

APPENDIX A

RAPTURE WARNING SIGNS

The Scriptures clearly teach us that numerous *warning signs* will be fulfilled before the Rapture/Tribulation starts. Several *warning signs* have already been fulfilled, and others are being fulfilled at this time. Below are the past, present and future *warning signs* of the Rapture/Tribulation:

Warning signs that have been fulfilled

- 1-The Balfour Declaration, 1917 (Zephaniah 2.1a)
- 2-The Return of the Jews to the Holy Land (Ezekiel 37.1-14; Zeph. 2.1-2)
- 3-The two World Wars – birth pains (Matthew 24.6-8)
- 4-Founding of the United Nations, 1945 (Luke 21.29-32)
- 5-Israel becomes a nation, 1948 (Matthew 24.34)
- 6-Capture of Jerusalem, 1967, end of “*times of the Gentiles*” (Luke 21.24)
- 7-Gaza abandoned by Israel in 2005 (Zephaniah 2.4).

Warning signs that are being fulfilled

- 1-The “*falling away*” (2 Thessalonians 2.3; 2 Timothy 4.3-4)
- 2-Increase in travel and knowledge (Daniel 12.4)
- 3-Rise of anti-Semitism (Psalm 83)
- 4-Mark of the Beast technology (Revelation 13.15-18).
- 5-Israel dwelling securely (*betach*) (Ezekiel 38.8, 11, 14).

Warning signs yet to be fulfilled

- 1-Destruction of Russia, Islam and Egypt (Ezekiel 38.1-39.16; 30.1-5)
- 2-First stage of the conversion of Israel and also Gentiles (Ezekiel 39.7)
- 3-Rebuilding the ancient city of Babylon (Zechariah 5.5-11)
- 4-World church & the rise of the False Prophet (Rev. 17.1-5, 18; 13.11-17)
- 5-World economy (Revelation 13.15-18)
- 6-World government (Daniel 7.23)
- 7-World government breaks into 10 divisions (Daniel 7.24)
- 8-Rebuilding of the Temple (Revelation 11.1-2; 2 Thessalonians 2.4)
- 9-Rise of Antichrist (Is. 28.15; Dan. 9.27; 7.20, 24; Rev. 6.1-2; 13.1-10)
- 10-The “*overflowing scourge*” (Joel 2.1-11; Isaiah 28.18-19)
- 11-A time of “*peace and safety*” (1 Thessalonians 5.3)
- 12-Appearing of Elijah (Malachi 4.5)
- 13-Indications of the impending covenant between Israel and the Antichrist (Isaiah 28.15).

Warning signs to be fulfilled on the day the Tribulation starts

1-Signs in space and on Earth (Joel 2.30-31)

2-Distress and fear among the nations (Luke 21.25-27).

Watch for the *warning signs* that have yet to be fulfilled. As you see them fulfilled, you will be able to determine how much closer we are to the Rapture and the start of the Tribulation. Now that you know the **What**, you can know the **When**.

APPENDIX B

WHAT YOU MUST DO TO BE SAVED

Do not wait until the Tribulation starts to trust in **Jesus Christ** to save you. If you go into the Tribulation, there is no guarantee you will survive it for very long. Within the first year or so, one-fourth of the world's population will die from war, famine, pestilence and wild animals (Revelation 6.8). By the middle of the Tribulation, one-third of the remaining population of the world will be dead (Revelation 9.15), leaving half of the world's population alive. Things only get worse. So many people die during the Tribulation that man becomes rarer than gold (Isaiah 13.12).

If you have not trusted **Jesus Christ** to save you, do it now! Read the following Scriptures:

For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God. (Romans 3.23)

*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in **Christ Jesus** our Lord. (Romans 6.23)*

*But God commendeth his own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, **Christ** died for us. (Romans 5.8)*

For by grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works, that no man should glory. (Ephesians 2.8-9)

In whom we have our redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace. (Ephesians 1.7)

For, whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Romans 10.13)

*If thou shalt confess with thy mouth **Jesus** as Lord, and shalt believe in thy heart that God 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 10.9-10)*

But as many as received Him, to them gave He the right to become children of God, even to them that believe on His name. (John 1.12)

If you understand you are a sinner in need of salvation because there is a real Hell, ask **Jesus** to save you right now. Tell Him that you are trusting in Him to save you and cleanse your sins by the blood He shed on the cross.

Once you have trusted in **Jesus**, and in Him alone to save you, find a good Bible teaching church to join. If you need help locating a church, call the World Bible Society (800.866.9673).

DISCIPLESHIP

Jesus commissioned His disciples to be His witnesses to His resurrection, and to make disciples of all nations:

Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. (Matthew 28.19-20)

But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. (Acts 1.8)

That commission applies to all true believers. Once a person is saved by trusting in **Jesus Christ** alone, he is to become a *disciple* of **Jesus**. One does that by engaging in several spiritual activities on a daily and a regular basis:

- 1-Prayer throughout the day (Ephesians 6.18; 1 Thessalonians 5.17)
- 2-Hearing Scripture daily (Prov. 8.34; Luke 8.15, 21; 11.28; James 1.22; Revelation 1.3)
- 3-Reading Scripture daily (Deuteronomy 17.19; Revelation 1.3)
- 4-Bible study on a regular basis (John 5.39; Acts 17.11; 2 Timothy 2.15)
- 5-Memorization of Scripture (Deuteronomy 6.6; Psalm 37.31; 40.8; 119.11; Proverbs 2.1; 3.1, 3; 4.1).
- 6-Meditation on Scripture (Joshua 1.8; Psalm 1.2)
- 7-Fellowship with the brethren (Acts 2.42, 46-47; Hebrews 3.13; 10.24-25)
- 8-Evangelism through living a holy life, and sharing your testimony as the Holy Spirit leads (Psalm 96.2; Acts 2.47; 1 Peter 3.15).
- 9-Make disciples (Matthew 28.19-20; 2 Timothy 2.2)

If a Christian develops a discipline in these basics of holy living he will become a *disciple* of **Jesus Christ**. It does not happen overnight. It takes many years to become a mature *disciple*, but it starts with the daily discipline of being in prayer, in the Word and in regular fellowship with other Christians.

Find a church and become an active member. Pray in the morning, throughout the day and before you go to sleep. Set up a daily Bible reading program. If you read 3 chapters a day you will read through the Bible in a year. Read 2 chapters in the Old Testament each day and 1 chapter in the New Testament. Buy an audio copy of the Bible, and listen to it at home and in the car. Buy DVDs of movies about the Bible and watch them often (*The Gospel of John, Peter and Paul, The Greatest Story Ever Told, King of Kings*, etc.). Memorize Scripture. If you memorize one verse a week you will have 52 verses memorized in one year. Meditate on Scripture and let the Holy Spirit teach you. Learn how to share the gospel. Ask your pastor to train you, and then share your personal testimony, and the gospel as the Lord leads.

As you grow in the Lord you will pray more, and listen to, read, study, memorize and meditate on Scripture more and more. You will share your gospel more often, and spend more time in fellowship with other Christians.

APPENDIX C

BRIEF ARGUMENTS REFUTING IMMINENCE

1. Jesus said His disciples would not be alive when He returned (Luke 17.22).
2. Jesus said He would not return for a “*long time*” (Matthew 25.14-30; Luke 19.12-27).
3. Jesus said specific *signs* must precede the Rapture:
 - A. Peter would die a martyr (John 21.18)
 - B. The disciples would evangelize the entire Roman Empire (the known world) (Matthew 28.19)
 - C. The Church would be built (Matthew 16.18)
 - D. Paul would testify in Rome (Acts 23.11)
 - E. The Temple would be destroyed (Matthew 24.1-2; Mark 13.1-2; Luke 21.5-6), and the city of Jerusalem would be taken and remain in Gentile control for an undisclosed period of time (Luke 21.20-24), which ended on June 7, 1967.
4. Jesus said the Rapture and the Tribulation would take place on the same 24-hour day (Luke 17.27, 29). This means the Antichrist must rise to power, and be in a position of authority to sign a covenant with Israel before the Rapture.
5. Peter knew he would be martyred (2 Peter 1.13-14).
6. Peter prophesied that in the “*last days*” mockers would say that Christ will not return (2 Peter 3.3-4). They obviously would rise up after Peter had died.
7. Paul knew that he would die before the Rapture, and that false teachers would come into the church after he died (Acts 20.28-30; 2 Timothy 4.6-7).
8. Paul said there would be a period of worldwide “*peace and safety*” before the Rapture (1 Thessalonians 5.3).
9. Paul said there would be a massive apostasy (*falling away*) from the faith by Christians before the Rapture (2 Thessalonians 2.3).
10. Paul said the Antichrist would rise to power before the Rapture (2 Thessalonians 2.3).
11. The myriad passages concerning the Antichrist were not given so the unsaved can identify him during the Tribulation. They were given for Christians to identify him before the Rapture so they can warn the lost about him before they are raptured.

12. The early Church fathers believed that *signs* would be fulfilled and the Antichrist would rise to power before the Rapture.
13. Some of the Reformers looked for *signs* of the Rapture, and believed the Rapture would occur in their lifetime because they saw *signs* they believed heralded Christ's return.
14. There are 27 major prophecies that will be fulfilled before the Rapture; 7 have been fulfilled, 5 are being fulfilled and 15 more will be fulfilled before that blessed event (Appendix A).
15. All of the prophecies in Appendix A must be fulfilled before the Tribulation starts. Since there is no *gap* between the Rapture and the start of the Tribulation, the Rapture cannot take place at *any moment*. All of the *warning signs* of the Tribulation must be, and will be fulfilled before the Rapture. Therefore, the Rapture is not an *imminent* event!
16. Teachers of *imminence* say Christians must believe it to keep them alert and to live holy lives. Every Christian should serve Jesus Christ to full capacity every day because of their love for what He did on the cross, and what He has given them – eternal life. Christians should also be holy because one can be called home at *any moment*. The knowledge of the imminence of death is a greater incentive for holiness than to believe in the *imminent* return of Christ. James said our lives are just a “*vapor*” (4.14).
17. The Holy Spirit is omniscient, and He knew that Christ was not scheduled to return for over 1900 years when He inspired Paul, James, Peter and John to write their letters. The Holy Spirit did not deceive the disciples into thinking Christ could return in their lifetime, and in no way did He seek to have millions of Christians misled into believing Christ could return at *any moment* with no *warning signs* preceding His return!
18. To say the Holy Spirit deliberately deceived the apostles, and that He has deceived millions of Christians for the last 1900 years into believing Christ could return at *any moment* would be accusing Him of Jesuit casuistry (the end justifies the means). *What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid!* (Romans 6.1-2)
19. Jesus gave a warning to look for His immediate return when the *signs* He mentioned (the ones that take place on the day of the Rapture – Luke 21.25) begin to take place (Luke 21.28). He also said to remember Lot's wife. If there are no *warning signs* to look for on the day of the Rapture, the warning to remember Lot's wife would make no sense. Since there are two significant *warning signs* on that day the Rapture cannot take place at *any moment*.

APPENDIX D

REJECTION OF OTHER RAPTURE POSITIONS

We reject the Mid-Tribulation and the Post-Tribulation Rapture positions, along with the Pre-Wrath Rapture position, for several reasons. For the sake of brevity, we present a few key reasons.

Mid-Tribulation Rapture

Scripture clearly teaches that Christians are not destined for wrath:

For God appointed us not into wrath, but unto the obtaining of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 5.9)

The context of the passage is not the wrath of Hell, but of some other form of wrath. The only other form of wrath is what God pours out on the unsaved during the Tribulation. If Christians went through the first half of the Tribulation or beyond, they would suffer the wrath of God. His wrath is poured out with the breaking of the Sixth Seal (Revelation 6.12-17). This would mean that there would be a clear contradiction in the Bible.

