations.

This scenario or similar ones certainly seem ripe to the possibility that the man of the hour, the Antichrist, might be the one who would seemingly provide the solution to the world's financial woes. After all, allowing a disastrous circumstances of a worldwide depression to begin, people would be scrambling towards a leader who would stop the issue immediately, so that they might once again continue on with normalcy in their lives. Such a leader would certainly be hailed as a hero, as people seem to prefer, both in the government and in their personal lives, to kick the can down the road. Imagine no consequences for such a spectacle as the amount of debt that our world has found ourselves in. Where we should be wholeheartedly following Jesus Christ, serving our Creator, we instead have largely found ourselves serving materialism and the consequences of not being content, nor forcing our governments to be content, are going to come home to roost one day.

I remember years ago pondering the technology behind such things. Just how would that work, what could be the technology that would allow such things to actual become reality? I wondered how the mark of the beast could work or the worship of the image of the beast. While I certainly don't expect to have all of the answers, nor should anyone and I wouldn't be surprised if everyone were wrong at their guesses. One thing I do know is that things have changed.

I recall that there was a group who was manufacturing rugged basic laptop computers for Africa, in the price range of about \$100, a long time ago. Back then there were still many areas of the world that were 'in the dark' with the latest technology. However, I can tell you first hand, after traveling through numerous countries in Central America, that a credit card can now be used just about anywhere.

Even a small hole in the wall shop in a foreign country in Central America is likely to allow the use of a credit card. What I never would have guessed is that smartphones would have come out. Essentially now, there is a computer in the hands of over 42% of adults in the entire world, over 81% of Americans and it is growing at an exponential rate. Just a few years ago, only 35% of Americans had a smart phone, now 96% at least have a cell phone.

This technology could easily allow authentication of a mark of the beast scenario. A lot of people, both in Europe and in major cities in the United States, use their phone as their wallet. One thing that must be remembered is the resistance of the people of the United States.

While I was living in Panama, I was shocked to see that both at banks and regular grocery stores, the workers would login to their computers or cash registers using their thumb print, it was quite common. The United States originally had a healthy resistance of technology, due to the work of fundamental preachers across the United States who had warned that in the future there would be the mark of the beast. Plus with movies like Left Behind, there was a culture of resistance in this country. That culture of resistance is quickly disappearing as the use of such technology slowly erodes away the warnings that were placed with generations of Americans.

Across most of the world, there are many Roman Catholics who are not taught such things by the Catholic church. Most of Central America, South America and Europe are Catholic. Much of Africa is either still dark or Muslim, same as much of the Middle East. Even in Israel, they do not believe the New Testament, so despite the fact of their being some warnings in the Old Testament, they are largely ignorant of such a coming time, thus providing proof of them accepting the false messiah. America was always the part of the world who heard about such things, the resistance should have been expected.

As the apostasy is in full bloom, it is not surprising that Americans no longer have much resistance and though there is still talk of such things, largely their discussions are not based on the Bible, but more of seeking proof for the Bible. They don't believe, but find it interesting.

Why speculate what the mark of the beast might be? There are invisible tattoos, there are very small microchips, though the Bible clearly states that it will be ON the right hand or forehead. That is enough said. Technology clearly exists in the world today that would allow for such a system to be QUICKLY put into place. I would not be surprised if such things were ready to be rolled out upon the world at a frightening pace.

Please do note, the Bible never says that the mark of the beast will be fully going for the entire 7 years of the Tribulation. Perhaps it is just a smaller time period towards the end of that time??? So do not listen to the naysayers who will likely tell people not to worry about a new currency (like the SDR unit), as there is no mark of the beast associated with it. One can be assured that whatever type of currency is used there will be a mark of the beast EVENTUALLY, for the Bible says so.

A special note about the mark of the beast:

Please note that it is impossible to take the mark of the beast and go to Heaven. Salvation is NOT possible for those who take the mark of the beast (or worship the image of the beast). There MUST be a choice made to either serve God or to serve the Antichrist. For

those who were Left Behind, they will ultimately be forced to make such decisions, if they survive long enough during the ("time of Jacob's trouble" Jer. 30:7).

"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, 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:"... Revelation 14:9-10

"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." Revelation 20:4

Antichrist Rules by Miracles & Deception

"Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved." 2nd Thessalonians 2:9-10

"And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed." Revelation 13:11-15

Who knows what all of the signs and lying wonders will be? What is known, is that these things will be done through satanic power.

"Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. 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. Behold, I have told you before. 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. 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. For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together." Matthew 24:23-28

Take Jesus's words regarding such signs and wonders. Those signs and wonders are to lead astray. Jesus has warned beforehand, take it seriously.

If all of these signs and wonders were evil, would people not automatically declare that this was indeed the Antichrist. Well, Jesus clearly states that if possible, even the elect (Israel) would be lead astray. So likely and logically many of these signs and wonders will be things that would make people consider that the Antichrist might in fact be the Messiah (or the Christ). Jesus CLEARLY warns not to believe it.

There is no being led astray if someone (rightfully at that time) assumes that these signs and wonders are satanic...they will be! At that point and at that time, for anyone who might read this, please just be faithful to Jesus Christ. For those who have truly become born-again at that time, just hold on, until you can't hold on anymore, than you will be at Home with the Lord. Not much else can be said. The deceiver, the Antichrist, will present a very good argument towards himself with these signs and wonders...DO NOT BELIEVE IT!

Homage to the Image of the Beast

"And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed." Revelation 13:15

The same warnings about not taking the mark of the beast apply to not doing homage to the image of the beast. Do not be deceived, reread that section.

I've often wondered exactly how this would work. However, with smartphones everywhere, now I can imagine a possibility for somehow that technology being used to ensure that the Antichrist has compliance from all citizens. This is serious stuff!

What the image of the beast will be, I do not know. However, the Bible says that this image will both speak AND cause as many as would not do homage to the image of the beast to be killed! Will it report you to the authorities for not doing homage to it? Is that how one will be killed???

The simple fact that the image of the beast speaks is beyond marveling. For in the past God had spoken of such idols that mankind has made in the following ways:

"Every man is brutish in his knowledge: every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them." Jeremiah 10:14

"Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not: They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not: They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they

walk not: neither speak they through their throat. They that make them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them." Psalms 115:4-8

I've heard of holographic images that some people have stated will be used to deceive people during the Tribulation, sort of like a Project Blue Beam scenario (don't google it if you are living during that time...dangerous to do so), essentially a government plot to deceive the masses, something of the order that might be used to explain away the Rapture with a fake alien invasion or other worldly 'aliens', yet done with deception of high technology. Yet the Bible says here that the image of the beast speaks.

Simply put, this is likely just another lying wonder that is satanic in nature and allowed to happen. What will the image of the beast be? If the Bible isn't more specific than that, how can I be? I've thought about such things before and think of some of the technology that we have, like robots, but a robot just wouldn't make sense.

Already there are robots who talk (speak) through computer programming. Such a thing wouldn't really be that out of the ordinary for most people in this day and age, so I assume it is probably something much more than that. Whatever it is, certainly the 'breath' that is given to it (allowing it to speak) will be supernatural.

"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." Revelation 13:8

God has known those who would choose to follow Him, through His Son Jesus Christ. Yes, plan on being killed for not worshipping the beast, however, for those who have truly repented and believed into Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, whose names are written in the Book of Life, note that Jesus will certainly be waiting to receive you.

The Antichrist is a Blasphemer and a Murderer

"And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. 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." Revelation 13:4-7

"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." John 8:44

Jesus said:

"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." Matthew 16:18

Also from *2nd Thessalonians*:

"For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way." 2nd Thessalonians 2:7

So the Antichrist will declare himself to be God.

"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, shewing himself that he is God." 2nd Thessalonians 2:4

One who declares to be God is as blasphemous as it can get. Yet the Antichrist will be doing so for 3 1/2 years, speaking great things and blaspheming! Also the Antichrist will be given power to rule all of the world, but also to overcome the Saints.

So for those who hear of such things after the Tribulation has already begun, please understand that the Antichrist is going to be allowed to make all of the Saints martyrs. For the Bible also speaks of these martyrs:

"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: 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? 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." Revelation 6:9-11

"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; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? 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. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." Revelation 7:9-17

So undoubtedly a great multitude, which no one is able to number, will become martyrs during this time. If we consider history and consider what the Roman Catholic church did by killing millions upon millions of professing Christians throughout The Inquisition, yet the true Church survived. Under the Antichrist, power is given unto him to overcome the Saints.

So why? How can this be? How can it be that God would allow such a thing to take place?

Do you not know the Word of God? Have you not heard? Have you not been taught? Where are the preachers who are warning about these things? Why aren't those who call themselves God's people watching and ready?

When the Rapture happens, the Tribulation begins, the Antichrist rises to power, quite possibly continuing to rise to power. The second the Rapture happens, the Church age is over (*Rev. 4:1*).

At that moment, is the darkest moment in all of history. There is not a single man, woman or child on the entire planet who truly knows God, who truly is Saved. Every pastor who is still there, every Bible professing individual, every person who says they are Saved, every single person around on the WHOLE planet are not Saved, at that very moment. There is not a single time throughout history that a man (or woman) has not had an ongoing true relationship with their Creator...not one, not from Adam until the point that the Rapture happens.

However, the Church age does not go on forever, the Rapture ends it. For Christ in no uncertain words proclaimed the following:

"He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Revelation 22:11-12

Harsh stuff, yes it is. For the apostasy, the deception of the false churches throughout the world has been very great. Yet God was not far from anyone, had they truly sought to seek Him.

"And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13

The invitation was there and still is. I would imagine that those who are judged and will believe the 'strong delusion' will not have that chance. Those who do homage to the image of the beast or take the mark of the beast (which may go hand in hand) will certainly not have that chance. Yet, if you are seeking God with all your heart, He will be found by you.

During the Tribulation, things are not as simple now. There is no choice, but to become a martyr. There is no choice but to accept Jesus Christ as your Savior, even unto death.

*"I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;"...
Daniel 7:21*

*"For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death."
Psalms 48:14*

So, this being written for those who were Left Behind, just how did the doctrine of Salvation minus repentance go for you? Just how well was the blasphemous concerts in the supposed houses of God (churches) go for society? How well were those preachers, who are still on this earth, that said that God accepted gay marriage and other absolute clearly unbiblical stances?!

This was always serious business because God has always been Holy and He still is!

"Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." 1st Peter 1:13-16

Well now what? The same thing as should have been preached before, repent and believe into Jesus Christ, who died for your sins on the Cross and was Resurrected and be Saved!

"Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:21

"For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls." 1st Peter 2:21-25

"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. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." John 3:16-18

"But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:8-13

Call on the name of the Lord and be Saved! Are you going to continue to listen to what others (who were also Left Behind) are saying still?! Do not put your trust in man, put your trust in God. For to those who are reading this during the Tribulation, trust God, just trust Him.

"And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Acts 2:21

"And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call." Joel 2:32

For those who are reading this beforehand, you better get busy doing the same or you will be Left Behind, this is serious business, this is no joke.

"For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." 2nd Peter 1:16-21

The Antichrist is a Destroyer

"Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces." Daniel 7:23

"And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people." Daniel 8:24

This is the revived Roman Empire that has already been mentioned. Once again the power of the Antichrist is NOT his own power, but the workings of Satan. As mentioned earlier, there is a reason that Israel will flee, for the Antichrist will not just destroy, he will destroy extraordinarily!

Exactly what takes place and how it plays out is not known. Yet God's Word will be true on this, just as it has been with every other prophecy that has been fulfilled.

"For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged. But if our unrighteousness commend the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unrighteous who taketh vengeance? (I speak as a man) God forbid: for then how shall God judge the world? For if the truth of God hath more abounded through my lie unto his glory; why yet am I also judged as a sinner? And not rather, (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say,) Let us do evil, that good may come? whose damnation is just. What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God." Romans 3:3-11

The Antichrist has Great Intelligence and is a Deceiver

"And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand." Daniel 8:25

Not only does the Antichrist understand sinister schemes, but he is cunning and deceit prospers in his hand. The Antichrist will be able to manipulate the masses of people. He will be a man who causes prosperity, which shall destroy many.

All over the world there is a desire for things to be better economically. Now in the United States we actually have a man in office who preaches a prosperity doctrine. *Editors note: Originally written and published in January, 2020.* Yet, jobs, more jobs and better living has been the argument for many past Presidents and will undoubtedly be the same argument for future leaders all around the world. People want to prosper, yet why not be rich toward God and seek those riches which are found in Christ.

"And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." Luke 12:16-21

"Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;" ... Ephesians 3:8

Perhaps the prosperity doctrine will be at a time when people should be searching for God, rather than for their own personal wealth? Perhaps that will be the cause of destruction through prosperity???

In the end the Antichrist will be destroyed by Jesus Christ, who will be returning with the Saints.

"And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:" ... 2nd Thessalonians 2:8

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. 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. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King Of Kings, And Lord Of Lords. And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh." Revelation 19:11-21

"Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. 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. 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. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark: But it shall be one day which shall be known to the Lord, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light. And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one." Zechariah 14:1-9

"Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it. In that day, saith the Lord, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness. And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem shall be my strength in the Lord of hosts their God. In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem. The Lord also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah. In that day shall the Lord defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the Lord before them. And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. 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." Zechariah 12:2-10

Few Final Characteristics of the Antichrist

"And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done. Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all. But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things." Daniel 11:36-38

a.) The Antichrist does according to his own will.

The Antichrist will do what he wants to do and he will prosper at doing it. He will rise to power and subdue, yes with satanic power. He will deceive and he will prosper at doing that.

b.) Desire of women.

All over the internet, it seems to be a popular teaching that the Antichrist will be gay. Perhaps this could be correct, but I tend not to think so. The desire of women is written in the same sentence as having no regard to the God of his fathers (would this not suggest that he must be Jewish???), nor will he regard any god.

Perhaps the Antichrist just won't like women? However, let me introduce another theory on the desire of women.

To those of you men who are married out there. Just how often do you plan on doing something (buying something, making something, whatever) and it happens that your wife is not very happy about it. Do you listen? Do you change your plans?

If you are out shopping for a house and find one that you like, but your wife hates, do you buy it anyway? What?! Do you expect comfort in living in the same house with your wife as she sleeps on the couch or in a different room because she is not happy with you?

Unfortunately, the reality of it is, women get dressed up in order to attract a man and a man goes on dates with the woman for his own purposes. Is this not what has been portrayed in countless movies and television shows? Could one not see this on a day to day basis in real life?

