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BLINDNESS IN PART IS HAPPENED TO THE GENTILES
AS "THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES" CLOSES OUT

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Three Lies, or "Traditional Doctrines of the Church"

Moses had established a belief system, and Jesus in His day was continuously opposing these "traditions of the elders." In a similar manner in this 21st Century, the Church has had to scrutinize every doctrine stemming from the teachings of Dr. C.I. Scofield, the founder of Dallas Theological Seminary. Many of the doctrines of John Darby and this school of theology termed Darbyism, are "the tradition of the elders" today.

The Church attempts to interpret scripture in light of three lies the Church believes to be sound doctrine:

- #1 – the earthly family and knowing each other in heaven;
- #2 – the pre-trib rapture doctrine;
- #3 – government (the "hireling" and "lord" are taboo).

Until you correct these lies perpetrated by the Church, the kingdom of God suffers greatly. I have written this exegesis to deal with all of these lies.

Blindness in Part Hath Happened to the Gentiles

Blindness in part hath happened to the Gentiles as we close out "the times of the Gentiles." It is time to "take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew" (Zech. 8:23), whose eyes are being opened, and quit following the blind. Listen to "The Jewish Voice Today" on Sunday morning television Channel 13 at 7 a.m. (www.jewishvoice.org). The Church is totally unprepared for anything lying ahead. They are disillusioned by the "I'll fly away" doctrine: "I'm out of here! Eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow we fly!" attitude.

The tribulation will catch Gentiles totally unprepared due to this pre-tribulation theory (pre-trib rapture), just as did the flood in Noah's day. "They did eat, they drank, they married wives (to have babies), they were given in marriage (they attended weddings), UNTIL THE DAY that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood (type of the "falling away") came, and destroyed them all." (Lk. 17:27)

THE FIRST LIE - The earthly family and knowing each other in heaven

The Cross! What Is It?

“If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.” (Matt. 16:24)

This subject of what the cross is could be controversial. Joyce Meyers, a teacher I respect highly, says your cross is yourself. But how could that be when Jesus said you must first deny yourself before you can even think about taking up your cross?

The Apostle Paul once declared, *“But I speak this by permission, and not of commandment.”* (1 Cor. 7:6) Paul was on the subject of celibacy; *“It is good for a man not to touch a woman.”* (1 Cor. 7:1) He was giving his opinion; it was not a commandment of God. Will you grant me the same “permission” to speak, not as the oracles of God, but as a man who has experienced a lot of life in over 60 years in the Church? These are my conclusions of what “the cross” for the individual believer is.

If a Jew is converted to Jesus Christ, his own family will disown him. The family will even go one step further and conduct a mock funeral. He is declared dead as far as the family is concerned.

In Saudi Arabia, the father would kill the son because he disgraced Allah, the only true god. Likewise, in the cults such as the Mormons or Jehovah’s Witnesses, you are ostracized and no cult member will have anything to do with you.

Just supposing you were only 17 years old and your mom and dad and brothers and sisters disowned you? What do you think this young man’s cross would be? All he did wrong in the eyes of the family was find Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and was thus born again. To J.W.’s there is no hell fire and brimstone. According to them, Jesus is an elder brother of Lucifer. It is Jehovah that is God. You mock the true God, Jehovah, by making such a claim of salvation through God’s Son.

In Matthew’s account of “denial,” we read, *“But whosoever shall DENY me before men (including your own family), him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.”* (Matt. 10:33) On the same subject, *“If any man will come after me, let him (first) deny himself.”* (Matt. 16:24)

Matthew continues, *“Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came NOT to send peace, but a sword.”* (Matt. 10:34) I have heard thousands of sermons through church, radio and books; and I am a graduate of Bible College. I have yet to hear a preacher or teacher quote that scripture. If I depended on the pulpits to teach me the Bible, I would never know Jesus said that He came to send a sword! The very next verse explains what this sword of division will do to the earthly family (the cross).

“For I AM COME to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.” (Matt. 10:35) What kind of a Jesus is this that would come to divide a Tiger Woods and his father? Do you understand that a mother-daughter relationship is one of the tightest bonds on earth? Let one of them get genuinely converted and washed in the blood of the Lamb, and a sword of division has come between them.

Jesus confounds the language and communication between you and your family by the “new birth.” In building the tower of Babel, God confounded their communication. Nimrod could not understand the same language of his own people. When you get saved, the world thinks you are crazy, calling us “Holy Rollers,” simply over our allegiance to Christ.

But when it is your own family, your own flesh and blood, then this family you were born into becomes your cross. *“And a man’s foes shall be they of his own household.”* (Matt. 10:36)

See, you have a choice in many instances: one can deny Christ for the sake of peace, or become the sword that Jesus was referring to. If you can deny Christ to have peace at a family reunion, you will be at the head of the line to receive the mark of Antichrist. Why? Because you are a lover of peace at any price! The Church calls compromise, “love.” But Jesus said, *“I did not come to send peace, but a sword.”* Christians need to get out and picket abortion clinics, etc., but they don’t. Why? They are lovers of peace.