There would be no reason to commission 144,000 men of the twelve tribes of Israel to preach the gospel if Christians go into the Tribulation. The 144,000 witnesses are commissioned immediately after the wrath of God is poured out (Revelation 7.1-8), because all the Christians have been raptured off the planet, and there is no one to share the gospel with the lost.

Post-Tribulation Rapture

A major problem with this position is the same one noted above – if Christians go through the Tribulation they will suffer the wrath of God. Another major problem with the Post-Tribulation Rapture position is there will be no one to enter the Millennial Kingdom in mortal bodies. Paul said that the dead in Christ will be resurrected and given immortal bodies, and the living will have their mortal bodies changed into immortal ones (1 Corinthians 15.52). The unsaved are judged by Christ when He returns, and they are cast into the Lake of Fire (Matthew 25.31-46).

Some people must go into the Millennial Kingdom with mortal bodies, because Scripture says that some of them will die during that age (Isaiah 65.20). The people who were saved during the Tribulation are the ones who will enter that kingdom.

Another proof that people will go into the Millennial Kingdom in mortal bodies is the rebellion at the end of that age. A great number of people will rebel, and be executed by God (Revelation 20.7-9). If Christians enter the Millennial Kingdom with immortal bodies, some of them must reject their belief in Jesus Christ, and join the Devil in his final rebellion. If that is true, it would mean that the doctrine of eternal security of believers is not biblical. It would also mean that a great number of

Christians will lose their salvation and be cast into the Lake of Fire. We must reject that belief.

If the Post-Tribulation Rapture doctrine is biblical, there are clear contradictions in the Bible. We have many passages that say once we believe in Jesus Christ we have eternal life (Matthew 25.46; John 3.16, 36; 5.24; 1 John 5.11-13); there is no condemnation for us (John 5.24; Romans 8.1); and we will reign with Jesus Christ forever (Revelation 22.5). Those promises would not be true if some Christians lose their salvation at the end of the Millennial Kingdom, when, as the Post-Tribulationists say, they join the Devil in his final rebellion. God forbid!

Pre-Wrath Rapture

We also reject the Pre-Wrath Rapture position because its proponents say the wrath of God is poured out in the last few months of the Tribulation. The Bible is clear that God's wrath is poured out early in the Tribulation with the breaking of the Sixth Seal:

And I saw when he opened the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the whole moon became as blood; and the stars of the heaven fell unto the earth, as a fig tree casteth her unripe figs when she is shaken of a great wind. And the heaven was removed as a scroll when it is rolled up; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the princes, and the chief captains, and the rich, and the strong, and every bondman and freeman, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains; and they say to the mountains and to the 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 their wrath is come; and who is able to stand? (Revelation 6.12-17)

The wrath of God and Jesus Christ is poured out on the unsaved with the breaking of the Sixth Seal. The wrath that is mentioned later in Revelation is merely more wrath:

And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having seven plagues, which are the last, for in them is finished the wrath of God. (Revelation 15.1)

The 7 bowl judgments are not the total wrath of God; they are the final judgments of the wrath of God. The premise of the Pre-Wrath Tribulation Rapture doctrine, that Christians will be raptured out just before the bowl judgments are poured out, is not biblical. It also contradicts Scripture, because it says that millions of Christians will endure most of the wrath of God (Revelation 6.12-17; 8.1-12; 9.1-21; 11.4-6). Scripture is clear that no Christian of the Church Age will suffer the wrath of God (1Thessalonians 5.9).

The men who teach the Pre-wrath Tribulation Rapture can argue that the Rapture will take place just before the breaking of the Sixth Seal (Revelation 6.12), when the wrath of God is first poured out on the world, but to argue for a later time is not biblical.

Amillennialism

This doctrine denies that there will be a literal kingdom over which Jesus Christ will rule on earth for 1000 years. It teaches that the 1000 years mentioned 6 times in Revelation 20 is a symbolic number. Augustine wrote in his book, *The City of God*, that the book of Revelation is a spiritual allegory. The Millennial Kingdom began with the Church, and Christ's reign on Earth is spiritual in nature. Jesus Christ will return at the end of the Church Age, and establish an eternal kingdom. This erroneous theology was adopted by the Roman Catholic Church and also by most of the Reformers who could not reject all of the nonsensical doctrines of the Church of Rome.

A few of the early Church fathers of the 1st and 2nd centuries believed in Amillennialism, but none of their writings are extant. There are a few references to their beliefs in the writings of Justin Martyr (100-165 AD). As noted previously in this book (p. 294), the vast majority of the early Church fathers taught that there would be a Millennial Kingdom. Only a handful of them rejected a literal kingdom – Clement of Alexandria, Caius, Origen and Dionysius. The latter two are considered to have been heretics. It was not until Augustine (354-430 AD), a Catholic Church bishop, began to write on eschatology that the belief in a spiritual Millennial Kingdom took hold. He was a faithful Roman Catholic priest who held to all of the false doctrines of the church, including the damnable doctrine of Purgatory. The Roman Catholic Church, the Eastern Orthodox Church, and most of the Reformed denominations teach that doctrine.

We reject it because it denies the literal fulfillment of Bible prophecy. It is inconceivable that God would fulfill all the prophecies of the Messiah's First Coming in a literal manner, and then have most of the prophecies of His Second Coming fulfilled in an allegorical manner. As we noted before, "*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and to-day, yea and for ever*" (Hebrews 13.8).

One must ask who is more trustworthy concerning doctrine: the false Roman Catholic Church, which invented Amillennialism, or the Holy Spirit, the apostles and the early Church fathers? The Reformers merely held on to that doctrine when they split from the Catholic Church just as some did with other false doctrines such as infant baptism.

We must note that the understanding by Amillennialists of the identity of the prince of Daniel 9.25-27 is not biblical. They argue that the "anointed one, the prince" in verse 25 and the "anointed one" in verse 26 is Jesus (which is correct), but the "prince" in verse 26 was Titus. The "he" in verse 27 is Jesus who made a covenant with Israel at the beginning of His ministry and broke it after 3½ years. The "one that maketh desolate" in verse 27 was Titus.

It is creative exegesis, but it is not correct. It is impossible, by all rules of grammar, for the "he" in verse 27 to refer back to the "anointed one" of verses 25 and 26. It can only refer back to the "prince" of verse 26. Another insurmountable problem with this clumsy eisegetical trick is that Jesus did not make a covenant with Israel when He began His ministry. Titus did not make a covenant with Israel, and neither did anyone else in the 1st century AD that could be a fulfillment of this prophecy. The Antichrist who is to come in the future will make that covenant.

Amillennialists think the false religion of Roman Catholicism got it right, while the Old Testament prophets, Jesus Christ, the apostles and the early Church fathers

got it wrong. The Church fathers who taught that there will be a literal Millennial Kingdom were: Clement of Rome, Barnabas, Hermas, Polycarp, Ignatius, Papias, Pothinus, Justin Martyr, Melito, Hegisippus, Tatian, Irenaeus, Tertullian, Hippolytus, Apollinaris, Cyprian, Commodian, Nepos, Coracion, Victorinus, Methodius and Lactantius (Chafer, Lewis Sperry, *Systematic Theology*, Vol. 4, p. 271-274). At the Nicene Council, “318 bishops from all parts of the earth placed themselves on record” in believing in a literal Millennial Kingdom (Ibid., p. 275). This teaching of the Catholic Church must be rejected.

Those who hold to Amillennialism must consider carefully where the doctrine came from. Did it come from the Holy Spirit who gave it to bishops of the Roman Catholic Church or was it given to the Old Testament prophets, the apostles and early Church fathers? They must also consider why Jesus taught a literal Millennial Kingdom. Was He mistaken?

Postmillennialism

Postmillennialism teaches Christians will create a Golden Age on Earth, gradually defeating the forces of evil. After they have established a Utopian Paradise, Jesus Christ will return and establish His eternal kingdom. Some who believe this call themselves Reconstructionists and label it Dominion Theology. Some of them accept certain ideas within Preterism, believing that many of the prophecies of the “last days” have already been fulfilled.

This doctrine must also be rejected, because it denies the literal fulfillment of the myriad prophecies of the Rapture, Tribulation and Second Coming. It also rejects a literal Millennial Kingdom. The belief that Christians will someday establish a theocracy on Earth is absurd to say the least. For the last 100 years the influence of Christians has waned greatly. The power of the major false religions (Roman Catholicism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism) has increased significantly along with atheism and humanism. The forces of darkness have also strengthened their control over the nations of the world. There was a rapid movement in the last century to consolidate the power of Satan’s minions among governments with the creation of numerous political and economic unions as shown in Chapters 15 and 16 of this book. That effort is growing stronger in this century with no signs of slowing. A world government, economy and religion under the power of Satan is inevitable just as the Bible says (Revelation 13 and 17).

Postmillennialists use the same method of study that the Preterists and Amillennialists use. They insert into the text a meaning that is not there. They make the text say what they want it to say, rather than accepting what the text says.

APPENDIX E

PETER'S BONES

Scripture says the coming World Church will move its headquarters to the rebuilt city of Babylon:

Then the angel that talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what is this that goeth forth. And I said, What is it? And he said, This is the ephah that goeth forth. He said moreover, This is their appearance in all the land (and, behold, there was lifted up a talent of lead); and this is a woman sitting in the midst of the ephah. And he said, This is Wickedness: and he cast her down into the midst of the ephah; and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof. Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there came forth two women, and the wind was in their wings; now they had wings like the wings of a stork; and they lifted up the ephah between earth and heaven. Then said I to the angel that talked with me, Whither do these bear the ephah? And he said unto me, To build her a house in the land of Shinar: and when it is prepared, she shall be set there in her own place. (Zechariah 5.5-11)

The archeological find of the last two millennia will be made while the ancient city of Babylon is being rebuilt. Excavators will find the bones of the apostle Peter. This sensational discovery will compel the Roman Catholic Church to move its headquarters to that city, as described above.

The ancient city of Babylon was located in the land of Shinar. The woman is the World Church, which will be led by the Roman Catholic Church. After Peter's bones are found, the World Church will move from Jerusalem to Babylon. Some time before the Tribulation starts the Roman Catholic Church will move its headquarters from Rome to Jerusalem.

Currently the Roman Catholic Church claims they have the bones of Peter and that they are in a tomb beneath St. Peter's Basilica, but their claim is not supported by evidence. Antonio Ferrua, a Vatican archeologist who died in 2003, at the age of 102, was a dedicated Jesuit priest. He was the first archeologist to look for the bones of Peter in the cemetery under St. Peter's Basilica. He discovered a pagan cemetery there with some 20 pagan mausoleums. One of them was thought to be Peter's.

In 1939, workmen who were preparing a tomb for the recently deceased Pope Pius XI in St. Peter's Basilica unearthed ancient Roman masonry. Pope Pius XII commissioned Ferrua and 3 distinguished colleagues to excavate the site in total secrecy.

Their report on what they had found was issued, in 1951, causing a world-wide uproar. They said they found no trace of Peter and no inscriptions of his name anywhere. The bones of Peter, that were supposed to be in his tomb, were not there. Pope Pius XII called in Margherita Guarducci, a classical epigraphist. After several years of searching she found a box of bones and claimed they were the bones of Peter.

She wrote a book about her work which was ridiculed by Ferrua. After thoroughly refuting her work, he wrote a memorandum to Pope Paul VI (reigned from 1963-1978). He noted that Guarducci's work was seriously flawed, and the box that allegedly contained the bones of Peter also contained the bones of sheep and pigs, along with a complete skeleton of a mouse. Mice and pigs are unclean animals. Pope Paul VI rejected Ferrua's proof, and declared that Peter's bones had been found. The "bones of Peter" were examined by orthopedists and were found to be those of a woman. Guarducci was banned from the Necropolis and the Basilica archives. The presumed bones of Peter were removed from their resting place.