Yet I would suspect that just as the Antichrist would not have any regard towards God Almighty, nor any pagan god, nor the desire of women, that all would be of the same thing. The Antichrist would not care about what he does, as that passage of scripture starts off that he does according to his will.

So the Antichrist is not going to care what God thinks, he isn't go to care what his wife thinks and he has no regard to any other pagan god or what that culture thinks. He would eat a hamburger in India and not think a thing about it, no regard towards it. Now even a Believer should not have regard towards pagan gods, but the Antichrist simply won't care, he will do what he wants.

Even Samson fell for the desire of women:

"And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him; and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred pieces of silver. And Delilah said to Samson, Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength lieth, and wherewith thou mightest be bound to afflict thee.

And Samson said unto her, If they bind me with seven green withs that were never dried, then shall I be weak, and be as another man. Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven green withs which had not been dried, and she bound him with them. Now there were men lying in wait, abiding with her in the chamber. And she said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he brake the withs, as a thread of tow is broken when it toucheth the fire. So his strength was not known. And Delilah said unto Samson, Behold, thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: now tell me, I pray thee, wherewith thou mightest be bound. And he said unto her, If they bind me fast with new ropes that never were occupied, then shall I be weak, and be as another man. Delilah therefore took new ropes, and bound him therewith, and said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And there were liars in wait abiding in the chamber. And he brake them from off his arms like a thread. And Delilah said unto Samson, Hitherto thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: tell me wherewith thou mightest be bound. And he said unto her, If thou weavest the seven locks of my head with the web. And she fastened it with the pin, and said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awaked out of his sleep, and went away with the pin of the beam, and with the web. And she said unto him, How canst thou say, I love thee, when thine heart is not with me? thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told me wherein thy great strength lieth. And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his soul was vexed unto death; That he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man. And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once, for he hath shewed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and brought money in their hand. And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him. And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the Lord was departed from him. But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house." Judges 16:4-21

The Antichrist wouldn't care what his 'Delilah' says.

c.) The Antichrist shall honor the god of fortresses.

One of the definitions that seem to fit best in our modern day age of technological warfare is the following:

fortress, n.

Defense; safety; security.

Webster's University Dictionary Unabridged, 1942

From the context of the Bible, in light of modern day warfare, the Antichrist seems to be one who will love military might. He will be one who will take the military seriously and ultimately he will use the military or the threat of military force to achieve his objectives. Perhaps, as my best friend has stated, he could use the lack of military support (mutual aid to other countries if they are attacked) in order to meet his objectives.

One thing for certain, however it may play out, the Antichrist will be a military man and someone who shows honor towards the military, likely he will have that proof with investments into the military, new technology and a strong show of force, whether in actual war or as a deterrent to war.

"And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer." Revelation 6:2

If this verse is talking about the Antichrist, notice he has a bow, but no arrows. Also another verse of interest regarding the Antichrist.

"And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?" Revelation 13:4

However it plays out, the Antichrist seems to have control of a powerful military that is able to destroy his enemies.

d.) The Antichrist Shall Intend to Change Times and Law

"And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time." Daniel 7:25

Whatever this may be, likely will remain sealed until the end (*Dan. 12:4*). I'm sure there are some theories out there, but like much of the 70th Week, better known as the Tribulation (*Dan. 9:24-27*), there is much mystery.

Conclusion

More could be said, more thoughts could be added, but why? Certainly the Bible is quite clear that the Antichrist will eventually rise to power and he will prosper in his endeavors. He will overcome the Saints (those who get Saved during the Tribulation), he will rule the world, he will demand to be worshipped and he will control the economy. In the end he will fail and he will be cast into the Lake of Fire.

Why, o' why would those who are Created in the image of God (*Gen. 1:27*) want to also be cast into the Lake of Fire with the Antichrist? Take heed!

If you are looking for the world to fall off the cliff (economically, warfare or otherwise) before the Tribulation, than take this verse into consideration that things -might- be just as they are now when the starting gun of the Rapture happens.

"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, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matthew 24:38-44

Amen!

A Grand Delusion?

"For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." 2nd Thessalonians 2:7-12

There is much writing that has been done over the years regarding the "time of Jacob's trouble" (Jer. 30:7), known better by many as the Tribulation or the Great Tribulation. In fact the Bible talks about this being a time of great affliction.

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

"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." Revelation 7:14

"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." Daniel 12:1

Many people have made 'maps' and timelines of the book of Revelation, which is rightfully called *The Revelation of Jesus Christ (Rev. 1:1)*. They make timelines of the events from the beginning of the book of Revelation to the end of the book, assuming that these are correct, based upon the judgments, etc., throughout the book. With that, I am not in agreement that things are preciously as people assume. For the book of *Revelation* if a book of past, present and future.

"Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;"... Revelation 1:19

So shall everything that could be, will be or otherwise are thought to be, be written out one by one, with the author assuming some sort of special knowledge due to the

prophecies written in *Revelation*? No rather, as the book of *The Revelation of Jesus Christ* points to Him being revealed to Israel (*Zec. 12:10*), as well as to those who remain, the Second Coming and Christ thereafter ruling (*Rev. 20:3, Zec. 8:3; 14:6*), why shouldn't the focus be on Christ?

"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." Zechariah 14:4

I don't have any special knowledge about the book of *Revelation*, no more than any Believer who would studies the Word of God should, but rather I have a question regarding the sincerity in people who enjoy reading these timelines.

How many people read these timelines just as they would read about aliens, ghosts or anything else in those realms? How many people are interested in the Tribulation or the end-times, are equally interested in things of a demonic nature? While a timeline might prove to be even interesting to a real Believer, the question is what about those who are not Saved?

What exactly would the point be in talking about how the sun will scorch the inhabitants of the earth (*Rev. 16:9*), how the earth is moved (*Isa. 13:13*), how there will be astronomical upheavals (*Joel 3:15-16*) amongst many other things when in good faith I know that many who would read such things would NEVER make it that far along into the Tribulation. Doing some calculations, based upon the numbers in Revelation, one could come to the conclusion that 90% of humanity are killed by the end of the seven year Tribulation (*Dan. 9:27*), also noting that two-thirds of Israel are killed (*Zec. 13:8-9*).

Rather what should be stated is a strong warning that people should repent and believe into Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior BEFORE, rather than as some do who are trying to stockpile for the end times! Please remember, we who are Saved will be with the Lord, we will be Raptured out of here BEFORE the *"time of Jacob's trouble"* (*Jer. 30:7*).

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

"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 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: 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. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." 1st Thessalonians 4:13-18

"After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter." Revelation 4:1a

So instead of reading in hopes of hearing of fantastic things in the future, rather, consider one's heart before their Creator. For life has been tarrying on in this world for nearly 2,000 years since Jesus went Home (*Acts 1:9*) to sit at the right hand of the Father (*Mark 16:19*). Yet, Jesus quite clearly warned, as well as the Holy Scriptures, that eventually the end will come.

"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." Matthew 24:14

"And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." Daniel 12:2

The question that needs to be asked is whether or not the world is being primed right now for a grand delusion. That question will remain unanswered.

Though evidence will be stated explaining how it seems as though it is possible, the truth of the matter is no one could know until afterwards.

"For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:" ... 2nd Thessalonians 2:7-8

So why write about such a possibility at all, if it is not possible to know for sure?

Ezekiel was told:

"Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling-block before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul." Ezekiel 3:17-21

I heavily considered these things. I thought about the burden on my heart to write such things, I pondered. I scoured the internet looking for what others might be saying. I searched news sources, blogs and numerous web pages, looking for inklings of truth. Was there anyone who pondered that such things could be occurring?; but I came up empty handed each time.

Now perhaps there are some who question the current world events and political situations that not only Americans find themselves in, but also citizens all across the world in their respective nations as well. If perhaps the example that I am using as a backdrop to such an idea were to in actuality become factual, though I wouldn't know it before the Rapture (*2 Thes. 2:8*), what could be some of the ramifications of writing such things, especially when being in such a narrow or perhaps empty field of writing?

For if by writing such things there happened to be truth to the ordeal, once again not knowing any special revelation, but simply showing how unprepared the world would be or currently is, especially those who call themselves the church, just what could that entail? For if I write such things and there is a chance of there being truth to them, then could that cause the wrath of man against me?

Nonetheless, what more can I say? If the possibility exists, using the Bible as the textbook of evidence, that the Antichrist world government were rising in front of our very eyes, should I not point it out? Should it not be known, even if no one listens. For certainly, I do not want to have the blood on my hands for not giving a warning regarding the condition of blindness among so-called evangelicals Christians, who are in fact doing EXACTLY the opposite of what I am suggesting here.

First, however, it should be pointed out that the Bible has clearly prophesized that an apostasy would happen. Not only that, but then we must take a look at pondering whether or not part of the 'strong delusion' that is spoke about in the opening Bible verses of this are possibly happening already?

"Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, 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. 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; 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, shewing himself that he is God." 2nd Thessalonians 2:1-4

Now some would read this and suggest that the verse in and of itself would provide evidence that the church would go through the Tribulation. Yet, where is the evidence of this in light of the Bible's clear teaching of a Rapture? For those who have their names written in the Book of Life (*Rev. 20:12*), those who have repented and by faith believed into Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Rather understand that the Day is speaking about the actual Second Coming, not the appearing of Jesus Christ at what has been coined the Rapture. For just because these verses clearly stipulate the Antichrist sits as God, does not neglect the fact that the Church will not be here. There are courses of action listed here:

- 1). Falling Away Happens then...
- 2). Man of Sin Unveiled (Antichrist)

However, somewhere just BEFORE the man of sin is unveiled the true Church, which is those who are actual repented Believers in Jesus Christ, are Raptured. The falling away has already happened and is continuing.

"For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:" ... 2nd Thessalonians 2:7-8

"Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. 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. 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." Zechariah 14:3-5

Now how can all of the Saints be coming with Christ, if we are still here? Beware this false doctrine of the Church going through the Tribulation. Trust me, while there will probably still be lies, for those who have eyes to see, those who are actually Saved will be Raptured prior. One must repent and by faith accept Jesus Christ as their Savior or else you will be Left Behind!

However, some more emphasis must be placed on the apostasy. For, who else, but the apostate church and so-called false christians are going to be the ones deceived? The Bible is quite clear that *'they received not the love of the truth'* are the ones who will be deceived. Also the Bible is quite clear that there will be an innumerable amount of people who are Saved during the *"time of Jacob's trouble"* (Jer. 30:7).

"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; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth." 1st Timothy 4:1-3

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as their's also was." 2nd Timothy 3:1-9

The apostasy is ripe throughout all of which calls itself Christian. There is a remnant that is left that are true Churches of Jesus Christ (not the Latter Days Saint's style) that are faithful to Jesus Christ. There are still those Churches who preach the Gospel faithfully and also are careful about Salvation, knowing that repentance is also necessary.

Yet around the world there are large false churches and cults that include numerous amounts of people. While there might very well be individuals whose hearts are known by God, as a whole they will certainly be Left Behind. The problem is there are many different types of churches all throughout the United States, in particular, that once preached the truth, to some degree, and now have fully embraced the apostasy, this even in more formerly conservative churches, such as Baptist.

The apostasy isn't just limited to those churches that presume to spread lies about God accepting homosexuals, allowing gay marriage or in some cases even advocating abortion. No rather, the large measure is they are simply unrepentant and preach a Gospel message that is so watered down, that they refuse to preach repentance, despite the words of our Lord and Savior.

"I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3

They proclaim the masses who raise a hand during an invitation or simply recite a prayer to be Saved. Many will then discipleship them about how they now are Saved and can never lose that Salvation, preaching what God should speak to the individuals heart (*Phil. 1:6, John 10:28*), rather than just pointing them to the Holy Scriptures and allowing the Lord to deal with them personally (*John 10:27*).

They rock out in churches, often with women in skimpy clothing dancing with poles up on stage. They go out and even drink beer in church, or enjoy their Starbucks coffee, rather there to socialize, assuming or hoping for a free ticket to Heaven, simply because they believe. Well let me ask you a question, let me point out something to those who think this way and assume all is well.

"Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble." James 2:19

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Matthew 7:13-23

So who of these who professed faith in Jesus Christ, didn't believe. Think about it, they prophesied in His name, cast out demons in His name and did many works of power in His name. From any outside perspective, they would have been those who were part of the Saved, they would have been part of the real 'church', they would have been those who were going to Heaven and THEY THOUGHT SO THEMSELVES! I tell you then, what were they lacking?

"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; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. 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: 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. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. 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. 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. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Revelation 3:14-22

Repentance is a necessary component of Salvation and was preached by Jesus and the early apostles, as well as the early Church, even much into the 1950's.

Once again, what were those who were denied entrance into Heaven lacking, if not repentance?

"Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel." Mark 1:14-15

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Acts 2:38-39

"Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:21

"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead." Acts 17:30-31

"But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Romans 10:8-10

I would imagine that most people would scoff at such an idea. After all hasn't the 'churches' come out with new programs and are 'saving' droves of people. I tell you, take this as a SERIOUS warning beforehand, that most of those who proclaim to be Saved will be Left Behind, just as the vast majority of the members of their apostate churches, with all of their new and apostate programs! So with the backdrop of this discussion having been set, let's move along, for those who are still willing to read.

So the question then is who is the strong delusion for, if not the apostate church. For if you say that it is for the unsaved, those who wouldn't repeat a few words from a preacher to become 'saved', then note quite well that many people will be Saved during the Tribulation.

"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; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? 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. Therefore

are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." Revelation 7:9-17

These will be those who repented and called out to the Lord to be Saved. They will not have been allowed by God to be deceived with a strong delusion.

"And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered:"... Joel 2:32a

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13

These are those who, even during the "time of Jacob's trouble" (Jer. 30:7), did not love their lives unto death, but rather became martyrs for Christ.

"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." Revelation 12:11

"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." Revelation 20:4

Yet the current apostate church can not even get the preaching right! If you say I am wrong, then where are all of these people in your congregations who have been 'saved' over the years. Where are your church members who are diligently doing what the Lord has stated, participating in the Great Commission (Mark 16:15)? And for those who would say contrary, that you have them right now, come and see! I would suggest this:

Tear down your stages with lights, through away your instruments used to create rock and roll, preach the full Truth of the Bible. Talk about Creation as the Bible says so (six literal 24 hour days) (Gen. 1), talk about the Flood being global (Gen. 6-8), as the Bible does. Talk about a real Hell (Matt. 25:46, Rev. 20:15), a place of eternal torment for those who are not Saved. Get rid of your fancy coffees, as an attraction to simply get people in the door to hear your false or watered down messages. Tell them to get right with God, to repent and allow God to make them Christ like, then you tell me what you have left!