Rush Limbaugh believes John McCain would support legislation to rid America of its number one talk show host. Is McCain the next Earl Warren? He wears the sheep’s clothing of a conservative Republican, but has a 90% voting record with the Democrats. He is a darling of the NY Times and the news media. Recently, he held a town hall meeting in Scottsdale, AZ at the Scottsdale Center for the Arts. Christians who love freedom of speech had better start picketing to defend those rights. Rush, even though he is on loan from God, cannot alone save America from godless liberalism and humanism.

Rush Limbaugh drives Democrats nuts, and they will attempt to retaliate. John McCain is the Demon’s (short for Demon-crats) choice to accomplish the task. If a dog bites you once, it is the dog’s fault, but if the same dog bites you again, it is your fault. Earl Warren, as a Republican, bit us hard. Can we ever forget? Democrats believe in freedom of speech, but not for someone on the Right, like Sean Hannity, Bill O’Reilly, Rushbo and Fox News.

Your cross becomes your witness into whatever relationship you become involved. *“And ye are witnesses of these things.”* (Lk. 24:48) No one wants to hear you unless you first deny Christ and join the club. Then the world and your family will embrace you. They will love you to death! *“He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.”* (Matt. 10:37) I did not write these words! They are in red in your Bible because they first came from the lips of Jesus.

“For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.” (Matt. 16:25) Jesus is speaking of the family. Is it a cross? Or do you seek to save your life by creating a kingdom on earth? *“Kingdom (shall rise) against kingdom.”* (Matt. 24:7) Do you wish to play king over your kingdom in competition to God’s kingdom? The churches build up kings (their pastors) and allow them to create their own kingdoms. I once dethroned such a king (he called himself “the Kingfish”), and he spent time in San Quentin prison by the time I was through with him.

Kingdom vs. Kingdom

“For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.” (Matt. 24:7) In reality, the Church is challenging men to build a kingdom by the Church’s reliance on the flesh family for their existence. Those “angels” from your marriage are on loan from God who one day must be pushed from the nest, as an eaglet, to see if they can fly. If you build a kingdom, then you are the king, in control of your own kingdom. The kingdoms like the Kennedy’s and the Roosevelt’s are at variance with the

kingdom of God. The earthly family is Old Testament theology, along with being a landowner (the Prayer of Jabez was all about land).

“And whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.” I am 82 years old and because I lost my life (to a family kingdom) I found it in beautiful Mesa, AZ. Crosses are only made to die upon, and I found life.

God has a kingdom, but you are free to build your own. Nimrod of old built his to defy God. It was called the kingdom of Babel. (Gen. 10:10) Babel, or “confusion of languages,” stopped the building of the tower into the heavens.

Will We Know Each Other In Heaven?

Will we know each other in heaven? This is an age old question that was asked even of Jesus in Matt. 22:23-33. *“The Sadducees, which say that there is no resurrection, and asked him, saying, Master, Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother.”* In this question stemming from a religious hypocrite, the seven brothers all died and she was the wife of each of the seven. Hence, the question, *“Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her. Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.”* There is no sex in heaven. Sex is only for earthlings. Angels have no gender. There will be no denominations in heaven. There will be no families in heaven, but God’s family, who is the Father of us all.

Man wants to make heaven just like earth. Heaven is far superior to anything you will ever know on earth. The Bible speaks not of houses, but of mansions. *“In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.”* (Jn. 14:2) I believe every elder in the Church will be the captain of his mansion. On earth our houses have become literal war zones. *“Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword...And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.”* (Matt. 10:34,36) These mansions in glory will be inhabited by those “spirits” the elder affected by his ministry on earth. I believe the mother of Jesus will live in Apostle John’s mansion. Jesus said to John from the cross regarding Mary, *“Behold thy mother!”* (Jn. 19:27) The flesh family is what lives in houses with their “household” on earth. I am now living in a mansion in Mesa, AZ.

Roe v. Wade

Do you think the women of today could accept the fact that God had communicated with her husband? Ever since “Roe v. Wade” a woman has been elevated to the same status as was in the mind of Lucifer, the son of the morning. Whatever the Supreme Court declares as the truth, somehow has a way of infiltrating the Church. We are supposed to be “the people of the Book,” but in practice fall far short.

Roe v. Wade says the woman is as a “little god” over her own body. As a god she can murder the unborn. Hitler killed 6 million Jews. At the rate we are going in the U.S., we will murder that many babies every year. Is it any wonder we open our doors to immigrants! We have killed our own citizens!