Here is more evidence that Peter's bones had not been found in Rome, and that Peter never travelled to Rome:

1. In his letter to the church in Rome, Paul greeted 27 people and Peter was not one of them.
2. In Paul's last letter from Rome to Timothy (67 AD) he says, "*only Luke is with me*" (2 Timothy 4.11). If Peter was in Rome, as the Catholic Church claims, he had abandoned Paul.
3. Paul was the apostle to the Gentiles (Acts 9.15) and would obviously go to the headquarters of the Gentile world, Rome. Peter was the apostle to the circumcision (Galatians 2.8), and would have gone to Babylon, the location of the largest Jewish population outside of Israel.
4. In Peter's first letter he said he was in Babylon with Mark (1 Peter 5.13). Paul wrote to Timothy, who was a pastor in Ephesus, and asked him to bring Mark with him to Rome.
5. Paul's grave was found in Rome outside the city walls. (All Christians were buried outside the city walls.)
6. The traditional site of Peter's grave is inside the city walls of Rome. It is highly unlikely that he would be the only Christian buried inside the city walls.

Little archeology has been done in Babylon, but after the destruction of Islam (Ezekiel 38-39) there will be renewed efforts and we believe that Peter's bones will be discovered. That incredible discovery will cause the Vatican to move its headquarters to Babylon. The rebuilt city of ancient Babylon will become the capitol of the world by the mid-point of the Tribulation.

APPENDIX F

Incorrect Predictions of Christians

We expect the cults to make false predictions for the Second Coming, but it is something that no true believer should do. We are not commanded to predict the time the Rapture or Second Coming will take place. Instead, we are commanded to “*looking for*” for the “*blessed hope*” (Titus 2.13). Making predictions can only harm the faith of Christians. It can never increase their faith. This appendix has been included to emphasize the importance of not making predictions. Some great pastors and Bible teachers have fallen into the trap of making incorrect predictions. We can all learn from their mistakes and not make the same mistake.

Dr. Thomas Ice noted on his website that those who believe the doctrine of imminence should never set a date for the Rapture or Second Coming. We share this with you again to emphasize the importance of not setting dates:

Third, imminency **eliminates any attempt at date setting. Date setting is impossible** since the rapture is signless (i.e., providing **no basis for date setting**) and if imminency is really true, the moment a date was fixed then Christ could not come at any moment, destroying imminency.

Fourth, Renold Showers says, “A person **cannot** legitimately **say** that **an imminent event will happen soon**. The term ‘soon’ implies that an event must take place ‘within a short time (after a particular point of time specified or implied).’ By contrast, an imminent event may take place within a short time, but it does not have to do so in order to be imminent. As I hope you can see by now, **‘imminent’ is not equal to ‘soon.’**” A. T. Pierson has noted that, “Imminence is the combination of two conditions, viz.,: certainty and uncertainty. By an imminent event we mean one which is certain to occur at some time, uncertain at what time.” (“Imminency And The Any-Moment Rapture”)¹

Early Church fathers

Some of the early Church fathers believed that most of the prophecies concerning the end times had been fulfilled in their time as noted previously in Chapter 5. They eagerly awaited the return of Jesus Christ because they did not know that there were many more prophecies that had to be fulfilled before the Lord’s return. Here are some of their statements:

Clement of Rome said around 100 AD, “Soon and suddenly shall his will be accomplished.”

Ignatius said around 100 AD, “The last times are upon us.”

Montanus, Priscilla and Maximilla (Montanism movement leaders) predicted that the world would end in their lifetime (2nd Century).

Cyprian said around 250 AD, “The kingdom of God, beloved brethren, is beginning to be at hand.”

Martin of Tours said around 400 AD, “There is no doubt that the Antichrist has already been born. Firmly established already in his early years, he will, after reaching maturity, achieve supreme power.”

Hippolytus predicted the end of the age would come in 500 AD.¹

Middle Ages

Millennial Madness

On December 31, 999 A.D. millions of people thought the Lord was about to return. Thousands crowded into the old basilica of St. Peter’s Church in Rome awaiting the return of Jesus Christ. Many gave their land, homes and personal possessions to the poor as an act of contrition. Some traveled to Palestine believing the Lord would return there. Everyone was disappointed. Many Europeans made the same mistake in December of 1099 and 1199. They also thought Christ would return 1000 years after His resurrection in 33 AD.

Joachim of Fiore (1135-1202)

Joachim of Fiore, founder of the monastic order of San Giovanni in Fiore, Italy, predicted that the Antichrist would rise to power in 1260 AD. (Abanes, Richard, *End-Time Visions*, p. 338)

Renaissance

Nicolas of Cusa (1401-1464)

Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa predicted that doomsday would take place between 1700 and 1734. (McIver, Tom. *The End of the World: An Annotated Bibliography*, #73)

Melchoir Hofmann (1495-1544)

Melchoir Hofmann announced in 1531 that the Second Coming would take place in the year 1533. (DeMar, Gary, *Last Days Madness*, p. 13).

Christopher Columbus (1451-1506)

The great explorer Christopher Columbus is said to have predicted the world would end in 1656. (*End-Time Visions*, p. 338)

Reformation

Martin Luther (1483-1546)

Martin Luther considered the year 2000 AD as a possible end-time date before finally settling on 1600 AD (Kyle, Richard, *The Last Days are Here Again*, p. 192). His belief that the Second Coming would take place around 1600 is seen in this comment:

I believe that **all the signs** which are to precede the last days **have already appeared**. Let us **not think that the Coming of Christ is far off**; let us look up with heads lifted up; let us expect our Redeemer's coming with longing and cheerful minds. (*Systematic Theology*, vol. 4, p. 279, emphasis mine)

Luther knew to “look” for *signs*, and he thought all of the *warning signs* of the Rapture had been fulfilled. He was mistaken as were other Reformers, and some of the early Church fathers. They did not know all of the *warning signs*. We have the advantage of knowing those *signs*, (Appendix A), and we have no excuse to not be “watching” and to not be ready.

Hugh Latimer (1485-1555)

Hugh Latimer who was burned at the stake believed the Second Coming would take place in his or that of his children's lifetime:

All those excellent and learned men whom, without doubt, God has sent into the world in these **latter days** to give the world **warning**, do gather out of the Scriptures that the **last days can not be far off**. Peradventure it may come in my day, old as I am, or in my children's days. (*Systematic Theology*, vol. 4, p. 279, emphasis mine)

Johann Heinrich Alsted (1588-1638)

Johann Heinrich Alsted, a German Calvinist, predicted that Jesus Christ would return in 1694. He was convinced that the Thirty Years War (1618-1648) would lead to the end of the world. He came up with 1694 by taking 69 AD as the start of the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished. He then added 1,290 day-years (Daniel 12.11) to come up with 1359 AD and then he added 1,335 day-years (Daniel 12.11) to arrive at 2694 AD. He subtracted 1,000 years for the Millennial Kingdom to arrive at

the year 1694 AD as the year of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. (Armerding, Carl Edwin and Gasque, W. Ward. *Handbook of Biblical Prophecy*, pp. 30-32).

Using numbers found in the Bible to calculate the date of the Rapture and the Second Coming is a futile effort as those who have done so understand. The key to knowing the **When** (Rapture) is not numerology or the calculation of numbers. The only way to know when the Rapture will take place, and subsequently the Second Coming is to diligently “watch” the *warning signs* be fulfilled that Jesus, the prophets and the apostles gave us.

Modern Era

Cotton Mather (1663-1728)

The Puritan preacher Cotton Mather predicted the Lord would return in 1697 and then in 1716 and finally in 1736. (*End-Time Visions*, p. 338)

John Wesley (1703-1791)

Methodist Church founder John Wesley foresaw the Millennium beginning in 1836, the same year that the Beast of Revelation was supposed to rise from the sea. (*The End of the World: An Annotated Bibliography*, #269)

The Shakers (1747-Present)

The Shakers, United Society of Believers in Christ’s Second Appearing, sprang from the Protestant denomination the Quakers. They believed in celibacy and could not attract many followers. They predicted the world would end in 1792.

Hatley Frere (1779-1866)

Hatley Frere, who brought Edward Irving into the premillennial fold, thought Louis Napoleon was the Antichrist. He also predicted that the Jews would return to Palestine and rebuild their temple in 1865 and that the Roman Catholic Church would become defunct by 1864 (*Handbook of Biblical Prophecy*, pp. 54-55).

Michael Baxter (1834-1910)

The Anglican minister Michael Paget Baxter was an ardent date setter. In one of his earliest publications he predicted the end of the world for 1861-1867. (*The End of the World: An Annotated Bibliography*, #348)

He also predicted the end to come in 1868 and 1869. He continued to make predictions picking the years 1871-1872. He took some time off from predicting, and then chose 1896. He did not stop. He foresaw the end of the world in 1901 in his book, *The End of This Age About the End of This Century*. He refused to quit, and in another book, *Future Wonders of Prophecy*, he predicted that the Rapture would take place on March 12, 1903, between 2-3pm. (*The End of the World: An Annotated Bibliography*, #353)

Leonard Sale-Harrison
(1875-1956)

Leonard Sale-Harrison was a solid Pre-Tribulationist. He thought Mussolini was the Antichrist and predicted the Rapture would take place in either 1940 or 1941. He made the fatal mistake that most of the modern Pre-Tribulationists make who believe that there are no *signs* for the Rapture. Robert Clouse commented on this prognosticator saying, "Like many pretribulation premillennialists, Sale-Harrison was rather inconsistent. If there are no signs required before the coming of the Lord to rapture His church, then why is so much time spent in reading current events into the Bible?" (*Handbook of Biblical Prophecy*, pp. 30-32).

Henry "Harry" Ironside
(1876-1951)

Dr. Henry Ironside thought, in 1915 when he wrote the book *The Midnight Cry*, that he was living in the "last days" and the Lord would return in his lifetime:

Reader, let me press my point again. – The world-wide Gospel proclamation and world-wide apostasy at the same time are **clear proofs** that **the end is close upon us**. (*The Midnight Cry*, p. 28, citing Lindsell, *The Gathering Storm*, p. 123, emphasis mine)

Laodicea is the closing period of the Church's history, and who can doubt that we have now reached the very time predicted? It behooves us to act as men who wait for their Lord, knowing that **His coming cannot be much longer delayed** (Ibid. p. 35, citing Lindsell, p. 124, emphasis mine)

It has been 95 years since he wrote that the return of Christ "cannot be much longer delayed." He saw some *warning signs*, but not all of them. No one can know the **When** (time of the Rapture) without knowing all of the **What** (major *warning signs*).

William Branham
(1909-1965)

William Branham, founder of the post World War II faith healing movement, proclaimed himself to be the angel of Revelation 3.14 and 10.7. He prophesied that by 1977 all denominations would be consumed by the World Council of Churches under

the control of the Roman Catholics, that the Rapture would take place and that the world would be destroyed.¹

Lester Sumrall
(1913-1996)

Lester Sumrall predicted the end of the world in his book, *I Predict 1985*. When that prediction failed he wrote another book. In his book, *I Predict 2000 A.D.*, he argued that the Lord would return by the year 2000 at the latest to set up His Millennial Kingdom. "I predict the absolute fullness of man's operation on planet Earth by the year 2000 A.D. Then Jesus Christ shall reign from Jerusalem for 1000 years." (*End-Time Visions*, p. 99, 341)

Kenneth Hagin
(1917-2003)

Kenneth Hagin predicted the Rapture would take place in October of 1997. This is what he said at revival meeting in July 1997:

It shall **come to pass this year!** It shall come to pass at last. That which has hindered shall be taken out of the way. The last vestige shall be removed! And it shall come. What is that I see? Shining so bright coming from heaven. Awesome; you want to weep, yet shout, cry yet laugh. I see it coming, nearer and nearer. Blinding light. **The fall of this year - October.** As the people walk in the light of what they have, the rest shall come to pass.

We are going with God. We'll go off and leave some, but we are going with God. Going with God! In the spirit he speaketh mysteries, secrets. Things which are and shall be. When it comes to pass you will know.

