

2 Thessalonians 2:7-12 ⁷ For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. ⁸ And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: ⁹ Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, ¹⁰ And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹ And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: ¹² That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

AMPLIFIED ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness – that hidden principle of rebellion against constituted authority – is already at work in the world, [but it is] restrained only until he who restrains is taken out of the way. ⁸ And then the lawless one (the Antichrist) will be revealed and the Lord Jesus will slay him with the breath of his mouth and bring him to an end by His appearing at His coming. ⁹ The coming [of the lawless one, the antichrist] is through the activity and working of Satan, and will be attended by great power and with all sorts of [pretended] miracles and signs and delusive marvels – [all of them] lying wonders – ¹⁰ And by unlimited seduction to evil and with all wicked deception for those who are (going to perdition,) perishing because they did not welcome the Truth but refused to love it that they might be saved. ¹¹ Therefore God sends upon them a misleading influence, a working of error and a strong delusion to make them believe what is false, ¹² In order that all may be judged and condemned who did not believe – who refused to adhere to, trust in and rely on – the Truth, but [instead] took pleasure in unrighteousness.

1 Peter 4:18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

AMPLIFIED And if the righteous are barely saved, what will become of the godless and wicked?

- The rapture of the church is very close at hand. The ONLY thing that restrains it is the Holy Ghost working in the church. The Antichrist cannot be revealed until he is taken “OUT OF THE WAY.”
- If it’s difficult for even the righteous to make it, where does that leave the backslider and the lost?
- I’m recording this message for those who are left behind after the Rapture of the church; you may have received this tape from a concerned friend or you may have remembered it from this service.
- By the time you hear this, the world will be a very different place; things I talk about fairly casually today will be horrifying daily reality for you. We can’t possibly understand the panic you feel.
- This tape is being made to answer some of your questions and give you guidance after the Rapture.

1. HOW DO I KNOW YOU’RE RIGHT?

- Because I’m recording this before the Rapture, based on information from God’s infallible Word.
- I may be wrong as to timing or small details, but only because my understanding is faulty.
- You will see details that we cannot, but you will find them contained in the Bible if you check it out.

2. WHO IS GONE, AND WHERE DID THEY GO?

- The Bride of Christ has been taken to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb; they wore His Name and were filled with His Spirit; they lived lives of dedication to Him; they were an oddity to the world.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 ¹³ But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. ¹⁵ For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: ¹⁷ Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

- They are gone to Heaven! The best way to describe Heaven is by contrast to earth (Revelation): no more night (22:5), no more curse (22:3), no more death (21:4), no more tears or pain (21:4).
- The New Jerusalem’s walls are 212 feet thick and 1500 miles high. The city would reach all the way from Maine to Florida and from the Atlantic Ocean to the state of Colorado. If the main avenues were a mile apart and a mile above one another, there would be no less than eight million avenues! If heaven contained rooms each a one-mile cube, it could contain 3,375,000,000 of them. If we started with the time of Adam and spent one hour in each room we would by now have visited less than one quarter of them! (G.T. Haywood)
- I will be gone! Most of the voices you hear on this tape will be gone! (“Millions Didn’t Make It ...”)

3. WHO IS LEFT, AND WHY DIDN’T THEY GO?

- The unsaved are left, the immoral and wicked as well as the good people who were not born again.
- Millions who were involved in false religions and cults around the world are left.
- Religious Christianity is left, millions of church members and pastors, Christian in name only.
- Those who were genuinely touched by His Spirit but refused His Name are left (millions of them!). Compare 1 Corinthians 12:3 with Matthew 7:21-23 - "spirit-filled believers" will be left behind!

1 Cor. 12:3 *Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.*

Matthew 7:21-23 ²¹ *Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.* ²² *Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?* ²³ *And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

- Thousands of leaders who preached and taught, sang and witnessed about the Rapture are left (virgins in Matthew 25 - all virgins, all expected Bridegroom, all slumbered - but five without oil!).
- Thousands of Apostolics who refused to let go of their worldly desires or secret sin are left (Hebrews 6:4-6 - stagnation, not growing in holiness, falling away is like crucifying Jesus again!).
Hebrews 6:4-6 ⁴ *For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, ⁵ And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, ⁶ If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put *him* to an open shame.*
- But saddest of all, many of those who had the opportunity to obey the NT message that would have put them in the Bride are left - including YOU, if you are listening to this before the Rapture occurs.