If you can find one, go and look hard, they might be in your area, find a Church, like an independent fundamental Baptist Church that still preaches repentance, still has holy and sacred hymns sung, without the bells and whistles. Find this place who still has members who are serious about the things of God. They might be small, but they are rich (Eph. 3:8). They might be puny in compared to your big or bigger show, but they know God.

If you still don't believe, then make a note, write it down. When the Rapture happens go back and visit. Perhaps there will be some individuals who will be Left Behind, but the Church will be gone. Either you will find yourself standing at the Judgment Seat of Christ (*2 Cor. 5:10*), realizing that you had not rightly dividing the Word (*2 Tim. 2:15*) or you will have been Left Behind. This right here is the problem, take heed and pay attention!

Those who are Left Behind and thought they were Saved, but refused the Truth, now what? Now will they say people who said stuff like this were right, that such things were correct and now they are going to change their ways and go the right Way (*John 14:6*)? Rather, take diligent heed for God Himself has said that they will be deceived and believe the lie, that He will send them a STRONG delusion. Therefore, God knowing the hearts (*Jer. 17:10*), those who refused to repent and refused to believe, they will go along with the show, the reality is their souls are doomed to an eternity in the Lake of Fire (*Rev. 20:10-15*)! Do not let that be you!

So the question or the theory is out there. Could God allow the strong delusion to start prior to the Rapture?

A dear friend who worked in the ministry had pondered such a question years ago. People being prepped via television, the media and culture regarding alien life. Knowing that whatever truth lies with aliens is demonic, he pondered whether or not the governments of the world would utilize such a deception using holographic images, etc., to tell people after the Rapture had happened that aliens were the reason for it, etc. Basically a take off of Project Blue Beam, a possible scenario by the United States government. I take a look at things going on, being fairly well read, looking at what people are saying and I also ponder whether or not a deception of biblical proportions could be at hand. Could it be that the world is ripe for deception and God is allowing the groundwork to be laid to those who WILL BE deceived? Nonetheless, as of this publishing, the Rapture hasn't happened yet, so until then God is always willing for people to repent and accept Salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ.

"This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour: Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of

the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." 2 Peter 3:1-10

Amen!

Unprepared: Prepped Without Oil

"Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." Matthew 25:1-13

I used to live in Kalispell, Montana. In Kalispell there are many liberty, freedom-minded people from all sorts of walks of life who live either in town or throughout Flathead County. There is probably not a city in the United States, in terms of percentage of people, who are more liberty minded than those of Kalispell. On a regular basis you see pro 2nd Amendment, Oath Keepers, anti-Obama and other freedom themed bumper stickers. Chuck Baldwin also hosts a church here, called Liberty Fellowship, that has a decent following, considering that Kalispell is a small city.

Northwest Montana was in the news as the anchors were discussing how certain local real estate businesses are booming, people are buying second 'survival' homes in the rural areas. These houses are for those who don't live here, but with the assumption that at some point in time they might have to. Many of these houses are self-sufficient, off-the-grid, that are tucked away in areas far from the general population.

For years there had been renewed prepping calls by the alternative news community. The number of people who had determined to prep are in the millions and their preparations varied by each individual. The percentage was greater than those who prepped for the oil crisis and Y2K. There are many different theories as to what could happen, what will

happen and situations that will likely arise, that present different philosophies about the likelihood of certain events.

People prepped for civil unrest, martial law, magnetic pole shifting, the apocalypse, the Tribulation, thermonuclear war, economic collapse and a variety of other reasons. I've known people who went from having a bit of extra food, candles, batteries and water to those who had 10,000 bolts (arrows), high tech thermal imaging cameras, numerous guns, large amount of ammo and food for years to come. Some harden their homes, putting plexiglass in, reinforcing doors and placing hidden bunkers on their property or hiding things in various places. There were those who prep with a camping mindset, to live off the land. Whatever the case, the varying degrees are astonishing.

A true Believer might have some items on hand as well or might have nothing extra at all. One thing a true Believer should never have is a seven year supply to supposedly survive the Tribulation ("*time of Jacob's trouble*", Jer. 30:7). For those who are truly His, He will come and gather us to Himself, prior to that time.

"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: 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." 1st Thessalonians 4:16-17

"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 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." 1st Corinthians 15:51-52

"After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter." Revelation 4:1

They state that Christians who believe in a pretrib Rapture, do not do anything to fight for freedom and liberty. They accuse us to be pacifists who are actually part of the problem and making the situation worse for all Americans. Well don't use me as an example in your arguments, because I would be in your 'gray' area and not fit in your argumentative mold.

In times past I spent a great deal of time trying to 'save' America. I partnered up with others and became heavily politically active, not only writing bombshell news articles to try and wake up the masses, but actively handing out information to the general public to try and get them to come to their senses. I also know more about prepping than the vast majority of people out there, having first hand knowledge. I did this not only as a Christian, but also as a pretrib Rapture believer. The reality is most people, whether they believe in pretrib, midtrib, posttrib or some concocted scheme, have not repented and believed into Jesus Christ. They are not part of the 'few' (Matt. 7:14).

My reason for not 'fighting' for freedom anymore is the simple fact that this country has overall rejected God Almighty. In doing so, I do not wish to find myself in a -fight-against God by fighting for a country that refuses to not only repent of its' wrongdoings, but rather continues to push movements that go against God.

"But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God." Acts 5:39

"Thus saith the Lord God of Israel; Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that are in your hands, wherewith ye fight against the king of Babylon, and against the Chaldeans, which besiege you without the walls, and I will assemble them into the midst of this city. And I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in fury, and in great wrath." Jeremiah 21:4-5

Here lies the problem with the vast majority of preppers, they are unprepared. Let me give you a couple of scenarios as to what would happen should the worst case scenario unfold.

There is a man I once conversed with, who has a place somewhere in Michigan. This man had his acreage, his rural setting and TONS of supplies. He is a fully trained law enforcement professional and could be considered a very sharp shooter. He literally has enough supplies to arm dozens of men and for that a prolonged battle. His plan included fortifying his home, being self-sufficient and able to defend his property. His conceived threat was the United States government would declare martial law, there would be an economic collapse and the fact that he would be wanted, as he was very outspoken against the federal government. This man not only is prepared, but he has trained thousands of people in prepping. He has a problem though.

If the situation is as bad as he surmises, and it may well one day be, a simple hellfire missile shot down his chimney would immediately render all of his preparations ineffective, as well as himself likely dead.

2022 Update: The man mentioned here unfortunately passed away. He was a retired Sheriff and lived in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

When I first moved to Montana in 2012, there were some who thought that we would certainly soon be in a situation that would require full activation. Indeed a few of them were already living in the wilderness. Yet I would interject some rare knowledge here about their plans.

Unbeknownst to most individuals, there are various border protecting and surveilling technologies used by the federal government that would render most of the wilderness survivors ineffective. On national lands throughout the United States there are hidden metal detectors that set off an alarm when someone walks over one of them. If you were to pull up a Google satellite map and scour across the border to Canada (as many have spoke of fleeing to Canada) you will see that there is a swath of land that has been clear

cut right along the border -- EXTENDING THE ENTIRE WOODED UNITED STATES, with the exception of Maine. In Maine that part of the border is privately owned.

Far overhead drones flyover, unseen to the eye, metal detectors signal border agents where to head to, cameras with lenses that can see for up to 100 miles (with no barriers) keep a close eye out, using the latest sophisticated software to detect human movement. Our northern border with Canada is MUCH more protected than most people know, even without an actual wall. The virtual wall has been put into place in the past dozen years and gets more high tech year after year. In the regular national forests, satellites can pick up every tree that falls and the slightest bit of smoke that rises into the air.

Needless to say, this is not simply the freedom minded people involved in prepping. The number of rich people building everything-proof bunkers, houses with high tech safe rooms and buying extremely rural multi-million dollar estates is impressive. There are many rich who have already prepared themselves second homes in far away countries, some have already resettled there. Then there are even those who simply live on luxury yachts, sailing the world, considering themselves to be independent of the system.

Maybe your one of the few who know these things and even more. Maybe your plan is far superior and you have backup after backup. Yet I would dare say the far-vast majority of people, no matter the complexity of their plan are simply: UNPREPARED.

Years ago in a local restaurant in Kalispell, I met with a group of people who mostly called themselves Christians. Here the relevant news was discussed, people talked about prepping plans and became established with one another to create a network of help during the upcoming crisis. There were those who talked about using their home as a medical center, others would be supply houses, others would direct the men in battle and serve as commanders and numerous other scenarios. This group and the ones that it represented was not a fringe part of society, but rather reflected a percentage that could only be found in Kalispell.

As the talk filled the table and my wife and I listened, I could only note that not one person spoke about God, not one person spoke of ministering to people on behalf of Jesus, not one person spoke about the need for Salvation. On the contrary, God's name would be used in vain and no one seemed to even take notice, let alone blink an eye to the evil emitting from the perpetrators mouth. To make matters even worse, my wife and I walked outside the restaurant and noted three cars, with occupants, facing the restaurant, all with suspicious men who likely were FBI agents. When I addressed this matter to the group, one person out of them joined me in walking outside and viewing these people who were conceivably watching/listening to the conversations taking place, as well as recording license plates of the attendants. Shortly after a brief stare-down, all three of the cars (parked on the street or in different lots) left.

Of course these same patriots could not conceive that the very enemy that they were preparing to fight against could be amongst them, listening in, befriending them and taking part of the conversations.

In all of history, has a military operation that has been compromised ever been successful? No nation willingly gives their enemy the battle plan prior to the battle, but rather uses the element of surprise to try and achieve their gains.

No matter the complexity of the plan, without Jesus your plan is null and void. Even if you were to take and be successful at every interval, when you eventually die, as all men die (*Heb. 9:27*) you will stand before the Most High and unless you are in Christ, you will have met your Maker, unprepared. These preppers have no oil, they might name the name of Jesus, but in reality they are lost, unsaved and destined to Hell.

There is no hope for them in the afterlife, they have not the fear nor knowledge of God (*Pr. 9:10*). They do not know His Son, they have not repented of their sin. Understand that all of these preparations for the body are unfruitful if your soul is unprepared. This life is very short in comparison to eternity, but a blink of the eye. Most reading this will not be merely 18, but already much older, with an expected life span of 30-50 more years.

"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Matthew 10:28

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

"Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Matthew 6:25-34

Maybe the worst case scenario unfolds, maybe you are indeed rounded up and placed in a concentration camp. Perhaps the economy collapses and your plans failed as you become quickly outnumbered by the desperate and hungry (have you seen what is happening in

Venezuela?). Even so, the focus of this life, should not be the body, but rather the soul and rectifying your soul with your Creator through His Son Jesus Christ.

Regardless of where you standing on prepping, understand that without Jesus, whether you are rich or poor, prepped or unprepped, old or young, strong or weak, you are doomed. Consider your ways, consider your plans and understand the importance of biblical Salvation!

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil." Proverbs 3:5-7

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday. Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth. The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming. The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be of upright conversation. Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken. A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked. For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the Lord upholdeth the righteous. The Lord knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever. They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the Lord shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away." Psalms 37:5-20

Amen!

Repent!

Jesus said, *"I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."* Luke 13:3

"And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." Luke 24:46-47

There are churches all over from coast to coast of this country. Numerous different denominations, tons of different viewpoints on the Bible, where does one turn? What can be a test to see if these churches are biblical and truly have a pastor who is Saved and called by God to preach?

Doctrine is important, very important. There are numerous errors found throughout nearly every church across the United States, some more obvious than others. Some churches have some doctrines correct, others have other ones correct. While I am not speculating that anyone would find an absolutely perfect Church, the harsh reality is that a church where a biblical Salvation message is not preached, could simply not make sense regarding of how they are following Christ and adhering to doctrine.

The Bible is quite clear on doctrine and also provides some warnings to Believers regarding to check into what they hear, as well at times to go elsewhere, should you find yourself in the midst of wolves, or as often happens, a Church changes slowly, becoming apostate (*Rev. 18:4*).

"Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine." 1st Timothy 4:13

"Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." 1st Timothy 4:16

"These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." Acts 17:11

"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; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer." 1st Timothy 4:1-5

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." 2nd Corinthians 6:17

While there are good Churches out there that do not hold to an Independent Fundamental Baptist name, truly I have always found the Independent Fundamental Baptists to be by far the closest and best to preaching Gospel truth. Yet even nowadays there are warning signs and red flags that are everywhere, including Baptists. Myself I would certainly just consider to be a saint of Jesus Christ, a true born-again Believer who has repented and by faith believed into Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.

I was Saved at the age of 9 in a Nazarene church in Alanson, Michigan. I do believe there are those who are Saved in numerous types of denominations. While the Roman Catholic Church certainly doesn't preach the true Gospel, but rather a works based, idolatrous pagan religion, certainly it would be possible for someone to get Saved (*Isa. 55:11*) and find themselves attending there. Though a babe in Christ (*1 Cor. 3:1*), one would think that sooner than later, the Holy Spirit would point out the error of the church they are in and they would be directed elsewhere.

"For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Isaiah 55:10-11

The Bible is quite clear that repentance (more on this later) is necessary for Salvation. This used to be clearly indicated throughout Baptist churches way into the 1950's and then started a massive decline, affecting even the Independent Fundamental Baptist churches. I've spoken with many Independent Fundamental Baptist pastors regarding this ordeal.

I met a retired pastor who was with his former congregation in Kalispell, Montana, where they were preaching on the street corner and handing out tracks. I happened to walk up to him and simply asked what one must do to be Saved. His reply, to the best of my knowledge, as people can have a play on the meaning of words, was biblical. He simply stated that one must repent and by faith believe in Jesus Christ. Unfortunately the church is under direction of a new pastor and their articles of faith are absent of even the word repentance. Why? How could the articles of faith on their website, as well as a vast

majority of so-called Independent Fundamental Baptist churches, not include even the word repent?

Some might give a basic meaning, such as 'making a 180° turn', but most won't even do that. Certainly to tell a sinner that repentance, not simply faith, is necessary for Salvation won't attract large crowds. The unknown truth to the matter is often businessmen are on the boards of these churches, who employ the pastor. The outlook is for church growth, so the watering-down of God's Word, in order to not offend people, happens frequently. The idea behind such movements is that if they can get them into the church, they might be able to save them, but the truth is man doesn't Save, God does. Some claim that repentance is works, such nonsense, as a condition of someone's heart before God, could not be considered works, more than the mind working during prayer. Before we get more into this, taking a look from my old Webster's University dictionary of the meaning of repent and its varieties would be useful.

repent, v.i.