Strangely, we now have 8 million Muslims in our land to replace the unborn. Will these same Muslims kill us Christians as they are taught to do in their Koran? *“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”* (Gal. 6:7)

THE SECOND LIE - The pre-trib rapture doctrine

Two Events Precede the Rapture

Two events must occur first before one can know *“that the day of Christ (the rapture) is at hand.”* Paul says, *“Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, EXCEPT*

#1 - there come a falling away first, and

#2 - that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition.” (2 Thess. 2:2-3)

The first event that must transpire is the great “falling away” from everything even resembling the truth. When will this occur? Are we now in the “falling away” the Bible is referring to? The great “falling away” is a falling away directly in connection to the revealing of the “man of sin, the son of perdition.” (2 Thess. 2:3)

To correctly interpret the “falling away,” you must first repent of the false assumption of a “pre-tribulation” rapture doctrine. It is true the early Church believed Christ could come in their lifetime. Why? The entire Church believed Caesar was the Antichrist. Why wouldn’t they? All the Apostles, except John, were martyred by this beast of a man; Caesar, who was god to all Romans, and Antichrist to all Christians. (2 Thess. 2:3) Why wouldn’t believers believe Christ would return in their lifetime? Read Foxe’s Book of Martyrs. Television will play a film in Caesar’s remembrance on Sunday, May 29, 2003. All Antichrist is is a reinstatement of Caesar back on his throne. Rome ceases to exist only when the Man on a white horse descends out of heaven. Then One greater than Caesar makes his debut. *“And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.”* (Rev. 19:11) You saw the uproar of George W.’s war. How about when the King of Kings makes war with the coming Caesar and the earthlings that follow him to win the battle of Armageddon?

This next Caesar will come out of Europe whenever the European Common Market of nations decides upon one man to represent them. Perry Stone and Benny Hinn believe he will come out of the Middle East, and is a Muslim.

It looks like the E.U. dollar will be the future standard for the world. The E.U. dollar is currently 29% more valuable than the American dollar. Foreign investors, according to the newspapers, are already liquidating their American assets and investing them in Europe. Alan Greenspan can cause the demise of America by simply raising interest rates. I am surprised that he has gone along with George W. and lowered interest rates. Perhaps the reason is because George W., a graduate of Yale, joined the secret order of Skull and Bones.

Paul’s life was spared simply because he was a Roman. George W. was simply following in the footsteps of his father who was also Skull and Bones. Shortly after his initiation he began drinking

excessively. The father never got drunk, but following his successful war with Iran he made the first announcement of the New World Order.

However, the son had to turn to Jesus Christ to conquer his sin of drinking that would have destroyed his life. (Wouldn't it have been great if Janet Reno had repented of her lesbianism?) The appointment of John Ashcroft, an Assemblies of God Pentecostal preacher's son to Attorney General is the proof of a genuine conversion. John Ashcroft's father was my very first pastor in Evanston, IL. His mother's prayers are what brought me into the kingdom of God. Now you know the rest of the story!

My prediction of who will be the Antichrist? John Hagee teaches a revived "Fourth Reich," and that Antichrist will come out of Germany. American troops are now coming out of Germany, leaving them free to build their own army for the first time since WWII. In this recent turmoil with Iraq, we discovered the hatred Germany and France have for America. John Hagee could be right, but I believe Prince Charles of England will be the man the European Common Market nations will select as their premier. Please read The Antichrist and a Cup of Tea by Tim Cohen, a Messianic Jew. Of course, if this happens, then Prince William would succeed to the throne of England. Imagine a handsome bobby-soxer King of England? God surely knows how to close out an age. God surely has a sense of humor as He watches men in their defiance. *"Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts."* (Rev. 9:21)

TBN Debaters

Some years back this question of when the rapture would occur was debated on television on TBN, with Paul Crouch as the moderator.

Hal Lindsey
Pre-tribulation

Steuart McBirnie
Mid-tribulation

Doug Clark
Post-tribulation

Steuart McBirnie – The Winner

Recently TBN did a rerun of this classic debate. Steuart McBirnie was the winner! Steuart McBirnie is more famous for his radio presentation of the gospel. It is by far less expensive financially to preach on radio than television, although Paul Crouch, through his TBN network, has reduced the cost by at least half for preachers who could never afford television. We don't know if this will prove to be a blessing or a curse! Only time will tell.

Steuart McBirnie says the "pre-tribbers" don't have a single scripture to substantiate their position biblically.

Hal Lindsey, The Debater Representing the Pre-Tribbers!

I thought for sure Hal Lindsey would use Revelation 4:1. Jesus invited one man, Apostle John, to *"Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter."* The "pre-tribbers" would have the entire Church of Jesus Christ raptured at this time when it is evident they had no such invitation. I

give Hal Lindsey credit (even though I believe he believes it) for not saying Rev. 4:1 is the rapture! However, Jack Van Impe and most of the Church support this position of Dr. C.I. Scofield!

Apostle John Had a Mandate

John had a mission: to give us the book of Revelation. Jesus commanded John, *“Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter.”* (Rev. 1:19) Due to this commandment, John’s work was cut out for him. In order to complete the writing of Revelation, the Apostle John needed to be raptured. If you go through the revelation looking for the number of times John uses the pronoun “I”, it is amazing. “I saw.” “I heard.” “An angel spoke to me.” Apostle John had a purpose for being in heaven--to record all these events.

The only reason the Church is going to heaven, the scholars tell us, is to get married to the Lamb! Does it take seven years to get married? I believe this wedding is on earth, just prior to the Millennium.

Wrong Scripture Chosen to Establish Mid-Trib Rapture

Steuart McBirnie, in this great TBN debate, quoted the scripture, Revelation 11:18. *“Thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged.”* Read Revelation 11:15-19 to get it in context.