4. WHO IS THE GREAT POLITICAL LEADER WHO HAS EMERGED?

- He will probably come to power in the days of chaos immediately following the Rapture; he will be able to offer a calming, rational explanation for what has happened (spiritual evolution, UFO's, etc). Current movies and the New Age religion have paved the way for his rationalization of the Rapture!
- He will be acclaimed as the greatest leader in history. He will have amazing solutions to the world's problems, including the Mid-East Crisis. He will negotiate a 7-year peace treaty involving Israel, that will see construction on the Temple begin; thus, the Jews will hail him as their Messiah.
- However, he is not what he seems! He masks his hatred of God in economic and political policies.
- The Bible calls him the Antichrist, the Beast, the Lawless One, the Man of Sin, the Son of Perdition.
- **THERE MUST BE A GLOBAL CRISIS BEFORE ANTICHRIST'S SYSTEM WILL BE ACCEPTED!**
 - The Year 2000 (Y2K) problem dates back to 1960s and 1970s when computer memory was scarce and expensive. Programmers saved memory by expressing dates in two-digits instead of four. This saved millions of dollars at the time, but was fully expected to be replaced long before the 21st century.
 - However, many businesses around the world are still using computer mainframes developed over 30 years ago. They were programmed in COBOL, for which few programmers remain. If uncorrected, these systems will recognize 01/01/00 as January 1, 1900 or some other date. Other dates like September 9, 1999 could be a problem, since 09/09/99 has been used to tell older systems to "stop, end or quit." The year 2000 will be a leap year, which is even worse! January 1, 2000 is an unmovable, non-negotiable deadline ... and the clock is ticking!
 - From an article on the Stentor Website (parent company of NBTel): "The Year 2000 problem is a critical business issue – not just a technology issue. The Year 2000 problem affects practically anything that contains a microchip that processes or stores date information."
 - Dr. Ed Yardini, regarded by Wall Street Journal as "best economist in the nation": "There is an increasing chance that vital government services will be delayed, disrupted, pared, and curtailed in 2000 ... a severe global recession ... could last at least 12 months." He was publicly predicting a 40% chance of recession, then 60%, and just raised to 100% when the G8 Summit did not make Y2K their top priority. He estimates a one trillion dollar drop in gross domestic product and another trillion in stock market capitalization ... in the US alone!
 - Edward Yourdon, co-author of "Time Bomb 2000" and one of the world's leading software authorities: "One example of such a disaster would be a complete collapse of the nation's financial system that would effectively wipe out the accumulated wealth of the nation's citizens."
 - Arthur Gross, Chief Information Officer at the IRS: "Failure to achieve compliance with Year 2000 will jeopardize our way of living on this planet for some time to come."
 - An anonymous senior executive at Barclays Bank in London: "The average man or woman does not appreciate what is going to happen. I'm going to plan for the absolute worst – I am talking about the need to start buying candles, tinned food and bottled water from mid-1999 onwards."
- **IS THIS THE CRISIS WHICH WILL BRING IN A ONE WORLD ECONOMY AND GOVERNMENT?**
- **IF NOT THIS CRISIS, IT WILL CERTAINLY BE ANOTHER (MIDDLE EAST, NUCLEAR WAR).**

5. WHO IS THE GREAT RELIGIOUS LEADER WHO HAS EMERGED?

- He will be the head of a world church that merges all religions, probably in the office of the pope.
- He will have miraculous powers, able to call fire from Heaven and make the beast's image talk (Rev. 13:13-15). He will use these powers to convince men to follow the Antichrist.
- It is this False Prophet who will force men to receive a mark for them to be able to buy or sell. This is a system which demands allegiance to Antichrist and locks out all dissidents (Rev. 13:16-18).
- Evil has been unleashed to deceive man! Physical cures may bring with them spiritual bondage! Don't be deceived by supernatural power!
- THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT IS THE FORERUNNER OF THE ONE WORLD CHURCH!
 - **Pope John Paul II** repeatedly tells his weekly audience of visiting Christians at the Vatican that "Christian unity will not become a reality unless all churches accept the authority Christ entrusted to St. Peter and his successors." He told 523 charismatic delegates of their 4th International Conference in Rome that "Full ecumenicity means total unity with the Roman Catholic Church or Unity under the Papacy; the leadership and authority of the pop in the absolute sense. All the way and with all the family of nations."
 - **Transcript of a May 31, 1997 broadcast interview between Robert Schuller and Billy Graham:**
SCHULLER: Tell me, what do you think is the future of Christianity?
GRAHAM: Well, Christianity and being a true believer – you know, I think there's the Body of Christ. This comes from all the Christian groups around the world, outside the Christian groups. I think everybody that loves Christ, or knows Christ, whether they're conscious of it or not, they're members of the Body of Christ. And I don't think that we're going to see a great sweeping revival, that will turn the whole world to Christ at any time. I think James answered that, the Apostle James in the first council in Jerusalem, when he said that God's purpose for this age is to call out a people for His name. And that's what God is doing today, He's calling people out of the world for His name, whether they come from the Muslim world, or the Buddhist world, or the Christian world or the non-believing world, they are members of the Body of Christ because they've been called by God. They may not even know the name of Jesus but they know in their hearts that they need something that they don't have, and they turn to the only light that they have, and I think that they are saved, and that they're going to be with us in heaven.
SCHULLER: What, what I hear you saying that it's possible for Jesus Christ to come into human hearts and soul and life, even if they've been born in darkness and have never had exposure to the Bible. Is that a correct interpretation of what you're saying?
GRAHAM: Yes, it is, because I believe that. I've met people in various parts of the world in tribal situations, that they have never seen a Bible or heard about a Bible, and never heard of Jesus, but they've believed in their hearts that there was a God, and they've tried to live a life that was quite apart from the surrounding community in which they lived.
SCHULLER: I, I'm so thrilled to hear you say this. There's a wideness in God's mercy.
GRAHAM: There is. There definitely is.
 - **The Office of Religious Persecution Monitoring (ORPM)** has recently been proposed in a bill called the "Freedom from Religious Persecution Act" by Frank Wolf and 26 other US congressmen. Appointed by the US president, and under the administration of the UN, it will control all religious practice and worship on the planet. The office will evaluate all religions, approve or disapprove credentials for all ministers, establish national standards of acceptable religious practices, bring sanctions and penalties against individuals or churches who do not comply, punish any who commit "hate crimes" by asserting that their deity is exclusive or superior to others, forbid financial contributions to religious groups that are not "approved," seize property of those engaging in "unauthorized" religious activity, target "spiritually defective" individuals who refuse ecumenical religious unity for criminal prosecution under "hate crime" acts, work closely with law enforcement agencies to insure that religious unity laws are enforced, and guarantee every American "freedom" from dangerous and radical religious sects. LITERALLY, THE ORPM'S MANDATE IS TO OUTLAW AND ABOLISH BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY!
 - **The Religion and Cultural Diversity Conference** was held in July 1997 in Melbourne, Australia and included dignitaries from world's most prestigious religions, New Age foundations and World Councils. The conference saw the one cardinal sin of any religion as being ABSOLUTISM. Belief in absolute truth was decried as pride, refusal to embrace others, separatism which tended towards warlike aggression, bigotry and spiritual blindness. The predominant recommendation was that Interfaith training and dialogue must be embraced by all religions, with no exceptions. Religious disunity was blamed for most of the earth's ills. One address viciously attacked "fundamentalist Christians," calling them "mean-spirited, authoritarian, dictatorial and sometimes quite terrifyingly powerful, violent, aggressive, pathological and dangerous." This presenter said that fundamentalists go about "brandishing their floppy Bibles like weapons." The address finished with these remarks: "It is characteristic of Christian fundamentalism to adopt an isolated and socially divisive position ... most fundamentalism is an expression of what we call 'tribalism'."
 - **The one-world church**, in the making for over 150 years, was institutionalized as the United Religions Organization, or UR, in June 1997. It should be fully in place by June 2000, and globally operational by