- 1.) To feel pain, sorrow, or regret for something one has done or left undone.
- 2.) To change the mind in consequence of the inconvenience or injury done by past conduct.
- 3.) In theology, to feel such sorrow for sin as leads to amendment of life; to be penitent; to grieve over one's past life, and to seek forgiveness for sin, with a determination to lead a new life.

repent, v.t.

- 1.) To remember with sorrow, to feel contrition or remorse for; as, to repent rash words.
- 2.) To be sorry; to regret; used reflexively.
- 3.) To cause to have regret; used impersonally. (Obs.)

repentable, a.

Capable of being repented of; admitting of repentance.

repentance, n.

The act of repenting; the state of being penitent; sorrow or regret for what has been done or left undone by oneself; especially, sorrow and contrition for sin; such sorrow for the past as leads to amendment of life; penitence; contrition.

repentant, a.

- 1.) Feeling or experiencing repentance or sorrow for past conduct or words; contrite; penitent.
- 2.) Expressive of or indicating repentance or sorrow for the past; springing from or caused by repentance.

Webster's Universities Dictionary of the English Language, Noah Webster, 1942

Now, if one just simply pauses and comprehends what repentance is, then we will brush up on this in regards to sin. Quite simply put, repentance is realizing that one is worthy

of God's Judgment for their sins, feeling sorrow and regret for their past sins and no longer wanting to do those things. Simply turning away from ones sins, changing their mind regarding sin and realizing that through the blood of Christ, Christ having paid their penalty for their sins, that they by faith believe into Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. We will brush up a bit more on Salvation in the end of this chapter, but first let's take a look at what the Bible says about repentance, for it is not silent, not in the least bit.

"Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel." Mark 1:14-15

"I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. 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: 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. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. 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. 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." Revelation 3:15-21

"There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead." Luke 16:19-31

"And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits; And commanded them that they should take

nothing for their journey, save a staff only; no scrip, no bread, no money in their purse: But be shod with sandals; and not put on two coats. And he said unto them, In what place soever ye enter into an house, there abide till ye depart from that place. And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrhah in the day of judgment, than for that city. And they went out, and preached that men should repent." Mark 6:7-12

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:38

"But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled. Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began." Acts 3:18-21

"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead." Acts 17:30-31

"Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision: But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance." Acts 26:19-20

"I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance. Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it? And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost. Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." Luke 15:7-10

"But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Matthew 9:13

"The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him." Acts 5:30-32

"When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life." Acts 11:18

"And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons, Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews: And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:18-21

"But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things. And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; Who will render to every man according to his deeds: To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile; But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: For there is no respect of persons with God." Romans 2:2-11

"Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter." 2nd Corinthians 7:9-11

"But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." 2 Peter 3:8-10

Clearly it can be seen that the Bible is not silent on repentance. Repentance is part of Salvation, just as faith in Jesus Christ whom died on the Cross for our sins and rose again (Eph. 1:20). By faith believing in Jesus, who is the Son of God, God in the flesh, whom God the Father sent, the free gift to all who will accept it.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

"Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification." Romans 4:23-25

"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. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God." John 3:16-21

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

"And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." Acts 16:30-31

"But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Romans 10:8-10

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Hebrews 9:27-28

Understand that men water down the Word of God, but the Bible is quite clear regarding Salvation. Do not be deceived, while repentance might have gone missing from most pulpits around this country, certainly it hasn't gone missing from His Word.

Our job as Believers is to preach the Gospel, to tell people about Salvation, in a manner that is accurate in regards to the Holy Scriptures. Certainly we tell people that by faith that they are Saved (*Eph. 2:8-9*), but we also tell them about repentance (*Acts 17:30-31*) or at least teach the essence of repentance, whether or not we use the word repent anywhere.

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:38

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." Acts 3:19

I have scoured tons of web pages of IFB churches and often look at their beliefs, as well as their Salvation message. While I am thankful that there are some here and there that preach Salvation as repent and believe, they are the minority. If it wasn't for preachers and ministries, like that of A Voice in the Wilderness (www.a-voice.org), Way of Life (www.wayoflife.org) and others, I myself would question whether or not I was wrong on the issue. As many pastors I have talked to will either brush the topic or simply not give a clear answer, others will just say that repenting is not necessary.

There may be those pastors who are being carried away with such an apostate doctrine and are not even aware of what they are doing, despite the fact they themselves are Saved. Perhaps if they strongly considered it, they would realize that when they accepted Christ, they in essence repented, not by turning from unbelief to belief, but rather by realizing that they were a sinner (*Rom. 3:23*) and that they were guilty before a Holy and Almighty God (*Rom. 6:23*) and acknowledging that in their hearts, they also desired to change and no longer want to do those things (*Rom. 10:9*), but they wanted to accept the free gift of Salvation (*Rom. 5:15*) and believed into Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior (*Rom. 10:10*). For certainly one can not say that someone can not be Saved with a sinner's prayer, as it is a heart issue, a matter of the individual before God almighty. Though the 'sinner's prayer' is not found anywhere in the Bible and I personally would never recommend using it, but dealing with each individual, as an individual.

Recall it is repentance towards God and faith in Christ Jesus. So let's just cut to the chase regarding this matter of believe only.

"Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble." James 2:19

So why not take it to the full extreme. Let's just go ahead and go with what many churches teach:

"And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." Acts 16:31

So we will ignore the fact that the text of the passage would very strongly suggest that the jailer had repented in his heart towards God prior to asking about how to be Saved. I've been in the South Side of Chicago off and on for years and know that there are some churches around there that simply state:

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13

They ignore the verses right before that verse:

*"But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; **That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.** For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him." Romans 10:8-12*

So why make things so complex. While some pastors would shy away from going door to door with a weak Gospel message and trying to get someone to repeat a prayer, instantly stating that they are Saved, many others will not. Is it really that simple? Well Salvation is simple (*Acts 20:21*), but the problem is men don't want to repent (*Rev. 9:21*). So taking away that mandate I ask this: Why not simply take and go out there and just briefly explain to people who Jesus was and is (*John 1:1*), telling them that if they believe in Him (*Acts 16:31*), that He is the Son of God (*John 20:31*), who died on the Cross for their sins (*1 Pet. 2:24*) and rose again from the dead (*Rom. 6:4*), that they also can be Saved.

Simply put, you explain it to someone, tell them that they can know for sure where they go when they die and ask them if they believe. Why even have them pray about it? At that point, as long as they seemed to sincerely believe, what difference would it make if they continued on their lives living in absolute sin and never once contemplated the things of God?

Well you see, that is exactly what most are going to do, because they haven't repented. While from time to time they might think about the things of God, they are going to live their life, without surrendering to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. And far be it from me to be one who tells such a person that they are for sure (giving them assurance when I do not know the heart) going to go to Heaven when they die, despite their lives not having any evidence of being changed!

Imagine watching as someone who you witnessed to and proclaimed to be Saved stands before the Great White Throne (*Rev. 20:11-15*), being cast into the Lake of Fire for all

eternity! What sorrow and despair, for but a moment, as you stand at the judgment Seat of Christ (2 Cor. 5:10), knowing that that man who will stand before the Creator (Rom. 14:12) is doomed for all eternity and you assured him that he was not! This is serious business! Is it any wonder that Jesus said the following:

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Matthew 7:13-23

So I ask you, which of these didn't believe! Those who cast out demons, those who did works of power in His name or those who prophesied in His name? Answer me that.

Amen!

President Trump - A Perfect Example

"And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." 2nd Thessalonians 2:8-12

"But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 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, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Matthew 24:36-51

Emphasis needs to be placed on the fact that **NO ONE** will know who the Antichrist is before the Rapture. However, in *2nd Thessalonians 2:8*, the Antichrist is going to be unveiled after the Rapture. Now, would this not suggest that the Antichrist is already in the process of rising to power??? Would there not be a generation that would be living,

with the man of sin on the scene, not yet unveiled, even if not suspected by the far vast majority???

The implications here regarding the Strong Delusion that is sent by God, is the fact that those who are deceived, will remain deceived all the way to the Lake of Fire (*Rev. 20:15*). Unfortunately President Donald Trump provides a perfect example of how the Antichrist could rise to power and no one would know it.

In fact, President Trump's presidency is full of evangelical so-called Christians who would never suspect President Trump of being a potential candidate for the Antichrist. Rather than suspecting him of being the Antichrist, they assign him with being sent by God. President Trump has been compared to numerous biblical figures, including Jesus Christ. He has been said to be like Elijah, Moses, Jesus, the second coming of God, the King of Israel, as well as having been referenced by the Laodicean church (*Rev. 3:14-22*) as sent by God or being used by God. Are not these same people who call themselves Christians part of the lukewarm church that WILL be spewed out of God's mouth, also those who will be deceived by the Strong Delusion?

If not them, then who? The leftist and alt-left who practice and love abortion, Antifa, etc.? No, rather what does Christ say to the Laodicean church? Repent!

"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; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. 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: 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. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. 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. 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. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Revelation 3:14-22

President Trump provides the perfect example of how far apostate the condition of the church age is and just how the Antichrist could rise to power. Furthermore, if President Trump or anyone else like him ever turned out to actually be the Antichrist, it is quite apparent how the Strong Delusion could already be in effect -prior- to the Rapture of those who truly know Jesus Christ. Take heed!

Years ago churches for the most part quit talking about end times event. Perhaps this mindset came into play:

"This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour: Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." 2nd Peter 3:1-4

Whereas originally many Baptist Churches would preach about the Rapture, the Tribulation, the Antichrist, the Second Coming, the Millennial Kingdom, as well as Hell, they have moved along from these topics. There were also other churches that taught the same sort of things, sometimes in different regards. However, now if one were to attend the vast majority of churches, if even the Rapture was mentioned in a sermon, it would most times be incorrectly stated that it wouldn't happen until the end of the seven year Tribulation, which would be more aptly named the *"time of Jacob's trouble"* (Jer. 30:7) or simply the Seventh Week (Dan. 9:27).

Here we are in 2020, where those who call themselves Christians should be watching and ready, they simply are not.

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jeremiah 8:20

How long before it is too late! The job as Believers is not to try and guess who the Antichrist is, however interesting those things may or may not be. But what happens when someone is rising to power and meeting the criteria AS LAID OUT IN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES?! Or at least appears to be able to fulfill those things! Should nothing be said, should it not at least be pointed out?

To make matters worse, when someone, like President Trump, has potential similarities of the prophesized Antichrist and the lukewarm church throughout America (and much of the world) are looking at him as coming from God! Will not the Antichrist appear to be a 'good' guy?

"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works." 2nd Corinthians 11:13-15

Too many Hollywood movies have depicted the Antichrist as essentially a man who has devil horns coming out of his head, clearly evil. Yet, what if the Antichrist rises unto the scenes appearing to be a minister of righteousness? Do not be deceived, nor think that once it is known for sure you will correct your thoughts. For if God allows you to be deceived by the Strong Delusion because you did not receive the love of the truth, your fate is sealed, you are CERTAIN to end up in the Lake of Fire. No! Now is the time to not try and prove who the Antichrist is or be convinced about President Trump as the Antichrist, but RATHER for YOU to get right with God. For YOU to repent and by faith

believe into Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, having your name written in the Book of Life.

For even if you were not part of those who deservingly are sent the Strong Delusion by God, know this, when you have enough evidence to prove whoever the Antichrist might be, will you even have made it that far through the *"time of Jacob's trouble"* (Jer. 30:7). I've stated it before and I will say it again.

Even if one prepped out and had everything they needed and were somehow able to make it through the Tribulation, still, even if they lived until 100, when they die, without Christ, there is NO HOPE. So exactly what is the point? What are you waiting for? Do you not know that Christ died for your sins? Do you not realize that all have sinned, INCLUDING you? Do you not realize that the wages of sin is death? Do you not realize that there is not only Heaven, but also Hell, both of which are eternal? When will you decide to forsake your wicked ways and turn aside from them, repenting towards God and by faith accepting Christ?

"(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)"
2nd Corinthians 6:2

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"... Romans 3:23

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23

"Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." John 5:28-29

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Isaiah 55:7

"But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:8-13

"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world

in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead." Acts 17:30-31

I'm sure this is -too much religion- for way too many people. People want to hear the facts or so-called facts, they want to see the evidence, but of what avail is it to someone if they do not get Saved? President Trump provides a perfect example of just how many people could be Left Behind and be part of God's Strong Delusion. While some very interesting quotes will be pointed out momentarily regarding President Trump and how he could match the biblical description of the Antichrist, please note that the purpose of this chapter is not to prove that President Trump could be a realistic candidate for the Antichrist, but rather to prove just how lost the world is and how easily it could be deceived, especially that which calls itself Christian.

While I certainly don't expect to make waves and for the big churches to suddenly abandon ship of all of their false doctrine, repent and get right with God, truly serving Jesus Christ, I do hope that those who will hear will understand that they as individuals will stand before their Creator and they will not be able to lean on these false churches, but must come out and serve God wholeheartedly.

"And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Revelation 18:4

I've scoured the internet for articles that talk about President Trump being the Antichrist and have found few. The few that I did find use numerology, pagan works or are just plain old nonsense. All of them have one thing in common, they say for certain that President Trump is the Antichrist. The Bible says that the man of sin is NOT unveiled until after the Rapture (*2 Thes. 2:8*), so **NO ONE** could know for certain about anyone being the Antichrist.

However, unlike others, there is no need to turn to pagan works or numerology to make a case for President Trump being a potential candidate for the Antichrist. Simply using the Bible, as I did with the chapter on the Antichrist, could provide sufficient information to make him a perfect example of what a potential candidate of the Antichrist might look like. A candidate might look just like President Trump. Let's take a look at some of the characteristics of the Antichrist and ponder, a hypothesis, as to whether or not President Trump would line up, according to what the Bible states.

Please note, that while it is pondered here what perhaps the Bible means regarding these characteristics, much of this is sealed until the end and will simply not be known until that time.

"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." Daniel 12:4

First let's take a look at the revived Roman empire and ask, pondering a few things, not knowing for sure, but simply asking, could it be?