Steuart pointed out that the first time Antichrist is mentioned in scripture is the 13th chapter of Revelation. I agree with Steuart McBirnie’s position, except in using Revelation 11:18 as the rapture. It is not the rapture but rather a picture of the Great White Throne Judgment; the “time of the dead to be judged.” *“And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is THE BOOK OF LIFE.”* (Rev. 20:12) Those Christians unworthy to rule and reign with Christ for 1,000 years will be there to see if their names have been blotted out through their disobedience. *“And the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.”* Christians are never judged “according to their works.” *“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast.”* (Eph. 2:8-9) Dead Christians (lukewarm, or those “saved as by fire”) could be judged by the Holy Ghost (sitting upon His White Throne) for blasphemy. How do you know if God the Holy Ghost will not be your judge? You could be cited for contempt if you addressed the Judge as “Holy Spirit.” (NIV)

Steuart McBirnie then began again to point out the rapture in the Bible. “Turn to 2 Thessalonians 2:1,” said Dr. McBirnie, and he began reading, *“‘Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him.’* This is speaking of the rapture,” said Dr. McBirnie! Seemingly the entire panel of debaters of scripture agreed on this one.

The following verse reads concerning this great event, *“That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ (the rapture) is at hand (imminent).”* (2 Thess. 2:2) In the rebuttal of this scripture, Hal Lindsey centered upon the fact the apostles possessed such a letter. To establish the “pre-trib” position, one must read into scripture

something that simply does not exist. Paul is simply saying that even though you possessed such a letter, written by the apostles, don't believe it!

Hal Lindsey Chides Steuart McBirnie

Hal Lindsey made a chide remark to Steuart McBirnie's position as a "mid-tribber," by stating, "The Bible says, *'But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.'*" (Matt. 24:36) Hal continues, "As a mid-tribber, whenever a seven year peace agreement is consummated with Israel, I can count the numbers to 3½ years and tell you the day of the rapture."

Mr. McBirnie answered that he didn't believe that Christ would come on the exact day, 3½ years into the tribulation. The Bible says we will not know the day nor the hour, "*But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you...But ye, brethren, are not in darkness (we know the times and seasons), that that day (day of Christ) should overtake you as a thief. Ye are the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night (like the pre-tribbers) nor of darkness (as the amillennialists).'*" (1 Thess. 5:1,4-5)

Pre-Tribbers Totally Unprepared for Future

All of our present day TBN prosperity messengers are pre-tribbers, and hence do nothing to prepare the Church for what lies ahead. In a sense, these TBN apostles are guilty, "*And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion (the pre-trib rapture doctrine), that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.'*" (2 Thess. 2:11-12)

Pre-tribbers are like the foolish rich man who said, "*This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; (Soul) take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.'*" (Lk. 12:18-19) Can you imagine a man talking to his own soul?

I remember meeting a man at a Jimmy Swaggart gospel meeting who told me how he bought the Kenneth Copeland teaching tapes and became a millionaire. At the time, Jimmy Swaggart was following behind every Kenneth Copeland revival to warn the people not to discard their glasses until God healed them. Too many drivers were running into lampposts following a Kenneth Copeland revival. "Take your glasses off as an act of faith. By His stripes you were healed," screamed Copeland. Jimmy Swaggart felt compassion for those running into lampposts.

In other words, they could not read the "signs of the times." The Bible says, "*And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!*" (Matt. 24:19) This is no time for creating your own earthly kingdom. Life cannot go on as it has. This is the message of Luke 17:26.

The first 3½ years is the period of the great "falling away." Are you being prepared to die (rather than live) by your Sunday morning message? "*And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; AND they loved not their lives unto the death.'*" (Rev. 12:11)

If you're a mother with child who needs milk, you will take "the mark" to save the child. The reason you are caught in this position is because no one warned you! You never understood "the signs of the

times,” or else you would have probably stayed single. *“There is a difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.”* (1 Cor. 7:34)

Cpt. Nelson’s Position Supports Dr. McBirnie’s

My text in defending Dr. Steuart McBirnie’s position in this debate would have been, *“And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; BLOOD, and fire, and vapour of smoke: the sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into BLOOD, BEFORE that great and notable day of the Lord come.”* (Acts 2:19-20) Obviously, the moon must turn to BLOOD before the rapture can take place. I stumbled upon this truth by tracing all the scriptures relative to the “moon turning to BLOOD.” I encourage you to do the same.