In **October** in St. Louis, the center and heart of the nation, it shall come. It shall spread all over the nation. **Manifestations everywhere.** That which has frustrated will be removed. Then you will know the full meaning of the Divine glow. And others will be invited to walk in the light of it, and so they shall. The glory of the Lord shall shine upon His people. (Hagin Holy Ghost Meeting, Oct. 12-24 or longer, St. Louis Family Church, Jeff C. Perry, Pastor, with satellite broadcast, emphasis mine)

Charles Taylor

End-time preacher Charles Taylor made several predictions for the date of the Rapture. The first year he picked was 1975. When 1975 failed he picked 1976. He didn't stop and went on to pick 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1992 and 1994. He quit predicting the Rapture due to an untimely ailment called death (*End-Time Visions*, p. 99).

Edgar Whisenant
(1932-2001)

Edgar Whisenant and Greg Brewer wrote a book, *88 Reasons Why the Rapture Is in 1988*, in which they predicted the Second Advent would take place in 1988. When the Lord did not return in 1988, Whisenant wrote another book, *The Final Shout: Rapture Report 1989*. When the Lord failed to return in 1989 he stopped making predictions.

Jerry Falwell
(1933-2007)

Dr. Jerry Falwell, founder of the “Moral Majority,” Liberty University and senior pastor of Thomas Road Baptist Church, made a prediction that did not come true. He predicted on his TV show (December 27, 1992) that the Rapture would take place before the end of 1999. Even though he expected the Rapture in seven years or less he said he expected to live as long as W.A. Criswell, who was 83 at the time. He was 59 years of age in 1992. (North, Gary, *Rapture Fever*, p. 200).

In 1999 Falwell said the Antichrist was probably alive, and that the Second Coming will probably be within 10 years. He also told about 1500 people at a conference on evangelism at Kingsport, Tennessee, that the Antichrist is a male Jew. “Who will the antichrist be? I don’t know. Nobody else knows,” he said.²

Billy Graham

In 1950, a young Billy Graham stated, “We may have another year, maybe two years. Then I believe it is going to be over.” (Hugo McCord, *Date Setting*, article³)

Doug Clark

Doug Clark self-published a book in the 1970s, in which he said the “Rapture could take place in the 70s. Yes it could!” (*Amazing Prophecies of the 70’s!*, p. 57). He gave 51 prophecies that he said could be fulfilled in the 1970s. In that book he also speculated that Henry Kissinger could be the Antichrist, and he gave ten reasons for his choice (pp. 13-17).

On April 26, 1989, Doug Clark announced on Trinity Broadcasting Network’s show, *Praise the Lord*, that World War III would begin within 3 years. (*End-Time Visions*, p. 92)

Pat Robertson

Pat Robertson, founder of the 700 Club television show, predicted the end of the world would occur in 1982. “I guarantee you by the end of 1982 there is going to be a judgment on the world,” he said in a May 1980 broadcast of the 700 Club. (Boyer, Paul S., *When Time Shall Be No More*, p. 138)

Salem Kirban

In his 1968 book, *Guide to Survival*, Salem Kirban used Bishop Ussher's calculations to speculate that 1989 would be the year of the Rapture (p. 136).

Mikkel Dahl, Reginald Duncan & Emil Gaverluk

Mikkel Dahl predicted in "The Midnight Cry" that the present era would end by 1980. Reginald Edward Duncan predicted in "The Coming Russian Invasion of America" that the Millennium would begin in 1979. Emil Gaverluk, of the Southwest Radio Church, predicted that the Rapture would occur by 1981. (DeMar, Gary, *Last Days Madness*, p. 14)

Kenneth Copeland

On his broadcast on the morning of February 7, 2000, televangelist Kenneth Copeland claimed that a group of scientists and scholars had studied the Bible in great detail, and had determined that February 11, 2000, would be the last day of the 6000th year since Creation, a date when the Apocalypse would presumably happen. Copeland did not imply he believed this to be accurate yet he went on to say that the Rapture will come soon.

David Webber & Noah Hutchings

David Webber and Noah Hutchings, of the Southwest Radio Church, published a booklet in 1978 in which they speculated that the Second Coming of Jesus Christ might be in 2001. This is what they wrote:

A vital question that affects every man, woman and child living today is: "Will Christ come by 2001?" This impending possibility looms ominously on the human horizon and confronts each of the nearly 42 billion people on this planet. A time of unparalleled affliction, tyranny, and destruction must occur before the most shattering event in all history of man – the physical return of Christ to the earth, in real, visible, and overwhelming power.

The irrefutable evidence of prophetic Scripture indicates that Jesus **Christ may very well be here by 2001!** The **general signs** in the heavens and on earth, plus the **specific signs** occurring in Israel (God's dramatic timepiece), all point to **His soon return.** (*Will Christ Come by 2001?*, p. 2, emphasis mine)

They opened their booklet with a chart of past and future dates:

- A.D. 1917-1921 - Balfour Declaration
- A.D. 1918-1922 - The Beginning of Sorrows
- A.D. 1948-1952 – Israel's Rebirth After the Flesh
- A.D. 1967-1971 - Jerusalem Restored
- A.D. 1974-1978 - Jewish Temple Rebuilt?
- A.D. 1981-1985 - Beginning of the Tribulation
- A.D. 1985-1989 - Middle of Tribulation

- A.D. 1988-1992 - End of the Tribulation
- A.D. 1995-1999 - Completion of Millennial Temple
- A.D. 1996-2000 - The Jubilee, a rest
- A.D. 1997-2001 - Beginning of the Kingdom Age (p. 3)

Needless to say they missed by a long shot. We must note that Webber and Hutchings are Pre-Tribulationists. That means the Rapture must take place before the start of the Tribulation. According to their chart the Rapture should have taken place in 1985 by the latest.

Webber and Hutchings teamed up with Emil Gaverluk and published a transcript of a radio program in 1978 in which they predicted the Rapture would take place in the 1980s. Here are a few of the things they predicted would take place in that decade:

- 1980: New World Monetary System emerges
- 1981: Great Synagogue completed
- 1982: Parade of Planets
- 1983: Russian invasion of the Middle East
- 1984: George Orwell's world of 1984 (World government)
- 1985: Treaty with Israel aborted
- 1986: Halley's Comet reappears
- 1987: Massive storms, earthquakes, extreme heat from the sun
- 1988: Comet Kohoutek reappears 1989: A great invasion from outer space. Jesus Christ institutes a new government on earth. (*God's Timetable for the 1980's*, p. 2)

These Pre-Tribulationists firmly believe the Rapture will take place at least seven years prior to the start of the Tribulation. The Tribulation starts with the signing of the covenant between the Antichrist and Israel. Since they place the breaking of the covenant in 1985, they believed the Rapture would take place by 1982 at the latest. The Antichrist breaks his covenant with Israel 3.5 years after signing it (Daniel 9.27). They missed the date of the Rapture by 27 years and counting.

Grant Jeffrey

In 1990 Dr. Grant Jeffrey wrote *Armageddon: Appointment with Destiny*. He predicted that the year 2000 A.D. "is a probable termination date for the 'last days'" (p. 193). He used an elaborate argument based on the jubilee years. He cited the start of the Lord's ministry where He read Isaiah 61.1 and the first line of verse two. The Lord's ministry began in a jubilee year:

The year when this occurred, the fall of A.D. 28, was, in fact, not only a Jubilee Year, but was also the thirtieth Jubilee since the Sabbatical-Jubilee system of years began when Israel crossed the Jordan River in 1451 B.C. Thus, Jesus Christ precisely fulfilled "the acceptable year of the Lord" on the exact year of Jubilee – the year of liberty and release.

Please note that He stopped reading at "the acceptable year of the Lord" because He knew that the next phrase of the prophet's sentence, "and the day of vengeance of our God," which refers to Armageddon, would be postponed exactly

2,000 biblical years (2000 biblical years times 360 days equals 720,000 days divided by 365.25 equals 1971.25 calendar years).

If we add 2000 biblical years (1971.25 calendar years) to the beginning of Christ's ministry on a Jubilee Year when He read the prophecy about "the acceptable year of the Lord" in the fall of A.D. 28; we arrive at the year A.D. 2000, forty Jubilee Cycles later.

The next Jubilee Year will occur in A.D. 2000, completing the Sabbatical-Jubilee system of years – the seventieth Great Jubilee.

In the thirtieth Jubilee Year, Christ commenced His ministry in A.D. 28. In the seventieth Jubilee Year, Christ may commence His kingdom in A.D. 2000. It is also interesting that both the First and Second Temples were dedicated to the Lord on the Feast of Tabernacles in a Year of Jubilee. (pp. 192-193)

Jeffrey went on to argue that his calculations were being confirmed by "thousands of pastors and believers around the world that are **receiving a quiet assurance in their own spirit** that the Second Coming of the Lord is quickly approaching." (Ibid., p. 193, emphasis mine)

It is obvious that his calculations were wrong. If Christ was scheduled to return in 2000 AD, the Rapture should have taken place in 1993. It's been 16 years since Jeffrey predicted the Lord should have returned, and it may be another decade before He does.

Those thousands of pastors and believers who had "a quiet assurance in their own spirit that the Second Coming of the Lord is quickly approaching" were also wrong. That assurance did not come from the Lord or from the Bible; it came from wishful thinking. The key to understanding when the Rapture will take place is not elaborate calculations or quiet assurances. The key is to know what *warning signs* will take place before the Rapture. Once you know them you can diligently look them be fulfilled, and watch as the Rapture approaches.

Everyone who has made a prediction based on Biblical calculations has been wrong. We do not believe anyone can use mathematical calculations to determine the exact or approximate date of the Rapture and Second Coming. The possible exception might be Sir Isaac Newton who has predicted that the Second Coming will take place in 2060 AD. We will have to wait to see if his calculation was divinely inspired. The way to determine the approximate time of these events is to know what *signs* have yet to be fulfilled, and then keep diligent watch for them to be fulfilled.

Jeffrey decided to give up date-setting a few years later. In his 1994 book, *Prince of Darkness*, he had this warning for all date-setters:

We should emulate Paul's attitude of watching expectantly for the Lord's return but refuse to set a date for it.. **Attempts to calculate the exact timing are doomed to failure and are in direct disobedience to the words of Christ.** (p. 212, emphasis mine)

It is a shame he did not come to this conclusion before he predicted in 1990 that the Rapture would take place in 2000.

Timothy LaHaye

In Dr. Timothy LaHaye's first book on prophecy published in 1972, *The Beginning of the End*, he stated succinctly that one of the primary *signs* of the last days was the fulfillment of Matthew 24.7:

For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in various places. (NKJV)

What war was the fulfillment of that prophecy? LaHaye had this to say:

Now we are ready to ask: Has there ever been a war, started by two nations, which grew into a worldwide war by the kingdoms of the world, followed by unprecedented famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places (perhaps simultaneously)? I am of the opinion that we can discern such. Though reluctant to be dogmatic on the subject, I believe there is one event that fulfills all four parts of this prophecy. That terrible event has been labeled by historians as World War I, which took place between 1914 and 1918. (Ibid., pp. 35-36)

Jesus said, "*Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all these things be accomplished*" (Matthew 24.34). How long is a generation according to LaHaye? Here is what he had to say about the length of a generation:

We may logically inquire next, "How long is a generation?" Psalm 90:10 provides insight into this subject. "The days of our years are three-score years and ten; and if, by reason of strength, they be four-score years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow...." This does not mean that the final generation is limited to seventy or eighty years; the psalmist is acquainting us with the general length of a generation.

How many people make up a generation? No particular number; just one person who comprehended the four parts of the 1914-1918 sign could represent the "generation." (Ibid., p. 168)

He argues that just one person needs to be alive, who was old enough to understand that World War I was a *sign*, for the prophecy of Jesus to be fulfilled. If we say a four-year-old child could understand that World War I was a *sign* that means the Lord must return before the last person dies who was born in 1910 or before. According to his argument if a person lives to 120 who was born in 1910, the Lord would have to return by 2030. The rapture would have to take place seven years early in 2023.