"And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads." Revelation 12:3

"After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things. I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened. I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time. 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. 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. I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things. These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth. But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever. Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet; And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows. I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom. Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings." Daniel 7:7-24

"And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. And whereas thou sawest the feet

and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever." Daniel 2:39-44

"In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared unto me, even unto me Daniel, after that which appeared unto me at the first. And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I was at Shushan in the palace, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of Ulai. Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last. I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great. And as I was considering, behold, an he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes. And he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power. And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand. Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven. And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land. And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of the sanctuary was cast down. And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered. Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed. And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man. And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision. So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the vision. Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me upright. And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the

indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be. The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia. And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king. Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power. And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand. And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days. And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it." Daniel 8

So exactly what were the four kingdoms? The first was the Babylonian, the second was the Medo-Persian, the third was the Greek and the fourth was the Roman. Generally, at least it used to be, among fundamental Christian Churches, particularly Baptists, it is commonly believed that Daniel speaks of the revived Roman empire. I personally believe from my study of the Bible that to be exactly true. There are some who say that all of these things have already happened, but common sense should prevail that this is certainly not the case. Other arguments regarding what these things mean, alternative viewpoints, can be readily debunked using the Word of God.

The evidence stands that right now we are living in the times of the revived Roman empire. Where is it? Where is its headquarters? Well that could be up for debate, but there are some very interesting things. The Club of Rome broke the world into ten different kingdoms. Though they are called regional groups or otherwise, the point is the world is currently broken into ten regions. Consider:

"And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken." Daniel 2:42

Clearly there are still some areas of the world that have lacked economic prowess and development. Consider Africa for an example. Africa is a far cry from civilization in Europe, in terms of prosperity and overall functionality. The poverty level of Africa should say enough. Could it be that we are living in a time, and by the way have been, that these things are right here, yet preachers from the pulpits rarely talk about such things?

Another figment of Hollywood's imagination when it comes to the end times, the Antichrist, etc., is that the Antichrist will instantly be ruling over everything. Essentially the Rapture happens and suddenly the Antichrist is on the scene ruling everything. Well consider this:

*"And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings."
Daniel 7:24*

If the Antichrist shall abase three kings, then would that not suggest that his rise to power is not necessarily immediately and without a fight? So some basic questions, going back and forth continuing on this chapter, have to be asked.

In order for the Antichrist to abase three kings, would he not need a powerful military, whether via threat or actual intervention? Would one consider that the Antichrist would rise out of a country like Bolivia? Could Bolivia control the world or would there threats work? Now in the current scope of things it is apparent that the way the world is setup, it would seem feasible for the Antichrist to come from a country where there is a strong military.

This is not to say that perhaps right now we are not living in the timeframe spoken of by Daniel. Perhaps 200 years from now, long after we are all gone and while our individual decisions regarding truly accepting Christ as our Savior will have been sealed, the world is a different place and a country that does not even exist at the moment is what will become the revived Roman empire. Yet the Bible clearly says to be *'watching and ready'*. So while in this body, in this lifetime, serving Christ wholeheartedly, one should be watching AND ready (*Matt. 24:42-44*).

"And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. 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." Luke 21:34-36

Another thing to take into consideration is the following:

"And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her. And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see

the smoke of her burning, Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come. And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men. And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all. The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, And saying, Alas, alas that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city! And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate. Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her. And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all. And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee; And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth." Revelation 18:2-24

Now some might be quick to say that this cannot be America. *Revelation 18* deals with the SAME timeframe as the "time of Jacob's trouble" (*Jer. 30:7*). I don't know about you, but at this current stage of world history, I'm not worried about Italy, nor does it yet seem feasible that Europe has the prowess to fulfill this. It should be noted, just because commercial Babylon will be destroyed, does not mean it will happen in the beginning of the 7 year Tribulation, it may very well be towards the very end. Let me interject another verse that -could- be talking about Americans.

"In that time shall the present be brought unto the Lord of hosts of a people scattered and peeled, and from a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden under foot, whose land the rivers have spoiled, to the place of the name of the Lord of hosts, the mount Zion." Isaiah 18:7

Nonetheless, for the sake of argument, certainly the apostasy is in full bloom right now. The world is getting worse and worse, just a daily reading of news events show that this

is happening. Even those who don't proclaim to be Christians are aware that things are getting bad.

*"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived."
2nd Timothy 3:13*

*"But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matthew
24:37*

"The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth." Genesis 6:11-12

Certainly being Saved, watching and ready is what each individual should be doing, though they are not. Whether or not we live in such times right now or if it will be a future generation, the basis for this writing is that the world is ripe right now and possibly setup for a Strong Delusion. If that is the case now, how much more later on?

As will be discussed a bit more, it is known that the Antichrist will be a military man, heading a powerful military (*Rev. 13:4*). Looking at the current geopolitical schemes of things, that would limit the current countries or political alignments to three. The United States of America, Russia and China.

Now all three things have one thing in common, it is possible to mutually destroy each other. Winning is really losing, who could determine a winner between such powerful weaponry. Yet if we consider that commercial Babylon, as I like to call it corporate Babylon, is somehow tied into the revived Roman empire, than it simply leaves two, the United States of America and China.

The odd thing about the United States is this ongoing rumor that the United States was designed to bring in the new world order. I would rather say that ultimately the new world order is simply a synonym for the Antichrist world government system or rather revived Roman empire. While China is becoming more powerful, truly the United States is still the economic powerhouse of the world.

While there would be some who would be quick to point out that the United States will eventually lose its dollar as the reserve currency, two questions arise. One, what if the time that has been prophesized for thousands of years, the end, is upon the world in the very near future. After all, to consider President Trump as a possible candidate for the Antichrist, if that turned out to be true, if he really did turn out to be the Antichrist, then obviously time is very limited. The second question would be what would replace the US dollar as the reserve currency? Would it be a basket of currency, such as an SDR unit, perhaps with the United States still having an edge? Would one country really harbor much more control of the currency than another, at least at the same level that Americans can do it now? Questions, questions, questions...

There has been much written about the symbols on the United States currency, the Phoenix scenario, where out of the ashes of America the new world order will arise, as well as the United States being the new Atlantis (think Atlantic ocean). There has been talk of lay lines in Washington D.C. setup from its beginning as the center of the occult. There is even a famous church in New York City (Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine) that has some stone carvings depicting Babylon as New York City, complete with mushroom clouds from nuclear explosions. So I ask the question, if the time was coming upon the world soon, if the United States was not the revived Roman empire, than which country would it be?

If one were to consider the possibility that the United States is the revived Roman empire, than one must consider the possibility that the Antichrist comes out of the United States. The Antichrist will have a powerful military at his disposal, of which the United States has the world's most powerful military. While Russia and the United States could utterly destroy each other, overall in terms of the amounts of investment into ships, carriers, weaponry, fighter jets and military technology, the United States dwarfs every other countries spending. The money is here and has been for quite some time. The Antichrist will control the revived Roman empire.

So why use President Trump as a perfect example to prove how the Antichrist could arise on the scene and the world, particularly that which calls itself Christian, would be unaware?

Well quite simply put, a warning needs to be given to those around the world who might be asking questions, trying to make sense of the nonstop changes taking place. For some, something doesn't seem right. For me, how could a warning not be given, one that reminds people to repent and accept Christ, to get back to being watching and ready, no matter who the Antichrist is or when the time of the end is? Thus, if the possibility remains, should not we as Christians be watchmen and as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, sound the warning trumpet if something could be amiss?

"When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling-block before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul." Ezekiel 3:18-21

"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." 2nd Timothy 2:3

After all the end IS going to happen at some point. There will be a generation that will endure that. There will be a generation of Believers who will meet Christ in the air (*I Thes. 4:17*). There will be a generation that will have to contend with the Antichrist. There will be a generation that will go through the "*time of Jacob's trouble*" (*Jer. 30:7*), better known as the Tribulation. So why use President Trump as the perfect example? Because he is and his followers are the perfect example of how a Strong Delusion sent by God could unfold. For those who are the most fascinated and strongest supporters of President Trump, likewise frequently make claims in their own personal lives as being Christians.

I've always been interested in end times events, never would I have thought myself to be one day writing about them. I looked and who is warning. As a Believer, through faith I am writing about this. I believe the Lord has instilled upon my heart to declare such things. Not to declare that President Trump is the Antichrist, but to point out how even if he was, the church is not watching and ready. When I first felt the necessity to write about such things, I thought, could not another (*Exod. 4:13*)?

For I must consider that if President Trump actually turned out to be unveiled as the Antichrist, would that not mean that he would be now??? For to be unveiled would simply mean to be able to be seen, but no one sensible seems to consider him a candidate, quite the opposite, they consider him to be God's chosen man. Yet, if he were to be, why should I want to steer up trouble by writing such things, though usually anything written is read only by a few.

In the past I have seen numerous websites about this or that person being the Antichrist or a candidate for the Antichrist, none of them ever settling with me as a real possibility. Perhaps some odd details, in my immaturity as a young Believer, that spiked a certain measure of interest, but never enough to actually ponder that that person could really be the Antichrist. I had read numerous things about President Obama potentially being the Antichrist, as there were MANY who said such things. Yet in my heart it never seemed right. With President Trump I started to notice some potential characteristics of the Antichrist seen in him, yet no one talking about it, at least not with even half a sense of properly using the Bible.

Even people whom I have read their political articles for years, these who claim to be Christians, have hopped on the Trump train. Whereas they had been very critical of everything before, pointing out legislation, history, etc., with President Trump he is essentially given a pass on anything he does. A brief example is how President Obama was heavily criticized sending more troops to Afghanistan, yet President Trump was praised for doing the same. This from the same people.

"You know what else they say about my people? The polls, they say I have the most loyal people. Did you ever see that? Where I could stand in the middle of Fifth Avenue and shoot somebody and I wouldn't lose any voters, okay?" - Donald Trump - Campaigning in 2016

Whether or not President Trump will turn out to be the Antichrist, I do not know. However, as I will point out, he makes the perfect example of proving just how far from the truth that what calls itself the church is nowadays. President Trump makes a perfect example of how those who call themselves Christians, yet are not, seem to be deluded regarding him. He also makes the perfect example of how through genius schemes, he could ultimately rise to world power, though it would not be of his own power, but through the power of Satan. So we are going to be taking a look at some of the characteristics written about in *The Antichrist* chapter and comparing them to President Trump.

Not all of them will be looked at, there is simply too much vagueness with some of the biblical characteristics, as well as uncertainly. One thing is certain, eventually the Antichrist will rise on the scene, whoever he may be.

The Antichrist will have a Fierce Countenance and Understand Sinister Schemes

"In the finest traditions of our great democracy, we are rallying the noble nations of the world to build a new liberal order that prevents war and achieves greater prosperity for all," - Mike Pompeo, United States Secretary of State

The Antichrist will Rule the Entire World and the Economy

"The big uncertainty is the U.S.-China trade negotiation which is not really about trade, it's about a new world order," Investec's Hendrik du Toit said at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

In regards to China's foreign exchange currency policy, **President Trump responded**, *"I've been complaining about that for a long time, and I believe we will all eventually, and probably very much sooner than a lot of people understand or think, we will be on a level playing field, because that's the only way it's fair,"... "That's the only way you can fairly compete in trade and other things."*

"Bringing back the gold standard would be very hard to do, but boy, would it be wonderful. We'd have a standard on which to base our money." - Donald Trump, Campaigning

In regards to impeachment, *"If they actually did this the markets would crash. Do you think it was luck that got us to the best Stock Market and Economy in our history. It wasn't," - President Trump, Tweet*

"I'll tell you what, if I ever got impeached, I think the market would crash. I think everybody would be very poor." - President Trump

"I am "the king of debt." That has been great for me as a businessman, but is bad for the country. I made a fortune off of debt, will fix U.S." - Donald Trump, Campaigning, Tweet

The Antichrist has Great Intelligence and is a Deceiver

"Sorry losers and haters, but my I.Q. is one of the highest -and you all know it! Please don't feel so stupid or insecure, it's not your fault..." - Donald Trump, Tweet, 2013

"I know some of you may think I'm tough and harsh but actually I'm a very compassionate person (with a very high IQ) with strong common sense." - Donald Trump, Tweet, 2013

"I think that would qualify as not smart, but genius....and a very stable genius at that!" - President Trump, Tweet

The Antichrist shall honor the god of fortresses.

"And, by the way, I think I'm probably more hawkish than anybody. Anybody. Nobody is more hawkish than me. But I also like to use it in the right place. And, frankly, I like not using it at all." - President Trump

"We have the most powerful and well equipped military anywhere in the world, by far!" - President Trump, Tweet

"I think military is a very special thing." - Donald Trump, Campaigning

"There's nobody bigger or better at the military than I am." - Donald Trump, Campaigning

A Voice of a Man

"And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them. And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man. And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost." Acts 12:21-23

The other day I had gotten done finishing an article and publishing it online, as well as recording the radio shows for the upcoming days. I was pondering the current events in this world and thinking about how much different those in the patriotic circles, as well as the alternative media behave.

Prior to Donald Trump running for President of the United States, things hadn't changed much. After 9/11 a prepper movement began heavily in this country and there were people who were joining militias or planning for mutual aid in communities. There was a distrust of the Federal government and the word on the street was that martial law would eventually be declared.

As 2012 was closing in, the prepper movement, as well as the warnings hit their peak. My family had a year supply (for one person) of freeze dried food that we had purchased in 2011. In late 2013 we decided to sell it and had an older veteran stop over at our place in Whitefish, Montana, to pick it up.

This man described how he was part of a network where other patriots would do things, such as turn a home into a hospital, have food storages here and there, as well as communications, etc. He wasn't alone, he wasn't crazy, he simply believed, as many did, that eventually the Federal government was going to turn on the people and preparing for such things just made sense.

Now we have a country of conspiracy theorists, of which I would agree with much of that, though I would call it conspiracy facts in many cases. Yet the mass of people have

bought into the fake news, fake media, etc. They no longer believe the 'lies' that are told on the media, rather they are following the man, President Trump. For many, what President Trump says is the truth, irregardless of what others say.

This is not to say that President Trump is lying about the media, it has been controlled by a handful of people, a sort of oligopoly that is fed by the United States ministry of 'truth'. The media shouldn't have been trusted twenty years ago, let alone today. The problem lies with those who had always been saying that the media was controlled.

For the most part, all of the main alternative media talking heads are no longer discussing the Federal government's plans for a martial law scenario. In fact, everything is focused on the fact that there is now a man in the Whitehouse who is cleaning it up. 'One of us' is now in control of the country and he is fighting the deep state, new world order, whatever you might call it, to whatever level you believe that the conspiracy goes.