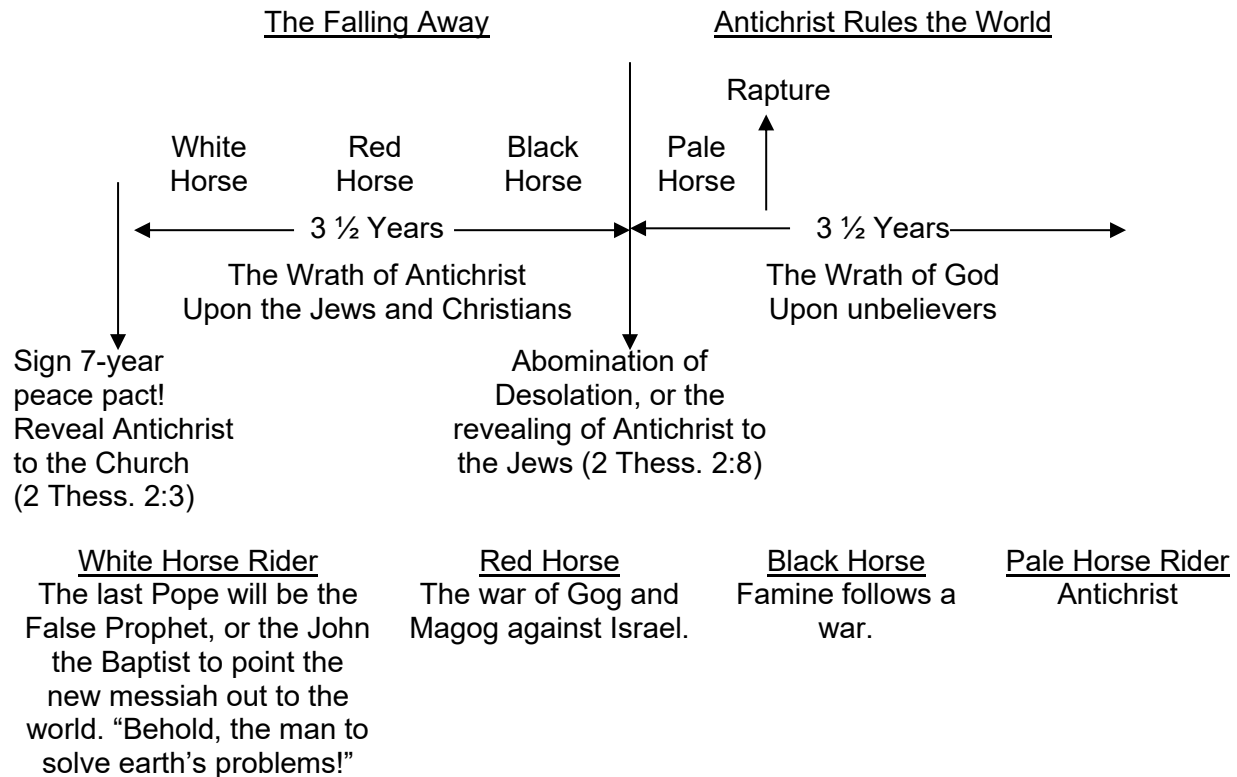
The pre-tribbers use Revelation 4:1 in seeking a scriptural foundation for their doctrine. Instead, they should have searched the scriptures for the SIGN, the moon turning to BLOOD, to take place prior to the rapture. If you pursue that study as I suggested, you will be convinced the rapture takes place with the opening of the sixth seal. *“And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake (a wake-up call); and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, AND THE MOON BECAME AS BLOOD.”* (Rev. 6:12) That, my friend, is the sign that we are in the same timeframe Peter spoke of on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2:19, *“BLOOD, and fire, and vapour of smoke,”* prior to His coming.

In this opening of the sixth seal, *“The heaven departed as a scroll.”* (Rev. 6:14) Why? To allow the entire Church of Jesus Christ entrance into heaven. In Revelation 4:1, only one man is raptured. *“Come up hither (John).”* But when the entire Church from all over the world is raptured *“in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye”* (1 Cor. 15:52), one must make a large hole in the heavens for immediate passage, hence, *“The heaven departed as a scroll.”*

It is right after this event, in the following chapter, that *“a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues”* is seen in heaven. (Rev. 7:9) It is evident this multitude were new arrivals into heaven, thus prompting the question, *“And one of the elders answered, saying unto me (Apostle John), What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?”* (Rev. 7:13) This elder is perhaps one of the 24 elders (Rev. 4:4) whom John first saw upon his arrival in heaven. Isn’t it a strange paradox that the pre-tribbers, who outlawed “elders” in their own churches, use the sight of the 24 elders in heaven as proof of the Church being in heaven. Their own conscience condemns them by their own interpretation.

The elder asked Apostle John, *“Whence came they?”* He had been wandering around up there in heaven and had never seen the likes of this multitude. *“And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”* (Rev. 7:14) This is the blood-bought Church of Jesus Christ. *“For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living foundations of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.”* (Rev. 7:17)

DANIEL'S 70TH WEEK



THE THIRD LIE - Government (the "hireling" and "lord" are taboo)

Paul, a Masterbuilder (1 Cor. 3:10)

Do you know what it is to hear the voice of God? Don't you think the voice of God is a Holy Ghost commandment? Paul calls himself a "love slave" of the Lord Jesus Christ. What rights does a slave have? Paul did not obey rules and regulations of man, but rather denounced them. *"But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which THEY (Who is the "they"? The religionists.) call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers."* (Acts 24:14) *"For we have found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes: who also hath gone about to profane the temple: whom we took, and would have judged according to our law."* (Acts 24:5-6)

In Acts 21:28 some Jews from Asia who had already attended one of Paul's revival meetings, screamed out to warn Apostle James, *"Crying out, Men of Israel, help: This is the man, that teacheth all men every where"*

- #1 - *against the people (Israel),*
- #2 - *and the law (Moses),*
- #3 - *and this place (the Jewish temple):*
- #4 - *and further brought Greeks (Titus) also into the temple,*
- #6 - *and hath polluted this holy place (with heathens)."*

Apostle Paul was “obedient unto the heavenly vision,” and could care less what people thought about it. His mission was not into numbers of people, nor the success of pulling a huge offering. *“I have coveted no man’s silver, or gold, or apparel. Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.”* (Acts 20:33-34) Paul was a tent maker. He supported his entire gospel team by selling the tents he made with his hands.