June 2005. The headquarters will be at the Presidio in San Francisco. It is patterned completely after the UN.

6. WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?

- There will probably be initial panic after the Rapture, but this will soon be calmed by the Antichrist.
- However, very soon there will be wars, famine, plagues and death like the world has never seen.
- At some point, a coalition led by Russia will invade Israel, but 80% of their forces will be destroyed.
- The Antichrist will break his seven-year covenant with the Jews at the midpoint of it, then he will launch the worst persecution Israel has ever seen; all the nations of the world will join with him.
- By the midpoint of the Tribulation, over one-half of the world's population will have perished.
- Thousands of people who will not take the mark will be martyred during the Tribulation period.
- Eventually, the Antichrist's kingdom will be destroyed at the Battle of Armageddon by God Himself.
- This will usher in the Millennium, 1000 years of peace ruled by Christ and His Church.

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7. CAN I STILL BE SAVED?

- No one who takes the mark will ever be saved (Rev. 14:9-10); the price of refusal is your life.
- The Bride of Christ is completed at the Rapture. You will never be part of the church!

Revelation 14:9-10 ⁹ And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, ¹⁰ The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

- "But God couldn't do this!" - He abandoned Israel to evil after they persistently refused Him.
- You may be only interested in survival, not salvation, after the Rapture. The restraining influence of the Holy Ghost will be gone from the earth (2 Thess. 2:7) and evil will be given free reign. Seducing spirits will be loosed on earth to cause men to believe the lies of the Antichrist and False Prophet.

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

- If you refuse the mark, you will definitely die horribly and face God at the White Throne Judgment.
Revelation 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.
- Millions who did not hear the gospel or were taught wrong before the Rapture will be saved to live on a new earth, ruled over by the church. Many "christians" will be among them.
- If you knew about God's plan of salvation before the Rapture and refused it, most likely you will be a strong supporter of Antichrist's soothing lies. If you did not receive a love for the truth before the Rapture you will love a lie afterwards (2 Thess. 2:10-12). You will think of us as the deceived ones!

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- We will be back at Armageddon. If you survive until then, you will turn your weapons on us!
- If there is any desire to serve God left in you at all, you must resist and pay with your life!

8. IF YOU HEAR THIS BEFORE THE RAPTURE, LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION:

- If I were to offer you the choice of being a billionaire for one day then being tortured in jail for the rest of your life, or being tortured in jail for one day then being a billionaire for the rest of your life, which would you choose? If that choice is so obvious, why isn't your eternal choice obvious?
- Eternity with God is worth whatever I have to endure on the earth!
- Would it not be easier to serve God now, when His Spirit is still on the earth to draw and help you?
- If you hear this tape on both sides of the Rapture, you will long to feel this conviction once again!
- If you refuse to love and obey the truth today, you put yourself in danger of a strong delusion!
- THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT **TONIGHT** WE ARE STILL ON THIS SIDE OF THE RAPTURE!