The longest period of time for a generation in the Bible is 100 years (Genesis 15.13, 16). Using that period of time as the longest period for a generation the Lord must return by 2014 at the very latest. The start of World War I was the first *sign* according to LaHaye:

The uniqueness of this prophetic book is the basing of these signs in the first great sign, World War I. Admittedly, some appeared prior to 1914, just as the conditions that produced the tragic war rumbled long before the opening Serbian shot was fired. (Ibid., p. 161)

In a later book, *Are We Living in the End Times?*, he pinned down a generation:

As my friend and prophecy scholar Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum has written, “The Bible nowhere limits the period of a generation simply to forty years. The one place where the term generation is given a specific time length, it is reckoned to be 100 years (Genesis 15:13-16). Actually, the term generation can mean 20, 40, 70, 80, or 100 years.” (p. 60)

The longest a generation can possibly be is 100 years! He teaches the Rapture will take place seven years earlier. Therefore, that “*blessed hope*” must take place by 2007 at the very latest. That year has passed without the Rapture taking place.

In *The Beginning of the End*, published in 1972, he had this to say about how close the Rapture was:

No one knows how long we have before we see the fulfillment of these things, but as we shall see in future studies, it seems that it cannot be much longer before our Lord comes for his Church. As the Lord Jesus said, although we cannot predict the “day or the hour” (Matthew 24:36) when He shall return, **we can know the season**. This book is dedicated to showing that **we are not only in the season**, but the **twilight of the season**. (p. 84, emphasis mine)

If a season is 100 years long and the twilight is 20 years long, it means he made another prediction that did not come to pass as he said it would. It all depends on how long a “season” is and how long the “twilight” is.

He listed the 12 most important *signs* of the Second Coming, and described them in that same book, *The Beginning of the End*. He signified how close we were to the Rapture in 1972 by giving the time of the night for each *sign*:

World War I (10:30 pm)
Rebirth of Israel (10:35 pm)
Russia and the Middle East (10:40 pm)
Capital and Labor Conflicts (10:45 pm)
Skyrocketing Travel (10:50 pm)
Explosion of Knowledge (11:00 pm)
Apostasy (11:15 pm)
Occult Shadows and Realities (11:20 pm)
Perilous Times (11:30 pm)
A Flood of Wickedness (11:30 pm)
Scoffers Have Come (11:40 pm)
The Ecumenical Church (11:50 pm)

LaHaye implied by this clock that in 1972 the world was at 11:40 pm. All of the *signs* had been fulfilled except the last two – the ecumenical church and world government. If we divide 4200 seconds (70 minutes X 60 seconds) by 58 years (1914 to 1972) we come up with approximately 71 seconds per year. Since the last *sign* was fulfilled by 1972 (the time that the book was published) at 11:40 there were 20 minutes remaining on the countdown clock. There are 1200 seconds remaining (20 minutes X 60 seconds), which means the Second Coming of Jesus should have taken place in 1989 (1200 seconds divided by 71 seconds for each year, equals 17 years. 1972 plus 17 equals 1989). It's obvious that he was working off of a generation as being 70 to 80 years (Psalm 90.10). If we add 80 years to 1914 we come to 1994. If we take away seven years for the Pre-Tribulation Rapture that event should have taken place in 1987, which corresponds to his countdown clock. That is also very close to the year (1981) that Hal Lindsey predicted for the Rapture.

Chuck Smith

Chuck Smith made a clear statement in his book, *Future Survival*, that the Lord would Rapture the Church before the end of 1981:

From my understanding of biblical prophecies, **I'm convinced that the Lord is coming for His Church before the end of 1981. I could be wrong, but it's a deep conviction in my heart, and all my plans are predicated upon that belief.** (p. 20, emphasis mine)

Deep convictions should not be the basis for doctrine. Scripture is the only basis for doctrine, never feelings or convictions. If he truly believes the Rapture can take place at *any moment* all of his plans should have been predicated upon that belief.

We do not know why he chose 1981 for the date of the Rapture, but it's possible that he believed the teaching of Hal Lindsey. In his book, *The Late Great Planet Earth*, Lindsey speculated that a generation was 40 years. He believed the Lord would return 40 years after the establishment of the nation of Israel in 1948 because the Lord said that everything mentioned in the Olivet Discourse would take place before the "*generation*" that sees Israel become a nation again passes away (Matthew 24.32-34). Since the Rapture takes place seven years earlier it should have taken place in 1981.

Besides thinking 40 years was the Biblical length of a generation, he thought the return of Halley's comet might be a fulfillment of prophecy. He speculated that the return of Halley's comet might be one of the "signs in heavens" that Jesus spoke of:

And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, man fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. (Luke 21.25-27)

Smith went on to speculate that the tail of Halley's comet could "affect the balance of the earth's ozone blanket" and "the sun's ultraviolet rays would begin to scorch people upon the earth" (Ibid., p. 20). Then he wrote:

The Lord said that towards the end of the Tribulation period the sun would scorch men who dwell upon the face of the earth (Rev. 16). The **year 1986 would fit just about right!** We're getting **close to the Tribulation** and the return of Jesus Christ in glory! (Ibid., p. 21, emphasis mine)

We are almost 30 years further down the road from when Smith wrote his book, *Future Survival* (1980), and there are still many things that must happen before the Rapture takes place. He continued to exhort the Church to be ready for the Rapture:

All the pieces of the puzzle are coming together. God is warning you. (Ibid., p. 21)

Smith did not stop there. He noted how Jesus had rebuked the Pharisees for not knowing "*the signs of My coming.*" He also quoted Paul's exhortation that Christians are not "*children of darkness that that day should overtake you as a thief*" (1 Thessalonians 5.4). He concluded that chapter by saying:

Christ's return shouldn't come as a surprise to the child of God. God has given us **plenty of evidence to look for** – and **that evidence is here now! We can see it!** And so, with Paul the apostle I say to you that all of our futures are foreshortened. We don't have time to be involved in nonessential things. The time has come to let out all the stops and go for it – because our **Lord is coming very soon!** (Ibid., pp. 21-22, emphasis mine)

The Rapture should not come as a surprise to Christians who know what *warning signs* to look for. The problem is that too many Christians do not know the specific *warning signs* that we should be looking for to know when the Rapture is near. We encourage every Christian to memorize the **What** (those *warning signs*), and to diligently look for them to know the **When** (time of the Rapture).

Smith made another prediction of sorts in 2010 on his "Pastor's Perspective" radio program:

I do think that the Antichrist is in the world. I think that he is alive, and I think that he is **chomping at the bits to take over the reins of the world.** (1.14.2010, emphasis mine)

When the Antichrist is revealed and it is shown that he was not an adult in 2010, it will mean Smith was wrong in his belief that the Antichrist was ready to take rulership of the world.

Jack van Impe

Jack van Impe has made several predictions for the date of the Rapture. He claimed in his video entitled, "AD 2000 – the End?" that the Rapture could possibly take place in September 1999. He based it on generations listed in the Gospel of Matthew. He took the 3 divisions of 14 generations and determined that from Abraham to Christ there were 2160 years. He divided those years by the 42

generations to arrive at 51.4 years per generation. He took year 1948 (when Israel was reborn) and added one generation (51.4 years) to determine that Christ would most likely return in the autumn of 1999.

When that prediction failed he took a break from predicting. Now his latest date is 2012. As of 2008 he is selling a DVD entitled, “2012,” in which he lays out myriad reasons why he believes the Rapture will take place in 2012. One of those reasons is that the Mayan calendar ends on December 21, 2012. This is what he said:

In Matthew 1.17, there are 42 generations from Abraham until Christ. What? 2,160 years divided by 42 is 51.2. In Luke chapter three, verses 23 to 38, there are 77 generations into 4,000 years from Adam to Christ and that comes out to 51.2 and if you add the extra six months because the Six Day War took place in June you’re almost at 52 years. You add 52 to 1967 and you come out pretty close to 2018, 2019, subtract seven years from now, we’re talking about 2012. Remember what I said two weeks ago? The Mayan calendar ends December 21st 2012. It’s all there, ladies and gentlemen. **I don’t believe in setting dates**, Matthew 24.36, but Jesus said, “*When you shall see all these signs (and they are here) then you’ll know it’s near even at the door*, Matthew 24.33. (Emphasis mine)

We are living in the “times of the signs,” but the Mayan calendar has nothing to do with the timing of the Rapture. The only *signs* that a true believer in Jesus Christ should “watch” for are the prophecies found in the Bible. Secular signs are not reliable, and they should be ignored. When 2012 ends it will mean that once again Van Impe has made a false prediction.

Hal Lindsey

Thousands of preachers have said during the last 39 years that Jesus Christ would “soon” return or that His return was “very near.” This recent prophecy craze was started by Hal Lindsey in 1970. His book, *The Late Great Planet Earth*, was the foundation for most of the predictions since 1970. He speculated, but did not state emphatically, that the “last generation” started in 1948 with the establishment of the nation of Israel. He said that a generation was 40 years so the Second Coming should be in 1988. He believes the Rapture will take place seven years earlier which means he thought the Rapture would probably take place in 1981.

Lindsey quoted the Lord, “*Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass away, till all these things be accomplished*” (Matthew 24:34), and then he made this statement:

What generation? Obviously, in context, the generation that would see the signs – chief among them the rebirth of Israel. A **generation** in the Bible is something like **forty years**. If this is a correct deduction, then within forty years or so of 1948, **all these things could take place**. Many scholars who have studied Bible prophecy all their lives **believe that this is so**. (*The Late Great Planet Earth*, p. 54, emphasis mine)

He thought he was right when the Iraq-Iran War broke out in 1981, but the Lord did not return. He was wrong about that prediction. Many scholars, who believed like him, and had “studied Bible prophecy all of their lives,” were also wrong.

Since then Lindsey has said dozens of times that the Rapture would take place “soon,” “very soon” and that it was “very near.” An example of one of his predictions, that is not a prediction, is found in his 1981 book, *The 1980’S: Countdown to Armageddon*:

During the last 25 years I have been studying prophecy I have seen incredible events forecast 3,000 years ago happen right before my eyes. Especially in the past 10 years, I have watched current events push toward the climax of history the prophets foretold. I believe many people will be shocked by what is happening right now and by what will happen in the very near future. *The decade of the 1980’s could very well be the last decade of history as we know it.* (pp. 7-8, emphasis added, H.L.)

He missed that prediction also. The 1980’s was not the “last decade of history as we know it.” He was not even close.

Lindsey has also said the Lord would return to rapture the Church in his lifetime. If he dies it will mean that he missed it, no matter what excuse his defenders may make. He also said that the Rapture would take place by the time he reached the age of the life span of the average American male. That year has come and gone. He has made four clear predictions with three of them wrong. When he dies that will be his fourth inaccurate prediction.

He made a prediction dealing with the Soviet Union in his book, *The Late Great Planet Earth*. He said the Russians were “seeking to gain footholds in Iran by various overtures of aid. In order to mount a large-scale invasion predicted by Ezekiel, Russia would need Iran as an ally.” He then wrote:

Watch the actions of Iran in relation to Russia and the United Arab Republic. This writer believes that significant things will soon be happening there. (p. 68)

Russia and her allies use this occasion to launch an invasion of the Middle East, which Russia has longed to do since the Napoleonic wars. (Ibid., p. 154)

In his second book, *The 1980’S: Countdown to Armageddon*, Lindsey said that he predicted, in his first book, that Russia would invade the Middle East:

In *The Late Great Planet Earth* I predicted that the Soviets would begin their Middle East campaign with a sweep through the Persian Gulf area into Iran. The recent Russian invasion of Afghanistan was a first step in that direction. Once the **Middle East falls to Russia**, the communists will withhold their newly-gained oil to cripple the west. Just how close the Soviets are to making this bold move will be discussed in a later chapter. (p. 13)

He also made this prediction about Russia’s plans for the Middle East:

The Russian invasion of Afghanistan has telegraphed the **Soviet intention to take over the entire Middle East**. Russian troops are already present in South Yemen and Ethiopia, and the fall of the Shah in nearby Iran has opened the door for a

Soviet conquest of the strategic Persian Gulf area. The rest of the Middle East – including **Saudi Arabia**, which sits on one-quarter of the world’s known oil reserves – appears to be an **easy target for a Soviet takeover**.