Paul Laid the Foundation

This was the foundation Paul, as a wise master builder laid. *“I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.”* (1 Cor. 3:10) One could not “hire” Paul to preach, and he refused to be a *“lord over God’s heritage.”* (1 Pet. 5:3)

The Church was an individual cell (or organism), not an organization. When will the Church begin to build upon the foundation that has already been laid with government, not dictatorship, in the Church? No man is holy enough to qualify as the head, except Jesus.

Babel of Tongues and Their Tower

Strangely, the Babel of Tongues (Pentecostals) today, is once again building a tower to reach into the heavens, called TBN (Trinity Broadcasting Network). You ask the question: “Why do you liken the TBN to Nimrod’s Tower of Babel?” It is because it is owned and directed by one man, Paul Crouch, as was the Tower of Babel.

There is no question in my mind that TBN is a prophetic fulfillment of Matthew 24:14. *“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a WITNESS unto all nations; and then shall the end come.”* The end of an age – the age of grace and the beginning of the “falling away.” It is not the sign of the rapture as many are led to believe. The end signifies the beginning of something else. The something else is the great “falling away,” foretold by the Apostle Paul that precedes the revealing of the Antichrist to the Jews. *“But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.”* (Matt. 24:13)

Believing Christians of the day will already know who he is by the signing of a seven year peace pact with Israel. Meanwhile the Jews still believe the Antichrist is their promised Messiah.

The War Of Gog And Magog

Pastor John Hagee is a Pre-Tribber

Pastor John Hagee made the prediction of when the rapture would occur. John Hagee is a pre-tribber, thus cannot see what is self-evident. Anyway, Pastor John Hagee predicted that this victory of George W. Bush’s war would line up the nations for the next war, “The Battle of Gog and Magog” described in Ezekiel 38. Thus far, I totally agree with him.

As a pre-tribber, John Hagee said the rapture would transpire just prior to this war of Gog and Magog. Invariably, these big preachers are blinded to the fact that two separate wars are yet to be fought on planet Earth. The war of Gog and Magog is a war principally between Russia and Israel. Armageddon involves all the nations of the earth coming against Israel. John Hagee treats this as one episode of war leading directly into Armageddon. In his view, Gog is the leader of the Fourth Reich.

The scripture is very plain on this subject of these two wars. Read Ezekiel 39:1-16 in context. *“And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth,”* after the battle of Gog and Magog, *“and shall set on fire and burn the weapons...with fire seven years...And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land. Yea, all the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a renown the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord GOD.”* (Ezk. 39:9,12)

According to Ezekiel 39:14, seven months shall be needed to “cleanse the land.” This gives another clue to when this prophecy might be fulfilled. According to Numbers 19, anyone who touches a dead body must be cleansed within a seven-day period with water mixed with ashes of the unblemished red heifer. This is why Ezekiel 39 says that for seven months the people of Israel will only place markers to point out where dead bodies lie. After seven months, Israel will employ people to bury the dead because they will be able to return from their work and be cleansed within the required time specified by Numbers 19.

Israel will call the valley where Gog is defeated the "valley of Haman-Gog" Ezekiel 39:11. The Hebrew word Haman used in Ezk. 39 is the same as the name Haman, the enemy who tried to destroy the Israelites in the Book of Esther. The feast of Purim, from the Book of Esther, celebrates the miraculous defeat of Haman and forces allied against Israel. Ezk. 38-39 predicts a future miraculous defeat of Israel's enemies, the forces of "Haman-Gog". As Purim approaches, notice how the tensions between Israel and Arab nations steadily increase. Could this prophetic war occur soon, culminating on Purim? ¹

A minister on TBN predicted the George W. Bush war to commence on the day of Purim, and it happened!

Is the Red Horse Rider Typical of the Battle of Gog and Magog?

The battle of Gog and Magog could be representative of the rider on the red horse, or the opening of the second seal, or could happen at any time soon.

“Thus saith the Lord GOD; It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought...and thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages...to take a spoil, and to take a prey.”

“And thou (Russia) shalt come from thy place out of the north parts (north of Jerusalem), thou, and many people with thee...and thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud (airplanes) to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.” (Ezk. 38:10-16)

As Russia and her captain, Gog, with her allies, Persia (Iran), Ethiopia, Libya, Gomer (North Central Asia Minor – Cappadocia), Togarmah (Turkey) descend upon Israel (Ezk. 38:5-6), the Bible tells us exactly how weak the West is as they look on in dismay. “These are all Islamic nations that follow Russia, the land of Magog (Russia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan).”² I believe Gog and Antichrist are two separate individuals that are captains of different wars.