Where there were people like Ron Paul (who is not an avid Trump supporter) warning us about how a wall built on the southern border could be used to keep us in, there are now only those telling us that the wall built is for the intentions stated and they mention no possibility of anything else.

They are quick to point out the health hazards of a 5G network being rapidly deployed across the United States, but they refuse to acknowledge or mention the military implications for potential real-time warfare against the American public. Imagine martial law plugged into the 5G network! Try to get away from that technology of real time updates!

Where war with Afghanistan and Middle Eastern countries was always part of the conspiracy of the petro-dollar, the dreams of Dick Cheney and the military industrial complex, now it is either necessary or with President Trump openly admitting it is about the oil, this is alright. Well, then they should have kept their mouth shut all along, if the world reserve currency, the US dollar is dependent on control of the oil and the wars, as well as operations that go along with it, then why was it ever a problem? Do really the ends justify the means? I guess in our so-called 'christian' nation it is alright to behave like that.

"Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope: That say, Let him make speed, and hasten his work, that we may see it: and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know it! Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink: Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!" Isaiah 5:18-23

Even President Obama eventually put a stop to militarizing the police stations across the United States, due to a huge outcry over civil rights and potential police abuse. Yet with

the stroke of a pen and with section 1033 fully operational, the hardening of the police forces across the United States with sophisticated weaponry and military vehicles at a record level, President Trump revamped and accelerated the program. This same program was always talked about by the alternative media of proof that the Federal government was getting ready for martial law. Now? Not even a peep!

Did FEMA cancel all of the contracts to have instant 72 hour operational tent cities? Did our government finally decide that it can not handle the American people in an operation against the 'hold outs'? Or did the original conspiracy theorist decide that martial law was never a possibility? Well President Trump changed all of that!

Certainly when he passed an executive order (EO) that seems to allow for military tribunals, martial law, in a fallen society, that was not the real purpose, right? After all the same talking heads told of how that EO was really for the deep state. President Trump, as I have heard time and time again, and seen numerous articles about, is planning on using that to get rid of the deep state. According to these people, President Trump will have to temporarily suspend the Constitution, declare martial law and have military tribunals for the Pelosi's, Obama's, Clinton's, etc., and their helpers.

Time and time again, things that were once believed, once warned about, are now turned upside down. The solution is always the same, irregardless if it is from the evangelicals or the alternative media or even just the Republican Party...trust in President Trump, he will take care of it.

Just as the alternative media ignores the SAME warning signs that are going on, the ones they used to scream about for people to wake up, so too the evangelicals overlook President Trump's doctrines of prosperity, sex (thinking of the Playboy cover Trump was featured on), greed, materialism and pride. They simply say to trust in him, he is a man chosen by God. Really?

Even the Republican Party has been overcome by the 'if you can't beat them, join them' philosophy. Their constituents demand support for President Trump, therefore their own jobs are on the line. Well you say, where is your proof, how come you don't join us?

I was thinking about these things and decided to do some deeper research, trying to figure out what was currently being said from the alternative media, as well as just the 'average joe' with their blogs, websites, etc. I also looked at what the mainstream media was saying.

I pondered these things and was also looking at how very popular pastors and religious leaders in this country were advocating for President Trump, speaking against the impeachment and calling him God's chosen man. What I eventually ran across was something that I hadn't heard, hadn't seen.

I knew there was a bunch of prominent rabbis who state that President Trump is either the messiah or else he is helping to usher in the messiah. I understand that this messiah that

the religious Jews of Israel are looking for, will ultimately be the Antichrist. What I didn't original know, but my best friend managed to find out, is that the rabbis look to the messiah, not as God incarnate, but rather as a political leader who will place Israel back into their supposed rightful place in time.

Israel does not understand *"the time of Jacob's trouble"* (Jer. 30:7), and neither does the church. Both do not know and in doing so they are fulfilling the prophecies about such a time that the Bible talks about. However, I continued to ponder these things and then, if it wasn't bad enough that President Trump was compared to Jesus Christ and His crucifixion, matters got worse.

President Trump retweeted a video of a man talking about how Israel views him, that he was like the *'second coming of God'* or the *'king of Israel'*. In another video, when talking about the tariffs with China, President Trump looks up to the sky, as if looking towards Heaven, and states that he 'is the chosen one'. With the later President Trump claims it is sarcasm, yet with the first that President Trump retweeted, he simply added the word 'wow!' to his retweet.

When Jesus was accused of the same thing:

"And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen; Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest. And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." Luke 19:37-40

Jesus rightfully so, did not dispute with what men were saying about Him, but rather stated that if they kept silent the stones would immediately cry out. He is the Son of God (John 3:16, etc.), He is God (John 10:30). Yet President Trump simply retweeted it, sucking it all in, as Herod had done. If that didn't please God back then, certainly it is not pleasing to our Creator now.

President Trump is the voice of a man, not of a god. He should stop his followers from comparing himself to Jesus Christ, Elijah, Moses or the King of Israel, of which Christ is the King (Zec. 9:9)! When you consider what was stated in the previous chapters in retrospect to what is being written here, truly we live in a time of utter ignorance of the Bible, we are certainly in the last days.

Once again I do not know the future, I do not know whether President Trump will simply be President of the United States or something more, but what I do know is there has never been a President in history that has been compared to Jesus, Moses or Elijah, let alone called the King of Israel or suggesting that he is like the Second Coming. We live in very ignorant and apostate times.

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord."... Amos 8:11

Amen!

His Glorious Appearing

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." Titus 2:11-14

There has been much debate regarding the Rapture, which could be better termed His Glorious Appearing. There are even many pastors who sit on the fence, not knowing whether or not His Glorious Appearing is pre-tribulation or post-tribulation. Yet the Bible is quite clear and common sense should prevail that the Rapture will happen prior to the *"time of Jacob's trouble"* (Jer. 30:7), better known as the Tribulation.

The purpose in this chapter is not to just provide the evidence of the pre-trib Rapture being a sound doctrine, but also to provide needed information for those souls who will read such things, after having been Left Behind. For those whom God allows to be deluded by the Strong Delusion, what can be done? There opportunity for Salvation was prior to the Rapture and if they are those whom God is allowing to believe the lie (2 Thes. 2:11), after the Rapture, then their fate is sealed (Rev. 20:15).

Consider the following verses:

..."and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand." Daniel 12:10b

"At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. " Matthew 11:25

"And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand." Luke 8:10

What many churches fail to recognize is that the Lord Jesus comes back twice. Though once is His Glorious Appearing, where He does not set foot upon the earth, the other is His Second Coming. The Bible is quite clear as distinguishing two separate events, for those who may see and hear.

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;" 2 Timothy 4:1

His Glorious Appearing is the end of the Church age, the Church is Raptured. His Second Coming is His revealing Himself to Israel, it is all about God's chosen people. While the world will be judged, the "time of Jacob's trouble" (Jer. 30:7) is about Israel. Oftentimes the two of these get mixed up and create all sort of false doctrines and movements. Let me try to clear some of the confusion up regarding these two separate events.

Starting with the end of the Church age and those who are truly Saved, let's take a look at His Glorious Appearing, better known as the Rapture, as to why the Church or those who are Saved cannot be here during the Tribulation. Then let's take a look at some clear distinctions that what people assume to be verses that point to a post-trib are clearly discussing His Second Coming, which is the revelation of Jesus Christ (Luke 17:30, 1 Pet. 1:13, Rev. 1:1) to the Jewish people, two separate events.

There are some scoffers who say that those who believe in the pre-trib Rapture are not willing to suffer through the Tribulation. That as Jesus suffered on the Cross, so too must all of the Church suffer. Well the Church has been suffering for 2,000 years.

"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." John 16:33

"Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God." Acts 14:22

So the clear cut argument that is given in the United States is that Believers do not suffer, perhaps some name calling, etc. Yet, if one actually stands for what the Bible teaches and does not shy away from living separated from the world, there is affliction.

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." 2 Corinthians 6:17

I dare say that a majority of these who retort such things to true Believers, those who wrongly believe in the post-trib Rapture are not Saved themselves. So why should they have affliction preaching a different Jesus (2 Cor. 11:4) and doctrines of demons (1 Tim.

4:1)? One should not look at solely the United States of America as an example of harsh affliction that the true Saints throughout the ages have experienced on behalf of Christ.

For the United States was setup as a country for religious freedom, unlike most of the world. There was a reason that our forefathers came here. To focus solely on the United States is to be blind to the facts of history regarding the true Church.

The Bible is quite clear that Hades will not prevail against the Church, but we find that the saints during the *"time of Jacob's trouble"* (Jer. 30:7) are prevailed against.

"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." Matthew 16:18

"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." Revelation 13:7

"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; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb." Revelation 7:9-10

"And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? 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. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." Revelation 7:13-17

"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." Revelation 20:4

So who would be left to be Raptured at the end of the Tribulation? For those who are truly Christians, who have repented and by faith believed into Jesus Christ as their Savior (Rom. 8:10-13, Acts 17:30-31, Eph. 2:8-10), are with the Lord (1 Thes. 4:17). For during the Tribulation the Antichrist is allowed to overcome the post-Church age saints, that is those who receive Salvation during the *"time of Jacob's trouble"* (Jer. 30:7).

Quite obvious is also the fact that when the Second Coming happens, when Jesus Christ sets His feet upon the Mount of Olives (*Zec. 14:4*), the saints are coming with Him. How can they be coming back with Him, if they are still here?

"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." Zechariah 14:5

"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." 1st Thessalonians 3:13

Though there are still discussions and debates about these things, nowadays churches simply aren't teaching these things. They either cannot make up their mind, allow different opinions or have moved along unto other things. The Bible prophesied this as well.

"This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour: Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." 2nd Peter 3:1-4

The Bible is quite clear about there being a Rapture, which should aptly be called His Glorious Appearing, but Rapture is also quite acceptable.

"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 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: 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. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." 1st Thessalonians 4:14-18

"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 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." 1st Corinthians 15:51-52

"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." John 14:3

The argument of the Rapture being a silent thing should not be. For quite clearly the Lord Himself will descend from Heaven with a -shouted- command and also the trumpet will sound. For those scoffers, do not necessarily think that you have a foolproof argument that the trumpet is the same as the seventh trumpet in *Revelation*, for you do not. One must look at the Holy Scriptures as a whole, not pick and chose which verses fit the theories that one wants to propagate upon the masses.

The Bible is quite clear that the Church, though appointed through the afflictions, persecutions and tribulations of this life, are not appointed to wrath.

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

"For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him." 1st Thessalonians 5:9-10

"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love." 1st John 4:18

Consider these verses in comparison of this:

"And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; 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: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" Revelation 6:15-17

Also...

"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." Revelation 3:10

"After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter." Revelation 4:1

There are some passages of the Bible that teach clearly about the Rapture, but ALSO about the Second Coming. This is often a problem with those who hold the post-trib false viewpoint, they fail to recognize these things.

"3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?"

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.
5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.
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.
7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.
8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.
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.
10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.
11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.
12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.
13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.
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.
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:)
16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:
17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:
18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.
19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!
20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:
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.
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.
23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.
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.
25 Behold, I have told you before.
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.
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.
28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.
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:
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.
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.
32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

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

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

37 But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

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,

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

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

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

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

43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;

49 And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;

50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,

51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Matthew 24:3-51

"22 And he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it.

23 And they shall say to you, See here; or, see there: go not after them, nor follow them.

24 For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day.

25 But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation.

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

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

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

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

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

31 In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back.

32 Remember Lot's wife.

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

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.

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

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

37 And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together." Luke 17:22-37

Clearly when two are together and one is taken, the other left, this is teaching about the Rapture. An interesting thing is that you will see that two are in a bed, as well as two are working. When the Rapture happens, for some in the world it will be nighttime, for others it will be daytime.

In *Matthew 24:42* clearly it states 'your Lord' which is talking about Christians, but in *Matthew 24:31* it speaks of Christ gathering His elect. The Church has never been termed the elect, that is clearly Israel.

"For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me." Isaiah 45:4

Israel will not be Raptured, except those individuals who are truly Saved, as they are yet in unbelief and will not believe until the Second Coming.

"In that day shall the Lord defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the Lord before them. And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. 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." Zechariah 12:8-10

For those scoffers who declare that there will be a Rapture of the evil ones, you know who you are, then pay attention and take heed!

"And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord God; Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood. Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan. And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. Thus ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord God. And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them. So the house of

Israel shall know that I am the Lord their God from that day and forward. And the heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity: because they trespassed against me, therefore hid I my face from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies: so fell they all by the sword. According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions have I done unto them, and hid my face from them.

Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, and will be jealous for my holy name; After that they have borne their shame, and all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed against me, when they dwelt safely in their land, and none made them afraid. When I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations; Then shall they know that I am the Lord their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there.

Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord God." Ezekiel 39:17-29

"And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh." Revelation 19:17-21

Do not confuse the Second Coming of Christ to His Glorious Appearing. For Jesus appears at the Rapture, but He does not set His feet upon the earth. His Second Coming is a distinctive event.

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war." Revelation 19:11

"Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. 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. 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. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark: But it shall be one day which shall be known to the Lord, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light. And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one. All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses. And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited. And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth. And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great tumult from the Lord shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour." Zechariah 14:1-13

In Matthew 24:30a the "*And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn*"... Clearly no one knows the day, nor the hour (Matt. 24:36). There will be signs of Christ's imminent Second Coming, as there are many prophecies that will be fulfilled. If true Believers were here during that time we could simply count from the 'abomination', until the Lord returns.

"And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days." Daniel 12:11

or...

"And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished." Daniel 12:7

or

"And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days." Revelation 12:6

or

"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." Revelation 12:14

or

"And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months." Revelation 13:5

Clearly it would be contrary that no one would know the day nor the hour verses being able to count the days from the time that the abomination of desolation is setup by the Antichrist. One could simply count out the days and know for sure when Jesus was coming.

There used to be a time when the Churches in this country believed what the Bible says. Just as many churches now believe that homosexuality, gay marriage, even transgenderism is acceptable, so too their Rapture doctrine, if they have one, is far from what the Word of God teaches.

The apostasy is in full bloom and things are not going to get any better. There are no more warning signs, nothing that needs to happen, the Rapture is imminent and could happen at any moment. When that will be is not known, but until then, we who are Believers need to be watching and ready.

"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." Luke 21:36

Dear reader, there are a lot of scary things that will happen during the *"time of Jacob's trouble"* (Jer. 30:7). So what happens if you didn't know, if you were deceived and because you were not truly Saved, even if you thought you were, you were Left Behind?