This area has now **fits precisely** into the **pattern predicted** for it. All that remains is for the Russians to make their predicted move. (Ibid., p. 63, emphasis mine)

In 1980, when he wrote his second book, it looked as though the Soviets would take over the Middle East. Their invasion of Afghanistan made him, and most eschatologists think the end was very near. He made a prediction, on Paul Crouch’s TBN network, that the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan was the beginning of the end. He said the Soviets would soon attack Israel, and that Christians should pack their bags.

Lindsey and most prophecy teachers did not foresee al-Qaeda, led by Usama bin Laden, defeating the Soviets, and running them out of Afghanistan with their tails tucked between their legs. Instead of the Soviets taking over the Middle East, and holding the world to ransom with oil, the United States and the oil companies have done that.

On October 7, 2001, George Bush invaded Afghanistan in response to the September 11 attacks, and then invaded Iraq in 2003. He captured Saddam Hussein, and saw him hung. Before the invasion of the Middle East by Bush the price of oil was around \$25.00 per barrel. It climbed to over \$140.00 a barrel in 2008 before falling back. Lindsey should have predicted that the United States would invade the Middle East, and hold the world to ransom with oil.

On September 25, 1997, he predicted on his television show, *International Intelligence Briefing*, that Russia would invade Israel within 18 months (*End-Time Visions*, p. 286).

The false prediction by Lindsey concerning the Soviet Union is to be expected because he does not speak for God as the Old Testament prophets did. We must all be knowledgeable about the political machinations of the groups that run the world – Bilderberg Group, Bohemian Club, Century Foundation, Club of Rome, Cosmos Club, Council on Foreign Relations, the Council of Nine, Freemasons, Illuminati Order, Knights of Malta, Knights Templar, Roman Catholic Church, Royal Institute of International Affairs, Skull & Bones Order, Society of Jesus, Trilateral Commission, United Nations and hundreds of other groups – or we may also make similar mistakes.

In his second book, *The 1980’S: Countdown to Armageddon*, Lindsey said the False Prophet was alive in 1980 when the book was written:

I believe the false prophet is in the Middle East **today**, awaiting his fateful hour. (Ibid., p. 48, emphasis mine)

When the False Prophet is identified, and it is learned that he was born after 1980, it will mean that Hal Lindsey made another incorrect prediction.

In his book, *Planet Earth 2000 A.D.*, Lindsey predicted the Rapture would take place in the year 2000. However, he left himself a face-saving outlet:

“Could I be wrong? Of course. The Rapture may not occur between now and the year 2000.” (p. 306)

Lindsey has been wrong about every prediction he has made. Why? He has been unduly influenced by the doctrine of *imminence*, and he does not know the **What**.

Texe Marrs

Texe Marrs suggested in a 1992 essay, “Night Cometh!” the Rapture could take place by the year 2000. He wrote that Satan’s “New Age occult kingdom will be fully in place on planet earth and the New Age messiah will be in charge of this world. But, that’s the Devil’s timetable, not God’s” (James, William T., *Storming Toward Armageddon*, p. 130).

The devil has wanted to establish his final world order for decades, but he has been hindered by the Holy Spirit.

Benny Hinn

Toufik Benedictus “Benny” Hinn, Palestinian born televangelist, founder of the Orlando Christian Center and host of the television program “This is Your Day,” has made numerous false prophecies with some of them concerning the Antichrist and the Rapture:

“A **world dictator** is coming on the scene. My! He’s a **short man**. He’s a short man. I see a short man who’s a perfect incarnation of Satan. [he speaks in tongues] Never in my life have I had anything happen like what’s happening to me now! ‘This man will rule the world. In the **next few years you will see him**. But not long after that you will see Me.’” (Orlando Christian Center, 12.31.1989, emphasis mine)

“We may have **two years before the rapture**. Can I be blunt with you? I don’t know if we have **two years left**. I’m going to prove to you from the Word tonight, that **we have less than two years**.” (Trinity Broadcasting Network, 11.9.1990, emphasis mine)

“**Jesus is coming again** within the **next two years**.” (July 1997, fund-raising telethon on TBN, emphasis mine)

Harold Camping

Harold Camping wrote a book, “1994?” in which he decided the end of the world when no one could be saved any longer would be September 6, 1994 (1994?, pp. 526-7, p.531). During that year he said emphatically that the Lord would return between September 15-27. He went on to predict September 29, and then October 2 for the end. Camping made another prediction a few years later picking March 31, 1995. When the Lord failed to return on those dates he said he did not predict the Lord’s Second Coming. He said it was highly probable the Lord would return on those dates. Since then he has made another prediction for the Lord’s return. That lucky year is 2011. Here is the warning posted on his website:

In 2 Peter 3:8, which is quoted above, Holy God reminds us that one day is as 1,000 years. Therefore, with the correct understanding that the seven days referred to in Genesis 7:4 can be understood as 7,000 years, we learn that when God told Noah there were seven days to escape worldwide destruction, He was also telling the world there would be exactly 7,000 years (one day is as 1,000 years) to escape the wrath of God that would come when He destroys the world on Judgment Day. Because Holy Infinite God is all-knowing, He knows the end from the beginning. He knew how sinful the world would become.

Seven thousand years after 4990 B.C. (the year of the Flood) is the year 2011 A.D. (our calendar). $4990 + 2011 - 1 = 7,000$ [*One year must be subtracted in going from an Old Testament B.C. calendar date to a New Testament A.D. calendar date because the calendar does not have a year zero.*]

Thus Holy God is showing us by the words of 2 Peter 3:8 that He wants us to know that exactly 7,000 years after He destroyed the world with water in Noah's day, He plans to destroy the entire world forever. *Because the year 2011 A.D. is exactly 7,000 years after 4990 B.C. when the flood began, the Bible has given us absolute proof that the year 2011 is the end of the world during the Day of Judgment, which will come on the last day of the Day of Judgment.*

Amazingly, May 21, 2011 is the 17th day of the 2nd month of the Biblical calendar of our day. Remember, the flood waters also began on the 17th day of the 2nd month, in the year 4990 B.C.

The Holy Bible gives several additional astounding proofs that May 21, 2011 is very accurate as the time for the Day of Judgment. For more information on this subject, you may request a copy of *We Are Almost There*, available free of charge from Family Radio.

God is proving to us that we have very accurately learned from the Holy Bible God's time-plan for the end of the world.

Sadly, the Holy Bible tells us that only a small percentage of today's world will turn from their evil ways, and with great humility and fear will cry to God for mercy. Nevertheless, the Bible assures us that many of the people who do beg God for His mercy will not be destroyed. We learn from the Bible that Holy God plans to rescue about 200 million people (that is about 3% of today's population). On the first day of the Day of Judgment (May 21, 2011) they will be caught up (raptured) into Heaven because God had great mercy for them. This is why we can be so thankful that God has given us advance notice of Judgment Day.⁴ (Emphasis added, H.C.)

His date for the flood of Noah's time (4990 BC) is off by over 2500 years. The major dates for the flood are – Martin Antsey 2386, the Chinese 2348, Bishop Ussher 2348, the Great Pyramid 2343, Judaism 2105.

Camping teaches that May 21, 2011, will be the day that Christians are raptured and the Tribulation begins. He believes the Tribulation will last 5 months (Genesis 7.24), and Jesus Christ will return in person on October 21, 2011. On that day the unsaved will be judged.

He is also wrong in the number of people who will be saved. He gets that number from Revelation 9.16. The 200,000,000 is the number of the demonic creatures that will terrorize the world during the Tribulation with the blowing of the sixth trumpet. The number of people who will be raptured before the start of the Tribulation will be

more than 200 million, and there may be that many or more saved during the Tribulation (Revelation 7.9). Most of those saved during the Tribulation will be martyred.

He confirmed his belief that Jesus Christ will return on May 21, 2011 on his “Open Forum” program. He told a caller that he is positive that his date is correct:

I have no option, I can’t say as I did a few years ago there is a high likelihood it’ll be this or that. Now **I have to say it is absolutely certain** this is going to happen. (“Open Forum,” 10.09.2009, emphasis mine)

It is hard to believe that Camping is right about his date for creation and everyone else is off by 6000 years. If his date for creation (11,013 B.C.), and the flood (4990 B.C.) are wrong, then his date for the Second Coming is also wrong. When May 22, 2011 rolls around, it will mean that Camping has made another false prediction. Let’s hope it will be his last.

Camping uses two verses – “*And it came to pass after the seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth*” (Genesis 7.10), and “*But forget not this one thing, beloved, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day*” (1 Peter 3.8) – to determine that the statement in Genesis is a prophecy that after 7000 years (7 days) the Earth will be destroyed. He chooses 4990 as the year of the flood, and counts 7000 years from that date to arrive at 2011. He also claims the flood started on May 21 of 4990 so the destruction of the world will begin on May 21, 2011. Jesus Christ will return 5 months later (Genesis 7.24) to judge the wicked on October 21, 2011.

Arnold Murray

Arnold Murray, pastor of the Shepherd’s Chapel teaches numerous false doctrines. He also made a few false predictions. In 1980 he said we were living in the last 3½ years of the Tribulation. He predicted that “one-worldism shall come to pass, and it shall receive a deadly wound about the end of this year.” He also predicted the Millennial Temple would start to be built in 1981, and the Antichrist would appear in the same year.⁵

What God Says Concerning False Prophets

“When a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing does not come about or come true, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.” (Deuteronomy 18.22)

Conclusion

The only people who make incorrect predictions concerning the timing of the Rapture and Second Coming are those who think the Lord can return at *any moment*. Those who clearly understand that specific prophetic *warning signs* must be fulfilled before the Rapture can take place never make false predictions. They simply “wait”

and “*watch*” for those prophecies to be fulfilled just as Jesus commanded us to do:

“Take heed, watch and pray: for you know not when the time is. For the Son of Man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: for you know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.” (Mark 13.33-37)

And what do we “*watch*” for? The only things that we can “*watch*” for are the prophetic *warning signs* (the **What**) that the Old Testament prophets, Jesus, Paul and Peter gave so we would know the **When** (time of the Rapture)!

STUDY QUESTIONS

Appendix F

1. Does the Bible encourage Christians to predict the time of the Rapture and Second Coming?
2. Can someone predict the timing of the Rapture based on numerology or numbers found in the Bible?
3. How can a person determine how near the Rapture/Tribulation is?
4. Should Christians keep “*watch*” to know when the Rapture will take place?
5. What should Christians be “*watching*” for to know when the Rapture will take place?

APPENDIX G

NEW WORLD ORDER GANG

Shadow organizations

Some “shadow” organizations are the: Holy See (325), Knights of Malta (1080), Knights Templar (1118), City of London Corporation (1141), Military Order of Christ (1318), Order of the Garter (1348), Rosicrucian Society (1407), East India Company (1600), Freemasons (1314 or 1717), Society of Jesus (1534), Illuminati Order (1776), Cambridge Apostles (1820), Skull and Bones Society (1832), Bohemian Club (1872), Theosophical Society (1875), Fabian Society (1884), Martinist Order (1884), Society of the Elect (1891), Pilgrims Society (1902), Round Table Groups (1909), Thule Society (1911), Federal Reserve Corporation (1913), Royal Institute for International Affairs (1920), Vril Society (1921), Council on Foreign Relations (1921), Family (1935), Bilderberg Group (1954), Club of Rome (1968), the Trilateral Commission (1973), Al-Qaeda (1988), Belizean Grove (1999).