¹ <http://www.mt.net/~watcher/magog1.html>

² Tim LaHaye, “Is the United States in Bible Prophecy?”

The NATO Nations Ask a Question

“Sheba, and Dedan (Saudi Arabia), and the merchants of Tarshish (Spain) with all the young lions thereof.” These nations, probably representing NATO, ask Gog this question, *“Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil (plunder)?”* from Israel (Ezk. 38:13)

The “Young Lions” Include the USA

The “young lions” mentioned include Canada, USA, Australia and represent the entire British Empire. We are tied to “the lion” through the signing of the Federal Reserve Act on December 24, 1913. The International Bankers now own you! The House of Rothschild is your “Massa.”

You see how respectful all the Congressmen are to the “Massa’s” representative, Alan Greenspan? Democrats and Republicans can fight like hell, but they are so mannerly when sitting at the feet of “Massa’s” representative for Frankfurt, Germany, the chief Central Bank of Europe and birthplace of Mayer Amschel Rothschild.

We are totally helpless as we watch Israel being plundered by Gog and her allies! But God! God, not the U.N., shows up to defy Gog. Gog has no fear of the U.N., but probably uses that organization to pursue after the oil she needs to be a super power.

Pre-Wrath Rapture Doctrine

The first 3½ years of Daniel’s 70th week is this predicted “falling away.” *“And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them.”* (Rev. 13:7) I believe this is describing the first 3½ years. To the Church of Philadelphia the Lord says, *“Behold, I come quickly!”* (Rev. 3:11) I believe in a “pre-wrath” rapture. The Church escapes the last 3½ years of the great tribulation termed as “God’s wrath” upon mankind, a type of the flood in Noah’s day. The first 3½ years is Antichrist’s wrath upon the Church, creating the “falling away.” According to Luke 17:29, *“But the same day”* that Antichrist is revealed and a rapture transpires, is only possible with the mid-trib (or pre-wrath) theology.

Great White Throne

Lukewarm and “Saved as by Fire” Being Judged

The DEAD sinners will be judged by WORKS, but the DEAD Christians will be judged by “Holy Ghost Commandments.” (Acts 1:2) Most Christians are like those Paul addressed in Ephesus; *“We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.”* (Acts 19:2)

When Jesus ascended into heaven, the Holy Ghost took His place on earth. Does that shock you? The Holy Ghost gave out commandments, even before the day of Pentecost! Read Acts 1:2; *“After that he THROUGH THE HOLY GHOST had given COMMANDMENTS unto the apostles whom he had chosen.”*

The World Bible Publishers, Inc., that publishes the Scofield Study Bible, has incorrectly named the book of Acts, calling it “The Acts of the Apostles.” In reality, it should be called, “The Acts of the Holy Ghost.” Why are believers so ashamed of the Holy Ghost? Part of the reason is the publishing houses

produce Bibles for Christian timidity toward the Holy Ghost. The Catholics are not ashamed of the name “Holy Ghost,” even naming a festival after the Holy Ghost.

We, as Protestant Christians, are quicker to give glory to an angel than we are to honor the “Acts of the Holy Ghost.” The apostles could have accomplished nothing without the enduement of power they received on the day of Pentecost. Only one time in scripture is the Holy Ghost referred to as the Holy Spirit. (Lk. 11:13) According to Strong’s He is called the Holy Ghost ninety times. Which name do you think you should use for the third member of the Godhead?

This is one more reason why American Christians despise the King James Version of the Bible. “*Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do ALWAYS resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.*” (Acts 7:51) The Judge at the Great White Throne may be the Holy Ghost. You, who have no respect for His name will stand on trial. Do you really want another Bible?

“Dead” Christians at the Great White Throne Judgment are not going to be judged over the things they “say.” “*If ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed.*” (Matt. 21:21) If God answered everything “you say or speak,” you would be a “little god” and could be destroyed through your own pride.

But, when the Holy Ghost gives commandments, this is a quite another thing! Now we’re talking about being “*disobedient unto the heavenly vision.*” (Acts 26:19) Where do you suppose Paul’s soul would go if he were “*disobedient unto the heavenly vision*”?

These “*gifts and calling of God are without repentance.*” (Rom. 11:29) Why are they without repentance? Why did Paul say, “*Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!*” (1 Cor. 9:16) “*For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required.*” (Lk. 12:48) Did the Apostle Paul have a choice once God called out to him in an audible voice, “*Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?*” (Acts 22:7)

Book of Life is Opened! Why?

The question of when will Christ return to earth has not been answered as yet in this exegesis. If I were on that panel as one of the debaters, of course I would stand with Steuart McBurnie. But to substantiate my position, I would never use Revelation 11:18, the “time of the dead” scripture.