Even though God sends a Strong Delusion, that Strong Delusion is for those who made a willful choice to deny God, for those who refused to repent and believe the Gospel. There are countless people who have made professions of faith, without even really understanding the Gospel.

I suspect that if you are reading such a thing as this and pondering what to do now, that you are not part of those whom God is allowing to believe the lie. Salvation is simple, for those who are Left Behind. There won't be much time to learn in depth doctrine, in fact finding a Bible might be nearly impossible (Amos 8:11), especially a good translation.

Call upon the Lord and do not be like the world who refuse to repent (Rev. 9:20-21, 16:11). Rather put your trust in your Creator, even unto death. For what will you give in exchange for your soul? You only have one chance in this life, and this is your one chance! I beg of you to yield to God and let Him take care of the rest.

"And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call." Joel 2:32

"But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:8-13

"For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death." Psalms 48:14

"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. 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. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." Mark 8:34-38

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Hebrews 9:27-28

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones." Proverbs 3:5-8

Amen!

The End is Near

"Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:"... Colossians 1:28

"And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the Lord: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung." Zephaniah 1:17

What happened to those who used to hold up signs in our big cities declaring that 'the end is near'? Movies on occasion used to add such things, often a ridicule to those who would be presumed to be mentally unstable. Yet has not the Word of God proclaimed that the end will eventually come?

"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." Matthew 24:14

Well there are two 'ends' to be precise. There is the Rapture, which is the end of the Church age and then there is the end, which is the end of the *"time of Jacob's trouble"* (Jer. 30:7), better known as the Tribulation. Even then we could argue the Millennial reign, etc., but our job as Believers is the warn people to repent and believe the Gospel.

"Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:21

"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead." Acts 17:30-31

So here we are, in what may very well be the final last days prior to the end and very few people contemplate it. Even the churches, whom should be warning men have refused to preach repentance, refused to purify themselves and are by and large apostate. However, these simple facts even provide further evidence that the end is near.

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as their's also was." 2nd Timothy 3:1-9

"This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour: Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." 2nd Peter 3:1-4

"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; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. 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: 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. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. 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. 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. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Revelation 3:14-22

For if preachers were still preaching about watching and being ready for the Rapture, if they were still warning men about the coming Tribulation, if they were still pointing out to the lost that eventually the Antichrist would be unveiled (after the Rapture) and that he would have a peace deal with Israel, then perhaps not many who listened would be caught off guard, but they would be able to repent and by faith believe into Jesus Christ.

Men could ponder these things, they could examine themselves (2 Cor. 13:5), they could truly seek the Most High, they could become Saved. However, just as the Bible prophesized, they will by and large be caught unprepared.

"But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 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, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matthew 24:37-39

I've asked before where the pastors are who preach such things. Now I know that there are still some who do and I thank God for these preachers, but let us consider the times that we live in, let us consider it diligently. For this is not a time of carelessness or fun and games, but these are indeed very serious times that may very well in fact be the times right prior to the Rapture, where Christ comes to get His bride, the Church, those individuals who have truly repented and by faith believed into Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, accepting the free gift of Salvation.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

Like to hear it or not, a lot could be said and should be said about the times we are living in. I wrote before how truth has been cast down and on a daily basis I see that. Some news hits the headlines and one group says it isn't true, this is the truth, another group says it isn't true and that is the truth. Well the only thing to say in such situations, except for the sky is blue, it is daytime, it is nighttime, is the fact that the Bible, the Word of God (assuming it is not a perversion of God's Word, but a faithful translation like the King James Version) is the ONLY ABSOLUTE TRUTH that we can be certain about in these days of darkness where men are stumbling around like the blind.

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

"The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble." Proverbs 4:19

I, like every other individual, will stand before my Creator one day. You will either stand at the Judgment Seat of Christ (2 Cor. 5:10), where true Believers will be judged and see which of their works will not be consumed (1 Cor. 3:13-15) or you will stand at the Great White Throne Judgment, where you will be cast into the Lake of Fire for all eternity. There is the one line that people will gladly be last in.

"And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small

and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Revelation 20:11-15

All Will Stand is a ministry that points people towards God's truth, preaching repentance and remission of sins and Salvation thru faith in Jesus Christ. For, as has been pointed out regarding the following, which didn't believe? Was it those who prophesied in Jesus's name, those who cast out demons in His name or those who did many works of power in His name?

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Matthew 7:21-23

Rather I say to you it was those who ignored Jesus's warning to repent.

Jesus said, *"I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3*

Shall I withhold the fact that there are many oddities between COVID-19 and preparing people for the mindset to obey the government and accept the mark of the beast? Shall I ignore that DARPA has a microchip that can be implanted coming out in 2021 that detects coronavirus? Should I ignore that there are people pushing for immunity certificates that require a vaccine or antibody test to resume life as normal?

While I am not saying that any of these things will happen for certainty or that even if they do that they will necessarily have anything to do with the mark of the beast that has been prophesized. I am saying that they are at minimum conditioning the masses for that sort of mindset. Think about it, being able to live normal under the guise of government permission. In a nutshell, if a man wants to buy or sell (live normal) they will be forced to take the mark of the beast.

"And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six." Revelation 13:16-18

As a brief reminder, those who take the mark of the beast or worship the image of the beast are doomed to eternity in the Lake of Fire (Rev. 20:4).

Now the same must be said regarding the things that are going on in the political theatre of this once great country (in terms of prosperity). For a great country would be one that by and large wholeheartedly truly serves God, not in pretense, but in actuality (*Jer. 3:10*).

Should a Believer ignore God's Word in regarding prophecies of characteristics of the Antichrist? While it certainly is not our job to guess who the Antichrist is, nor would we even have the authority to do so, if a man is rising to power, should we then ignore it? Should we not at least warn men that something might be going on?! Should we not tell what God has made clear or look at a potential and tell others?

"Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling-block before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul." Ezekiel 3:17-21

This is not about guessing who the Antichrist is, as no one could possibly know for sure prior to the Rapture, but if there is a man rising to power who is matching what the Bible says, the only certain Truth that we have, then it should at least be noted. One, whether or not you want to, should at least acknowledge the fact that we ought to be watching and ready (*Matt. 24:42-44*). If we are watching, should these things go unnoticed?

Why would God give characteristics of the Antichrist if they would not be useful?

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2nd Timothy 3:16-17

So, let's take a look and use it. Not to make a determination who the Antichrist is, but at least acknowledge that someone could be a suspect. My thoughts would make no one a suspect, but the Word of God and someone who matches these qualifications would make them a suspect. So therefore they would be a suspect based upon the Bible, based upon what God has spoken, not based upon any individual thoughts. Men have had a lot of suspects in times past regarding who the Antichrist might be, but these were often someone who simply had a characteristic or two, normally they would be someone who somehow was associated with the number 666, but if anyone would have taken the time to examine what the Bible actually teaches, they would have realized that according to God's Word, that person being named a suspect would have been sketchy at best.

Now there is a suspect, like it or not, who is rising to power and that suspect is President Donald Trump. He is a suspect, not because I say he is a suspect, but rather because of the characteristics of the Antichrist laid out in God's Word and the fact that he may very well match every single one of them. Once again, let me be very careful here, as I am by no means saying that President Donald Trump is the Antichrist, what I am saying is that he MUST be a suspect because he matches the characteristics or could very well match the characteristics that could be known prior to the "time of Jacob's trouble" (Jer. 30:7). So according to what the Bible teaches, President Trump is a suspect.

I suspect that no one at the moment of this writing will listen. For those who are for President Trump often proclaim to be Christians and assume that President Trump is a Christian, another note on that in a moment. Then you have those who hate President Trump, but they also hate God's Word and therefore they would refuse to even look into such things.

Now, only furthering how President Trump could be a suspect, there is a long list of well known people who believe that President Trump is like the 'son of God', like Jesus Christ, like Moses, Elijah or one of the prophets or rather he is a man of God, being used of God.

Does a man of God own casinos? Does a man of God have relationships like he has? Is a man of God be involved in debauchery, without repenting? Yet President Trump would be a perfect example of a 'man of God' to those who are perishing in the lukewarm churches, those who go to these churches that refuse to preach repentance, who refuse to take following Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior seriously. They refuse to be zealous for Christ, they refuse to pick up the Cross and carry on. These are the blind leading the blind and Jesus warned about such.

"Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." Matthew 15:14

Will these not be the ones who will believe the strong delusion sent by God? If not, which group will that be? Certainly not the godless, as they wouldn't match the description.

"For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." 2nd Thessalonians 2:7-12

Now I am going to lay out what the Bible says are characteristics of the Antichrist and point out how President Trump MUST be a suspect, because he seemingly matches every single one that could possibly be known beforehand, every single one.

Before we dive into that discussion, I will discuss what I hope would happen if the end is near.

Much has been said recently about potentially election mayhem. However, I have been discussing such things privately for months prior to anyone else declaring such things recently about what could happen after the election. Now these are just some 'thoughts' about what -could- happen. I certainly don't have any special revelation and do not know what the future holds, but if these things occurred, which is certainly plausible, I would hope that this would open a window to allow people to look behind the curtain, see that something is not right, question it and perhaps seek God with their whole heart, repent and believe into Jesus Christ as their Savior prior to the Rapture. Though as far as I know, this book may never even get published prior to the Rapture happening.

Due to having read and studied the Bible for years, I could see the possibility of God providing a last chance for people to repent. For I strongly believe that the false church, which is predominant in the United States, will believe the lie, for God will send them strong delusion. I don't believe this is true with most Catholics, though also a false pagan religion, it is different as a more pagan works-based religion, one where the thoughts of Salvation are not so much as repeating a prayer and pretending to be Saved, but rather having to do with rites and rituals. Time will tell how that works out, but by then it will be too late.

Now we have already had many cities with burning buildings, lootings and mass chaos, this with a pandemic that is to those who can see a sham. While I am not going to throw the baby out with the bath water, as they say, truly the numbers show that COVID-19 is only somewhat more dangerous than the average flu. Clearly what has happened is a government overreach of power around the world, of which I have seen abuses of power and a dystopian style government in many parts of the world, including here in the United States.

Should some precautions be taken? Sure, but not nearly at the level of which they are, our world has been turned upside down and this under President Trump's watch. Whether the coronavirus is manufactured in a lab or a natural event (seemingly unlikely due to some of what I have studied), makes no difference, as either way it is being used as a weapon against we the people, even against God by limiting those who preach the Gospel.

In fact, I even have a friend who thought to start taking his family to church, but due to COVID he didn't want to go. Now is the time people need to be fearing God and seeking Him before it is too late. If only pastors would take as serious the things of God as our government does this so-called pandemic!

I have always called the conspiracy of all conspiracies and that is that this so-called new world order is simply the Antichrist world government that is behind the scenes slowly rising to power, being held back until it is in God's timing (*2 Thes. 2:7; 2 Pet. 3:9*). The ultimate conspiracy is the distraction of such things, for the same people who at least used to talk about underground tunnels, railways, FEMA camps, you name it, are now on the Trump train?! Just where is this Trump train going? Auschwitz?

The reality has never been the people verses shadow government but rather the god of this world...Satan...verses God the Creator of each of us. The solution has already been provided by God and that solution was that Jesus died on the Cross for our sins, that we might be Saved.

"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. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God."
John 3:16-21

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." *Romans 5:8*

In order to accept that free gift one must repent and by faith believe into Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, irregardless of whether or not you believe there are some, numerous or no conspiracies against we the people. I assure you in order for the *"time of Jacob's trouble"* (*Jer. 30:7*), better known as the Tribulation to be true, there certainly is a new world order or Antichrist government behind the scenes.

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." *Ephesians 6:12*

So my hope, not knowing, but my hope is that if the end is near that God will allow the blind to snap out of their blindness and at least briefly consider what is going on behind the scenes. That they might look behind the curtain and see that not is all that it seems. Even if they don't fully understand the Bible or know only the basics, that they would have an opportunity to be able to repent before it is too late. For many people proclaim the name of Christ in this country, but few of them are actually Saved.

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Beware of false

prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Matthew 7:13-23

So, if the end is near, the normalcy of our life is probably not ever going to return to a complete normal, in fact it will just become more and more bizarre. I wonder if this is the lie that is spoken about in *2 Thessalonians 2:11*, considering the blind supporters of Trump who chose to ignore the obvious red flag of the Israel peace plan that he is making huge progress on, a sure sign and probably the best that was given as a guaranteed suspect of someone being the Antichrist...more on that in a bit.

Perhaps if the nation goes into more chaos, people will get a peek behind the curtain and their willful or purposeful (*2 Cor. 4:3-4*) blindness will allow them a brief chance to repent and accept Christ as their Savior. Most people believe in Jesus, they believe they are Saved, but they have refused to repent.

Could this be the reason our government is trying to pass legislation that would allow direct payments from the Federal Reserve via some bond scheme to American's bank accounts. Are things justifiably that bad at the moment or is it as Mike Pompeo said, a live exercise, indicating that worse is yet to come. Pompeo stated the following:

"We will continue to fight these battles, it is a never ending struggle... until the Rapture."

"As a Christian I certainly believe that's possible," Pompeo responded when asked whether Trump is a new Esther, who in the Bible convinced the king of Persia not to slaughter the Jewish people." -- TheHill.com 3/21/19

Now let's take a look once more at the Antichrist characteristics that the Bible says and align why President Trump must be a suspect for being the Antichrist. This is not to discourage support of President Trump, but Believers should at least be aware of the facts, be watching and ready, not ignorant of the fact that the end may be near.

"Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all." Daniel 11:37

What should be mentioned here is the *"God of his fathers"* which would indicate that the Antichrist must be Jewish.

President Trump's parents both died at the Long Island Jewish Medical Center. In fact in Donald Trump's book *The Art of the Deal* he claims that his grandfather was from Sweden, in fact he was from Germany. His father, Fred Christ Trump was well known for being heavily involved in Jewish circles, as well as advisors to Donald Trump, like Roy Cohn.

Digging through President Trump's genealogy one finds that there are numerous Jewish surnames. In fact a lot of these details have been scrubbed, including a once reference to his parents dying at the Long Island Jewish Medical Center. There is ample evidence to prove that President Trump likely has a Jewish lineage. In fact, many rabbis in Israel also think so.

My friend and the other person behind the All Will Stand ministry did some research. He found that many rabbis thought President Trump might be the Messiah or at least paving the way for the Messiah. (Their thoughts are the Messiah is simply a political leader who restores Israel to it's rightful place, not as Americans think in regards to the Antichrist.) In fact a group of prominent rabbis traveled to Europe because they believe they could trace President Trump's lineage to king David. What they found was never made known.