Conspirators

Thousands of people in key positions in politics, law enforcement, finance, business, religion, education and the military have been members/attendees of “shadow” organizations. Most have worked to create a “New World Order” while others are ignorant of the end game. The more notable members or attendees of a “shadow” organization (with a key at the end of this list) are:

Kings, Queens, Princes: Kings of England: Edward VII (M), Edward VIII (M), George IV (M), George VI (M) and William IV (M); King Juan Carlos I of Spain (B), Queen Elizabeth II (PS), Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands (B), Queen Sophia of Spain (B), Prince Philip of England (BC, M), Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands (B), Prince Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands (B).

Prime Ministers, Chancellors, Presidents: British PMs: Tony Blair (B), Winston Churchill (M), Edward Heath (B), Margaret Thatcher (B) and Harold Wilson (B); German Chancellors: Adolf Hitler (TS, VS), Helmut Schmidt (B, BC) and Angela Merkel (B); French Presidents: Jacques Chirac (B), Francois Mitterand (M) and Georges Pompiduo (B); Russian President Boris Yeltsin (CFR) and Mexican President Benito Juarez (M).

U.S. Presidents: George Bush (BC, SB), George H.W. Bush (B, BC, CFR, SB, TC), Bill Clinton (B, CFR, M, TC), Ronald Reagan (BC, M), James Carter (CFR, TC), Gerald Ford, Jr. (B, BC, CFR, M), Richard Nixon (BC, CFR), Lyndon Johnson (M), John Kennedy (CFR), Dwight D. Eisenhower (BC, CFR), Harry Truman (M), Franklin Roosevelt (M), Herbert Hoover (BC, CFR), Calvin Coolidge (BC), Warren Harding (M), Theodore Roosevelt (BC, M), William Taft

(BC, M, SB, PS), William McKinley (M), James Garfield (M), Andrew Johnson (M), James Buchanan (M), James Polk (M), Andrew Jackson (M), James Monroe (M), George Washington (M).

Vice Presidents: Richard Cheney (BC, CFR, PNAC, TC), George Clinton (M), Al Gore, Jr. (B, BC, TC), Richard Johnson (M), William Rufus King (M), Thomas Marshall (M), Walter Mondale (CFR, TC), Dan Quayle (B, M, PNAC), Nelson Rockefeller (BC), Henry Wallace (M).

Supreme Court Justices: Stephen Breyer (CFR), Ruth Bader Ginsburg (CFR), John Jay (M), Thurgood Marshall (M), Sandra Day O'Connor (CFR), Potter Stewart (SB), Earl Warren (BC, M).

Secretaries of State: Madeleine Albright (CFR), Hillary Clinton (B, CFR), Warren Christopher (CFR), Robert Gates (CFR), Alexander Haig (BC, CFR, KM), Henry Kissinger (B, BC, CFR, TC), Colin Powell (B, BC, CFR, KM), Elihu Root (CFR), George Shultz (BC, CFR, TC).

Secretaries of War/Defense: Frank Carlucci (CFR), William Cohen (CFR), Henry Knox (M), Robert McNamara (B, CFR, TC), Donald Rumsfeld (B, BC, PNAC), Caspar Weinberger (BC, CFR, PS).

Governors: Jeb Bush (BC, CFR, PNAC), John Hancock (M), George Pataki (B), Rick Perry (B), Arnold Schwarzenegger (BC), George Wallace (M), Christine Whitman (B).

Senators: Prescott Bush (CFR, SB), John Chafee (B, CFR, TC), Tom Daschle (B), Bob Dole (M), John Edwards (B), Diane Feinstein (B, CFR, TC), Chuck Hagel (B), Gary Hart (B, CFR), Robert Kennedy (BC, CFR), John Kerry (CFR, SB), John McCain, Jr. (B, CFR, M), Sam Nunn (B), John Rockefeller IV (B, CFR, TC), Robert Taft, Jr. (TC).

CIA/FBI/NSA/Military: Richard Helms (CIA – BC), Bobby Inman (DIA, NSA, ONI – BC, CFR, TC), William Webster (CIA, FBI – BC, CFR), Albert Wedemeyer (BC), Robert James Woolsey (CIA – BC).

Bankers: Roger Altman (CFR), Ben Bernanke (B), Arthur Burns (CFR), Alan Greenspan (BC, CFR, TC), Timothy Geithner (B), James Johnson (B, CFR, TC), Henry Paulson, Jr. (B), Jakob Meyer Rothschild (M), Robert Rubin (CFR), Paul Volker (B, BC, CFR, TC), James Warburg (CFR), Paul Warburg (CFR), James Wolfensohn (B, CFR), Robert Zoellick (B, CFR).

Billionaires: Francis David Astor (B), John Jacob Astor (M), Riley Bechtel (BC), Stephen Bechtel, Sr. (BC), Stephen Bechtel, Jr. (BC), John Kluge (BC), Daniel Ludwig (BC), David Rockefeller (B, BC, CFR, PS, TC), David Rockefeller, Jr. (BC, CFR, M), Edmond de Rothschild (B), Evelyn de Rothschild (B), Guy de Rothschild (B), Lionel Rothschild (B), George Soros (B), Kevin Trudeau (B).

Media: David Brinkley (CFR), Tom Brokaw (CFR), William Buckley (B, BC, CFR, SB), John Chancellor (CFR), Walter Cronkite (BC), Katherine Graham (B, CFR, TC), Donald Graham (B), William Randolph Hearst, Jr. (BC), Peter

Jennings (B), Jim Lehrer (CFR), Henry Luce (CFR, SB), Irving Kristol (CFR), William Kristol (B, PNAC), Bill Moyers (B, CFR), Robert Novak (BC), William Paley (CFR), Dan Rather (CFR), Harry Reasoner (CFR), Diane Sawyer (CFR), George Stephanopoulos (B, CFR), Laurence Tisch (CFR), Barbara Walters (CFR), John Welch (CFR), Mort Zuckerman (B, CFR).

Preachers: Manly Hall (M), William Hamilton (M), Jesse Jackson (CFR, M), Peter Marshall (M), William Miller (M), Norman Vincent Peale (M), Joseph Smith, Sr. & Jr. (M), Rick Warren (CFR), Brigham Young (M).

Others: Elliot Abrams (CFR), Giovanni Agnelli (B), Benedict Arnold (M), Mikhail Bakunin (M) George Ball (B), José Barroso (B), Sandy Berger (CFR), Shirley Black (CFR), John Bolton (B, PNAC), Edgar Bronfman, Sr. (CFR), Zbigniew Brzezinski (BC, CFR, TC), McGeorge Bundy (CFR), Alessandro Cagliostro (I, M), Peter Carrington (B), Alexander Christakis (CR), Doug Coe (BC), Aleister Crowley (M), Étienne Davignon (B), Benjamin Franklin (M), David Gergen (B, BC, CFR, TC), Hermann Göring (TS,VS), Maurice R. Greenberg (B, CFR, TC), Richard Haass (CFR), Otto von Habsburg (B), Denis Healey (B), Heinrich Himmler (TS, VS), Alec Douglas-Home (B), J. Edgar Hoover (M), Erich Jantsch (CR), Vernon Jordan (B, CFR), Robert Kagan (PNAC), Alexander King (CR), Freiherr Knigge (I), Henry Mallon (SB), Giuseppe Mazzini (M), Alfred Milner (RT), Hasan Ozbekhan (CR), Richard Parsons (M), Aurelio Peccei (CR), Richard Perle (B, CFR, PNAC), Philip, Duke of Wharton (M), Albert Pike (M), George Robertson (B), Joseph Retinger (B), Cecil Rhodes (RT), Eric Roll (B), Karl Rove (BC), Walter Scheel (B), James Steinberg (B), Lawrence Summers (B, CFR), Mark Twain (BC, M), Voltaire (M), H.G. Wells (FS), Adam Weishaupt (I, M), Paul Wolfowitz (B, CFR).

Key: Bilderberg. (B), Bohemian Club (BC), Club of Rome (CR), Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), Fabian Society (FS), Masons (M), Illuminati (I), Knights of Malta (KM), Pilgrims Society (PS), Project for a New American Century (PNAC), Round Table Groups (RT), Skull and Bones (SB), Thule Society (TS), Trilateral Commission (TC), Vril Society (VS).

Conclusion to Part V

The easiest way to establish a “New World Order” is to make people believe there is no movement to create one. Eric Blair understood this and noted it in his most famous novel, *1984*:

Until they become conscious they will never rebel, and until after they have rebelled they cannot become conscious. (p. 61)

The masses never revolt of their own accord, and they never revolt merely because they are oppressed. Indeed, so long as they are not permitted to have standards of comparison they never even become aware that they are oppressed. (p. 171)

Deception is the name of the game. Blair knew that there was a group of “New World Order” conspirators, and he wrote *1984* to warn mankind about them. His book was published on June 8, 1949, and he died on January 21, 1950. Some

conspiriologists speculate he was murdered for writing *1984*. This is a portion of the dialogue that a Party member, O'Brien, gives to the hero of the novel, Winston Smith, who wanted to be free of the Party:

“The Party seeks power entirely for its own sake. We are not interested in the good of others; we are interested solely in power, pure power. What pure power means you will understand presently. We are different from all the oligarchies of the past in that we know what we are doing. All the others, even those who resembled ourselves, were cowards and hypocrites. The German Nazis the Russian Communists came very close to us in their methods, but they never had the courage to recognize their own motives. They pretended, perhaps they even believed, that they had seized power unwillingly and for a limited time, and that just around the corner there lay a paradise where human beings would be free and equal. We are not like that. We know that no one ever seizes power with the intention of relinquishing it. **Power is not a means; it is an end.** One does not establish a dictatorship in order to safeguard a revolution; **one makes the revolution in order to establish the dictatorship. The object of persecution is persecution. The object of torture is torture. The object of power is power.**” (*1984*, p. 217, emphasis mine)

Blair tossed in some clever slogans that showed how evil the “New World Order” gang was (and still is):

**WAR IS PEACE
FREEDOM IS SLAVERY
IGNORANCE IS STRENGTH**

The conspirators have placed slogans and symbols of their conspiracy in public view. Some of these symbols are the fasci bundle of sticks; the “all-seeing eye” over the pyramid; and the pyramid. Some slogans are “*Novus Ordo Seclorum*” and “*Annuit Coeptis*.”