If you read this in context, Revelation 11:15-19, this occurs with the sounding of the seventh trumpet, or the “last trump.” “*And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus...and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead (those saved as by fire) lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection.*” (Rev. 20:4-6)

The implication is that just because you weren’t found worthy to get out of Dodge on the first train, a second train, or second resurrection, would rescue those who were “*saved; yet so as by fire.*” (1 Cor. 3:15) If this were not so, why would the Book of Life be opened at the final Great White Throne

Judgment? *“And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is THE BOOK OF LIFE.”* (Rev. 20:12)

When you accepted Christ as your Saviour, your name was written down in the Book of Life. Do you really think God would throw you into the Lake of Fire without first checking the Book of Life to see if your name has not been blocked out?

Blasphemy of the Holy Ghost

There is really only one unpardonable sin that will definitely blot your name out of the Lamb's Book of Life. *“Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.”* (Matt. 12:31) First off, only born again believers can commit blasphemy! You need to watch your tongue when you lash out at (often silly) Pentecostal preachers. *“Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.”* (Ps. 105:15) You could get your name blotted out of the Lamb's Book of Life by your own tongue. To commit blasphemy one must know what he is doing by attributing the miracles of Jesus to the devil. A sinner doesn't know whether either God or the devil exists!

Church dogma that the Great White Throne Judgment is limited to sinners only, is another fabrication of the Church. A man or woman “saved as by fire” is neither holy nor blessed with all their works burned up by the fire. Is Jesus going to make such a one a ruler during the Millennium? This is absolutely ludicrous! They were incapable of ruling their own body, so now they will *“rule and reign with Christ for a thousand years”*? It's a preposterous lie of the devil!

Oral Roberts and William Branham

One thing the Oral Roberts Healing Campaigns accomplished was to silence the blasphemers of the Holy Ghost. I heard Dr. H.A. Ironsides in his Moody Bible Church in Chicago say, “All manner of speaking in tongues is of the devil.” I saw the marquee on J. Vernon Magee's church in Los Angeles advertising his sermon, “All manner of speaking in tongues is of the devil.” I believe Dr. Donald Barnhouse was guilty of this same theology. In the world that I grew up in, these were the leading Apostles to explain the faith. Most, if not all, are graduates of Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS) in Dallas. God help us! Thank God for another day!

Dr. D. James Kennedy is a graduate of this same school, DTS, but is not a blasphemer as were his alma mater graduates. These boys learned to close their mouth ever since the rise of William Branham and Oral Roberts. It takes power to close the mouth of lions!

Signs

God Has An Appointment For the Rich (Jas. 5:1-6)

The final sign is these rich Christians! I ask you, Do they talk to their soul? And, if they do, what do they say? I know what God says. *“Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. Behold, the hire of the labourers* (American Christians hire Mexicans and then cheat them out of their wages. They are defenseless against the great Americano!) *who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back*

by fraud, CRIETH: and the CRIES of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth...Ye have condemned (Gk.- pronounced guilty)...and he doth not resist.” (Jas. 5:3-6) A Mexican, or any minority, has no defense but God!

The cries of these Mexican laborers working among you Americanos enter into the ears of the Lord God Sabaoth (meaning “Lord of Hosts). This is the God that destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah just to spare Lot, his wife and two daughters. Christians, in all your prosperity, you must be careful not to anger this Lord of Hosts. *“Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that SHALL come upon you!”* (Jas. 5:1) This is a prophecy that will come to pass, but never referred to in any American pulpit. Jesus cannot come until this prophecy is fulfilled. *“Your riches are corrupted, and your (fancy) garments are moth-eaten.”* (Jas. 5:2) We are exhorted in James 5:7 to *“Be patient (this sign will happen) therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord.”* You want a SIGN of God’s return? There are only two gods! Jesus warned us, *“Ye cannot serve God and mammon (god).”* (Lk. 16:13) God will have His last word against Aaron’s calf of gold before we leave Egypt (this world).

The Mark is Ready, But Are You?

“But this I say, brethren, the time is short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none.” (1 Cor. 7:29) Would you take “the mark” to save your wife or your children? The normalcy of living is what Luke 17:28-29 is all about. *“Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot (they had the prosperity message); they did eat, they drank, they bought (on credit), they sold (for cash), they planted, they builded; but the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.”* Lot and his wife and two daughters were all that escaped from Sodom. They lost all their earthly possessions in their flight.

Remember Lot’s Wife

And finally, we are given a somber warning, *“Remember Lot’s wife.”* What does it mean? Luke 17:32 is the second shortest verse in the Bible. Lot’s wife never heard the voice of the two angels. She received the message secondhand from her husband. As in the garden of Eden, God told Adam, *“And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the LORD God commanded THE MAN (Eve was not created at the time) saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”* (Gen. 2:15-17) God is a person of few words! He never has to repeat Himself, like your preacher giving you the same warning Sunday after Sunday. “Repent or go to hell!”

At best, Eve got the message second hand from her husband. I am confident that the two visiting angels only spoke to Lot. *“And the men (the angels) said UNTO LOT, Hast thou here any besides (those living in your house)? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place: for we will destroy this place.”* (Gen. 19:12-13) Lot’s wife was not present. Would Lot’s wife have “looked back” had she heard the angel’s speaking to her? We will never know, will we?