So why is this important? Like President Trump, I also have lineage connecting myself to the tribe of Judah from the diaspora in Germany. In fact, when I researched my genealogy I found that many of the great-great names of the past were Enoch, etc., all Jewish biblical names. That all changed quickly, once my family integrated in the United States. However, there is a large anti-Semitic movement around the world.

Just mentioning that it appears that President Trump is our first Jewish President, will get people asking if you don't like Jews. Certainly that is not the case, as I love the Jewish people, as God's chosen people (*Duet. 7:6*). Though I am not ignorant of the things that go on behind the scenes. I have seen the Freemasonry symbolism of the Knesset and it is quite obvious, just like the occultic symbolism that is riddled throughout famous landmarks in the United States as well.

So why does this matter? The unfortunate truth is a lot of the patriotic movement who see a conspiracy in many things, also believe that the Jews are behind these conspiracies. In fact this viewpoint is even more prevalent in Europe than in the United States. They point to Hollywood, the banking industry, etc., all being controlled by Jews and they also believe that the elite are Jewish or crypto-Jews. So they have a distrust of the Jewish people.

So even if certain Jewish people are behind such things as the Federal Reserve scheme, that doesn't neglect them from being God's chosen people. In fact "*the time of Jacob's trouble*" (*Jer. 30:7*), better known as the Tribulation, is about the restoration of the Jewish people. In the end they will realize that Jesus is their Messiah and God will restore them giving them new hearts.

"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." Zechariah 12:10

"He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? even the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations. And he brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold a hole in the wall. Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall: and when I had digged in the wall, behold a door. And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here. So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, pourtrayed upon the wall round about. And there stood before them seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up. Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, the Lord seeth us not; the Lord hath forsaken the earth. He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations that they do. Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the Lord's house which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz. Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations than these. And he brought me into the inner court of the Lord's house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the Lord, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the Lord, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east. Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose. Therefore will I also deal in fury: mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them." Ezekiel 8:6-18

"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh." Ezekiel 36:26

What is odd is that the mainstream media who has dug up every single piece of dirt on President Trump that they could, somehow can not find out that he is also likely Jewish. Now with all of the anti-Semitism that is out there in the world, it would seem very hard for President Trump to have the full support of the patriots in this country or be well liked throughout Europe if it was known that he was Jewish. Yet in Israel President Trump is absolutely loved and respected.

This would seemingly pave the way to allow President Trump, if he were the Antichrist, to be known as Jewish to the inner circles of Israel's leaders and important religious

people, the only people who would matter if they ended up declaring him the Messiah. This would also prevent those who would be suspicious of such things in other parts of the world, including the United States from withdrawing full support of President Trump being the leader of the movement to go after the elite and deep state.

Now prior to President Trump, famous talk show hosts and internet news outlets that provided non-stop news coverage about a conspiracy against the American people, including martial law, taking away our guns, etc., have now become nonstop Trump train peddlers.

Despite the fact that President Trump's comments helped to cause red flag laws and that he may very well use the Insurrection Act (hot martial law) after a contested election, this doesn't even raise an eyebrow in the Trump supporting circles. More could be said, as how the NAFTA replacement is essentially the same as NAFTA, but seemingly President Trump can do no wrong.

Just as President Trump had tear gas and rubber bullets used outside of St. John's Church in Washington, D.C., so that he could take a quick picture holding up a Bible, those who call themselves Christians are seemingly blind to any possibility that he could potentially be a wolf in sheep's clothing. Everything that was ever warned about by the alternative media in regarding a conspiracy against the American people is now null and void with President Trump in power. His constituents trust him and quite obviously the left has gone so far that they have no choice but to vote for him.

So the fact that it appears that President Trump is our first Jewish President does not make him a suspect for being the Antichrist, though the lack of public knowledge regarding such things certainly does raise an eyebrow. Looking at biblical prophecy, what must make him a suspect is the fact that he is working on a peace deal with Israel. When you add in the Jewish prospect, that makes it even the more interesting.

"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." Daniel 9:27

Only the first part of this verse *"And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week."* can be used to provide evidence of someone being an Antichrist suspect. The rest of it will not be fulfilled until after the Rapture has happened and the world has been plunged into the Tribulation.

Now the Bible has laid out this as one of the characteristics of knowing who the Antichrist is. This is not to suggest that who the Antichrist is would be known before the Rapture, for quite clearly the Bible teaches otherwise.

"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; 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, shewing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:" ... 2nd Thessalonians 2:3-8

Yet there will rise a man who is the Antichrist and one of the things that he WILL do is have a peace treaty with Israel. So by definition, anyone who is working on a peace deal with Israel, whether Vladimir Putin or Donald Trump, must be a suspect. This is not according to my thoughts, but what the Bible has clearly prophesied. The Bible would list that person as a suspect.

Now no one would know if this is the peace deal that is the one prophesied in the Bible or simply a different deal. As I cautioned previously, people also ought not to take and watch this deal assuming that they can postpone seeking God after they see evidence of the Bible being true. (As if there wasn't ample evidence everywhere one looks, they refuse to have 'eyes that see'.!) For past deals were done in secret prior and then unveiled to the public afterwards for a ceremony. The President Clinton deal is an example of that.

When you consider President Trump's wild support from Israel, it only adds to the fact that he being a suspect should be taken seriously, regardless of the Trump train mentality.

... "the Jewish people love [Trump] ... like he's the King of Israel. They love him like he is the second coming of God." -- Wayne Allyn Root

President Trump has commented about the importance of an Israeli peace plan.

"We want to create peace between Israel and the Palestinians. We will get it done," Trump said. "We will be working so hard to get it done. I think there is a very good chance and I think we will." -- President Trump

"It is something that I think is frankly, maybe, not as difficult as people have thought over the years." -- President Trump

"That's the ultimate deal," Trump said. "As a deal maker, I'd like to do ... the deal that can't be made. And do it for humanity's sake." -- President Trump

"I've had a lot of, actually, great Israeli businesspeople tell me, you can't do that, it's impossible," Trump said. "I disagree, I think you can make peace. I think people are tired now of being shot, killed. At some point, when do they come? I think we can do that. I have reason to believe I can do that." -- President Trump

President Trump refers to the Israeli peace deal as the "*deal of the century*." Now a lot of people have tried to make a lasting peace deal with Israel and have all failed. Yet people who have tried before have been immediately accused of being the Antichrist, President Clinton is a prime example of this.

There were a ton of so-called evangelical Christians who didn't just name President Clinton as a suspect to being the Antichrist, but flat out said that he was the Antichrist because of a peace deal that he had reached with Israel. In fact a lot went even further and stretched the six year peace deal that was inked to a seven year deal, calling it 'the peace deal' and stating that we were in the Tribulation, based upon the false notion that the Rapture happens at the end of the Tribulation.

This was back in 2000 and it is quite obvious that the Tribulation did not happen, yet there were many loud mouths who were proclaiming that the Tribulation had started, despite the fact that the 'starting gun' the Rapture did not occur.

Numerous people went around on a then newer notion of the internet proclaiming that Bill Clinton was the Antichrist. Well he isn't and was not. If he were, the Rapture would have happened and the "*time of Jacob's trouble*" (Jer. 30:7) would have began. This was back in the era of the Left Behind movie and book popularizing the notion of a Rapture and Tribulation to come.

Then Churches would still preach on such things, but when the year 2000 came they seemed to give up.

"This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour: Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." 2nd Peter 3:1-10

Apparently they thought the year 2000 and going off of these verses:

"But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." 2nd Peter 3:8

"After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight." Hosea 6:2

However, obviously the date is not the same as we think. All of these things will happen in God's timing, not mankind supposed understanding of such things. Now fast forward to 2020 and a lot has changed.

Now Churches, even independent fundamental Baptist Churches, rarely talk about such things, despite the fact that we are to be watching and ready.

"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matthew 24:42-44

Have they given up? Has the notion become unpopular and unbelievable? What has happened?

Certainly the apostasy is in full bloom, one of the reasons that these things are happening, but shouldn't a peace deal being worked on by President Trump, a man who gets things done, the basis for his popularity, be noted by those who are preaching from the pulpits?

Do we ignore now what the Bible teaches regarding a peace deal with Israel and the Antichrist, just because President Trump is popular and considered a man of God or a man used by God? Do we ignore a clear prophecy regarding the Antichrist just because the Democrats are so bad, Trump must be good? Do we ignore the fact that even if we fully support our 'christian' President who is supposedly working on behalf of God and fighting the evil, that he also is matching a description of the Antichrist, one that does make him a suspect of being the Antichrist, based from the Bible, not from private opinion? I think we should not, I think it should be at least noted.

A certain amount of skepticism about the world in which we live and our popular leader, President Trump, should remain as he is a suspect for being the Antichrist, due to the possibility that he will achieve a peace deal with Israel and that could be the deal that is prophesied in the Bible. We MUST remember this and not fully trust him, even if we support him. For to ignore such a fact is certainly evidence of not 'watching and being ready'.

When I was considering these things, I noted that the verse actually says *"And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week."* Let's take a quick look at that.

President Clinton's treaty was essentially just between Israel and the so-called Palestine people. Yet the Bible clearly states that not only is the peace deal for seven years (one week), but is it with many.

President Trump says that 7-9 countries are involved with his peace deal with Israel, for those who believe the Bible, one should take note. Not only is President Trump trying to get a peace deal with Israel, but with 7-9 countries the fact that the 'covenant' is with many only adds to the reasons that he must be a suspect of being the Antichrist.

In fact when the recent recognition of Israel from the United Arab Emirates, President Trump was nominated for a Nobel Peace prize. This is how amazing it was that he was able to pull off such an unimaginable thing in the Middle East.

Consider that President Trump pulled out of the Iran deal. Now Iran has been working even harder on producing nuclear weapons, threatening not only Israel, but the entire power structure of the Middle East. Could it be that President Trump pulled out of that deal, not because it was necessarily a bad deal, but in order to force other countries to get onboard of his peace deal??? Could he be using the mutual threat of Iran against other countries like Saudi Arabia and the UAE as leverage, selling them weapons and technology in exchange for peace with Israel???

Recently Sudan accused the United States of adding another term before they can be removed from the terror watchlist of countries. While Sudan was apparently working hard to ensure they met the requirements to be removed from such a designation, now the only requirement is to make peace with Israel, something that originally was not included. This is their accusation against our country. So the theory that the Iran deal removal might be being used as leverage is not so far fetched.

Whether or not President Trump gets reelected or if the peace deal proceeds or if this is the peace deal that is prophesied in the Bible makes little difference. Until these things are known, as long as there is a realistic prospect for peace and I think that Trump supporters could agree that Trump gets stuff done, there will remain the fact that President Trump must be a suspect of being the Antichrist, whether or not one wants to acknowledge that.

Let me simply add here as another reminder, as I have done in both the book and the articles that are available on All Will Stand's website, I am NOT saying that President Trump is the Antichrist, no one can say that. What I am simply saying is that President Trump must be a suspect, not based upon any personal opinion, but based upon what the Bible prophesizes about the coming Antichrist. Simply put, one thing we can know beforehand is that the Antichrist will be working on a peace deal and be involved in that peace deal -- that is a fact. Therefore anyone involved with such things, irregardless, must be a suspect. How much more so for those who are likely Jewish, popular and seemingly matching potentially every single characteristic that the Bible lays out regarding the Antichrist?

I am going to look at one more characteristic. A few were mentioned in the book and quotes were given. A lot of these I will not go into detail, because I can't. No one is going to fully know what they mean until during the Tribulation and at that point if you were Left Behind, you were Left Behind.

The time to ensure that you are right with God, that you have truly repented and by faith believed into Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior is now.

"And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand;" Daniel 8:25a

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policy

Stratagem; cunning; dexterity of management; a course prompted by selfish consideration rather than by those of mercy and right.

craft

Cunning, art, or skill, in a bad sense, or applied to bad purposes; artifice; guile; skill or dexterity employed to effect purposes by deceit.

Webster's University Dictionary Unabridged, 1942

One characteristic of the Antichrist is that he will be a deceiver. In fact there will never have been a man who is a greater deceiver than he is, because his power comes from Satan, who is the father of lies (*John 8:44*).

Not only is the Antichrist a deceiver but *"he will cause craft to prosper in his hand"*. This is serious, not only is he deceiving but his deception works. I had wrote an article called *Truth Cast Down*, another characteristic of the Antichrist (*Dan. 8:25*). I can only point to President Trump calling everything fake news, etc., as even further reason to take him being a suspect seriously. So what does this mean?

What this means is that even if President Trump were the Antichrist, people are not going to see it. For if the Antichrist is able to cause deceit to prosper in his hand, this means that his followers are going to believe his lies. In my opinion, this is exactly what I see having happened and how I see that people could believe the 'strong delusion' (*2 Thes. 2:11*) that God sends them, essentially believing the lie.

Now I certainly can not know these things for sure and neither can anyone else. The world will be caught off guard when the Rapture happens and whoever the Antichrist may be will have been able to have deceit prosper in his hand, essentially people will believe his deception. This only adds to the equation.

Now, it is not our job to determine who the Antichrist is, but I think it is reasonable to remind people of how serious of a time this is in the world's history. I think it is important that we are *'watching and ready'* and that those who are doing the Lord's work be found so doing when He comes.

"Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing." Matthew 24:46

Nonetheless for those naysayers who say such a thing should not be said, I hope you are not one of the many churches, including Baptist, who are holding mini-rallies during your preaching. For if you do not like this preaching of pointing this out and you say that our focus should not be on this (I agree), but you also tell your congregation in a few less words than actually saying to vote for Trump, I would also tell you the same, our focus shouldn't be on politics. So do not have two sets of standards.

"Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things." Romans 2:1

Then again if one were to study exactly what the Two Witnesses do during the Tribulation it should be abundantly clear that most do not believe them until after they are killed and resurrected.

"And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. And after three days and an half the spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them." Revelation 11:3-12

What, aside from telling people to repent, do you think they are going to be talking about. Most likely they will be telling people that they are in the Tribulation and that would include naming with authority given by God who the Antichrist is. So if it were that obvious during the first half of the Tribulation who the Antichrist was, there would be no

reason for people not to believe whatever they were speaking. Just what exactly that means and thoughts on that I will keep to myself. Just do not be the one who finds out in person on the earth, but rather find yourself having been Raptured, watching these things unfold with Christ.

Amen!