Toward the end of his book Blair explained the significance of the middle slogan through the antagonist, O'Brien speaking to Smith:

“Has it ever occurred to you that it is reversible? **Slavery is freedom.** Alone—free—the human being is always defeated. It must be so, because every human being is doomed to die, which is the greatest of all failures. But if he can make complete, utter submission, if he can escape from his identity, if he can merge himself in the Party so that he is the Party, then he is all-powerful and immortal. The second thing for you to realize is that power is the power over human beings. Over the body—but, above all, over the mind. Power over matter—external reality, as you would call it—is not important.” (*Ibid.*, p. 218, emphasis mine)

“Obedience is not enough. Unless he is suffering, how can you be sure that he is obeying your will and not his own? **Power is in inflicting pain and humiliation. Power is in tearing down human minds to pieces and putting them together again in new shapes of your own choosing.** Do you begin to see, then, what kind of world we are creating? It is the exact opposite of the stupid hedonistic Utopias that the old reformers imagined. A world of fear, treachery, and torment, a world

of trampling and being trampled upon, a world which will grow not less but more merciless as it refines itself. **Progress in our world will be progress toward more pain.** The old civilizations claimed that they were founded on love and justice. **Ours is founded on hatred.** In our world there will be no emotions except fear, rage, triumph, and self-abasement. Everything else we shall destroy—everything.” (Ibid., p. 220, emphasis mine)

O’Brien went on to explain to Smith how the Party destroys civilization:

“We have cut the links between child and parent, and between man and man, and between man and woman. No one dares trust a wife or a child or a friend any longer. But in the future there will be no wives and no friends. **Children will be taken from their mothers at birth,** as one takes eggs from a hen.” (Ibid., emphasis mine)

“There will be no loyalty, except loyalty to the Party. **There will be no love, except the love of Big Brother.** There will be no laughter, except the laughter of triumph over a defeated enemy. There will be no art, no literature, no science. **When we are omnipotent we will have no need of science.** There will be no distinction between beauty and ugliness. There will be no curiosity, no employment of the process of life. All competing pleasures will be destroyed. But always – do not forget this, Winston –always there will be the intoxication of power, constantly increasing and constantly growing subtler. Always, at every moment, there will be the thrill of victory, the sensation of trampling on an enemy who is helpless. **If you want a picture of this future, imagine a boot stamping on a human face—forever.**

“And remember that it is forever. The face will always be there to be stamped upon. The heretic, the enemy of society, will always be there, so that he can be defeated and humiliated over again. Everything that you have undergone since you have been in our hands – all that will continue, and worse. The espionage, the betrayals, the arrests, the tortures, the executions, the disappearances will never cease. **It will be a world of terror** as much as a world of triumph. The more the Party is powerful, the less it will be tolerant; the weaker the opposition, the tighter the despotism. Goldstein and his heresies will live forever. Every day, at every moment, they will be defeated, discredited, ridiculed, spat upon—and yet they will always survive.” (Ibid., pp. 220-221, emphasis mine)

O’Brien continued to explain that progress was only made to further the tyrannical power of the Party:

“And even technological progress only happens when its products can in some way be used for the diminution of human liberty. In all the useful arts the world is either standing still or going backwards.” (Ibid., p. 159)

The two major goals of the Party was conquest and the elimination of independent thought:

The two aims of the Party are to conquer the whole surface of the earth and to extinguish once and for all the possibility of independent thought. (Ibid.)

Party members were expected to have a war-like mentality and wicked behavior was encouraged in the negative utopia that Blair depicted:

In other words it is necessary that he should have the mentality appropriate to a state of war. (Ibid., p. 158)

There were bribery, favoritism, and racketeering of every kind, there were homosexuality and prostitution, there was even illicit alcohol distilled from potatoes. **The positions of trust were given only to the common criminals, especially the gangsters and the murderers, who formed a sort of aristocracy. All the dirty jobs were done by the political.**

There was constant come-and-go of prisoners of every description; drug peddlers, thieves, bandits, black marketers, drunks, prostitutes. (Ibid., pp. 187-188, emphasis mine)

The insidious evil of this “New World Order” that Blair described was prophesied by Jesus and Paul:

“Then shall they deliver you up unto tribulation, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all the nations for my name’s sake. And then shall many stumble, and shall deliver up one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall arise, and shall lead many astray. And because iniquity shall be multiplied, the love of the many shall wax cold.” (Matthew 24.9-12)

“And brother shall deliver up brother to death, and the father his child; and children shall rise up against parents, and cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name’s sake: but he that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved.” (Mark 13.12-13)

But know this, that in the last days grievous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, haughty, railers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, implacable, slanderers, without self-control, fierce, no lovers of good, traitors, headstrong, puffed up, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; holding a form of godliness, but having denied the power therefore. From these also turn away. (2 Timothy 3.1-5)

Some of the things that Blair described in his book are already being implemented. Scripture says the final world empire will be very evil, like that in 1984. It will be Satan’s last stand, and he will pull out every stop. It will be more demonic, destructive, devious, evil, hateful, hideous, insidious, oppressive, sinful, tyrannical and uglier than all the world empires before it.

This demonic empire will not arise overnight. It is being built brick-by-brick over centuries. The closer we come to the culmination of this satanic conspiracy, the worse things will be for Christians and everyone who cherishes freedom. They will be persecuted, imprisoned and killed. Once the Beast Kingdom is established, the reign of terror will be far greater than all the former reigns of terror. Christians, patriots and freedom lovers will be exterminated in large numbers (Revelation 6.9-11).

As we noted previously the Bible teaches us that the devil is the god of this world (2 Corinthians 4.4), the prince (ruler) of this world (John 12.31; 14.30; 16.11), the prince of the powers of the air (Ephesians 2.2) and the evil one (1 John 5.19). The devil also has a host of fallen angels and demons that serve him. Christians do not

fight “against flesh and blood, but against the “principalities, against the powers, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places (Ephesians 6.12). These immortal beings rule over the nations of the world as Daniel was told by an angel:

Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I am come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I go forth, lo, the prince of Greece shall come. (Daniel 10.20)

The “prince of Persia” and the “prince of Greece” were high-ranking fallen angels that ruled over those kingdoms. Fallen angels still rule over nations and empires today. Now that we are getting close to the start of the Tribulation when the devil and his gang of evil angels will have absolute control over the world, Christians will face much more persecution from them.

Christians must prepare for the worst period of persecution in the history of the Church. We can do this by putting on the full armor of God:

Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Wherefore take up the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; withal taking up the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: with all prayer and supplication praying at all seasons in the Spirit, and watching thereunto in all perseverance and supplication for all the saints. (Ephesians 6.10-18)

A Christian girds his loins with the truth by daily studying the Bible (Acts 17.11); he puts on the breastplate of righteousness by living a holy life (1 Peter 1.15-16); he shods his feet with the gospel of peace by learning how to share his faith in a gentle and reverent manner (1 Peter 3.15); he takes up the shield of faith by trusting in God in all things (Proverbs 3.5-6); he wears the helmet of salvation by trusting in the blood of Jesus to cleanse him of his sins (Ephesians 1.7; Revelation 1.5; 5.9); he takes up the sword of the Spirit by memorizing Scripture so he can quote it to defeat the enemy (Deuteronomy 8.3; Matthew 4.1-4). He also prays without ceasing (Ephesians 6.18; 1 Thessalonians 5.17). All Christians should prepare for the time of trouble ahead by fellowshiping with the brethren as often as possible (Hebrews 10.24-25) and by making disciples (Matthew 28.19-20; 2 Timothy 2.2).

Some pastors say there is nothing Christians can do or should do to oppose the efforts of the conspirators to create a “New World Order”:

Inasmuch as the Scriptures tell us that it’s going to come, how can you stave it off? I mean, it’s part of God’s plan... I think that we need to be wise to what’s happening, but only in as much as we need to be preparing for the Lord to come, and rescue us from this corrupt system.

The New World Order is coming. We know that, Revelation 13. It seems to be happening at an exponential rate. Like we were talking yesterday with Gordon Brown, Barak Obama's idea of a new world economy to globalize the economy. Basically to save everything, save jobs, to invest in that, and so it's here, you know, and just a matter of time before the final Antichrist takes over, but there are many antichrists running around now doing their bit. So what can you really do? We try to vote at the ballot box, but that seems to have not a whole lot of effect. You know it's common. So we just need to be aware of it... Let's be aware of what's going on, know the signs of the times in that way we won't be caught unaware like the Bible encourages us to be.³⁴

I think as Christians we would be far better served to become biblically literate, to learn to read the Bible for all it's worth. So rather than spending endless hours in conspiracy theories let's do what we are called to do, and that is to change the hearts of individuals through the power of the Holy Spirit. And when we do that we affect our world in the way we are empowered to affect our world. But we cannot know what is coming tomorrow or the next day. Jesus said, "Do not worry about tomorrow. You do not know what a day will bring forth." Don't worry about tomorrow. Each day He said has enough trouble of its own. So let's not project on what can happen tomorrow, we don't know. What we know is the God we serve holds tomorrow in His hands. In the meantime we're called to be prudent, to be faithful, to live by biblical principles and not to engage in endless conspiracy theories about what might happen based on a paradigm, by the way, that has little basis in the text of Scripture.³⁵

The "New World Order" is being built, and it is not a "conspiracy theory;" it is a conspiracy fact! Some secular talk show hosts say there is no conspiracy to create a "New World Order," but due to the economic crisis of 2008-2009 and the ascension of Barak Obama, some have changed their minds:

Dick Morris: There is a big thing that's going to happen at this thing in London, the G-20, and they're hiding it, they're camouflaging it, they're not talking about it. Coordination of international regulation. What they are going to do is put our Fed and FCC under control, in effect, of the IMF.

Sean Hannity: Oh, come on. You believe they're going to do this?

Morris: That's what is in the **draft agenda**. They call it coordination of regulation. What it really is, is **putting the American economy under international regulation**. And those people who've been yelling, oh, the UN going to take over, **global government**.

Hannity: **Conspiracy theorists**.

Morris: They've been crazy, but **now they are right**.

Hannity: Well, what Geithner said would be open to the idea of a **global currency** last week. Those **conspiracy people** had said, had suggested that for years.

Morris: **They're not wrong**.

Hannity: **They're not wrong.**

Morris: You know, what they always do at these conferences is they have the center show is here, and the side show they want you to pay attention to. The center show is the size of the stimulus package. **The real show is international regulation for financial institutions**, which is going to happen **under the IMF control**. And remember, the **IMF is run by Europeans**, the World Bank by Americans.³⁶ (Emphasis mine)

In a separate broadcast, Michael Savage had this to say about the possibility of the government creating a crisis for its benefit:

Very soon, **Obama will create a crisis along the lines of the Reichstag fire**, the Reichstag fire. I don't know what form it will take, but I believe that once the minions are seen for what they are, **Rahm Immanuel and his gang will set off a Reichstag fire in this country of some kind**, and they will recall the military dictatorship of Lincoln and Stanton during the Civil War, when civilian suspects were arrested without warrant. I will tell you as I sit here I fear that every night as I go to sleep. I put nothing past these agitators who have suddenly ceased control of the most powerful economy and the most powerful military on Earth.³⁷ (Emphasis mine)

As we get closer to the formation of the Devil's "New World Order," it will become obvious that the prophecies in the Bible are being fulfilled. Christians need to be prepared to use fulfilled Bible prophecies as a springboard to share the gospel. They should also stand against the satanic "New World Order." As noted in the Preface, Scripture commands Christians to rebuke the wicked (Proverbs 24.24-25), keep the law to strive against the wicked (Proverbs 28.4) and expose their evil deeds (Ephesians 5.11). Most Christians in America have not shed blood in resisting sin (Hebrews 12.3-4). A Christian who is unwilling to take a stand against the wicked is like "*a troubled fountain, and a corrupted spring*" (Proverbs 25.26). You can oppose it by warning others about it.

Edmund Burke (1729-1797), the famous Anglo-Irish statesman, philosopher, author, orator and political theorist said, "The only thing that is necessary for evil to triumph is for men of good will to do nothing."

Christians are people of good will, therefore we must oppose evil, including the "New World Order Gang" and their Old World Nightmare.

General George Washington (1732-1799) made this comment about the American Christian, "He will die on his feet before he will live on his knees."

Many Christians have died for Jesus Christ, and many more will die for Him as we race toward the Tribulation. Some may even be martyred for their faith in America in the coming years.

General George S. Patton, Jr. told his soldiers to "Live for something rather than die for nothing." Christians should live for Christ.

We ask what the psalmist asked, "*Who will rise up for me against the evil-doers? Who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?*" (Psalm 94.16)

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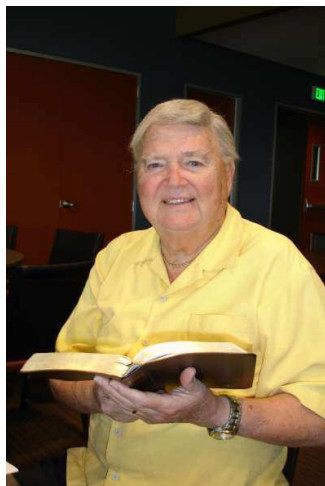
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