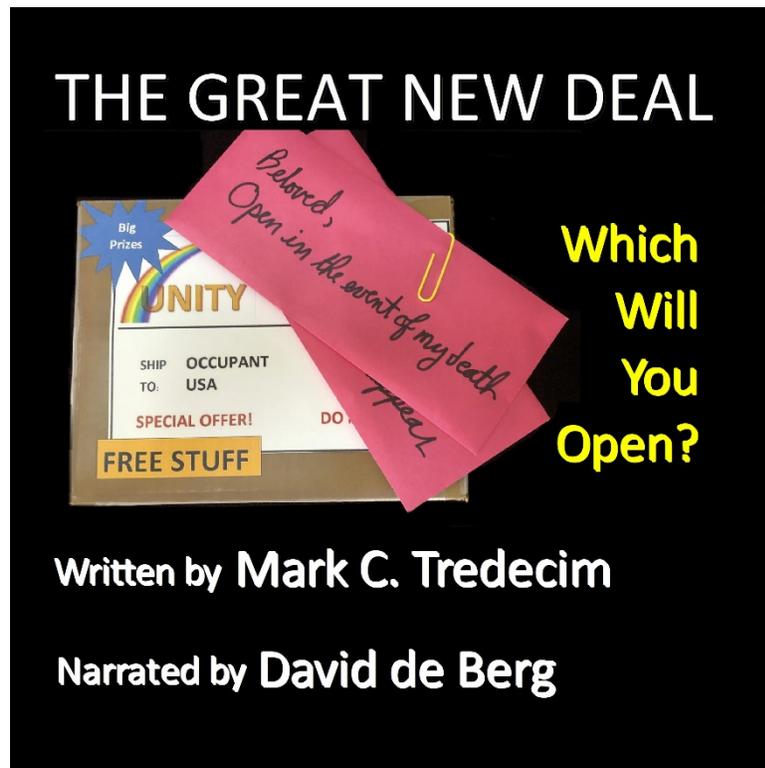


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Prologue for The Great New Deal

Prologue:

On August 25, 1939, a delightful movie was released, “The Wizard of Oz,” featuring wonderfully colorful characters, great music and imaginative drama. It was an adaptation from the great children’s book, “The Wonderful Wizard of Oz,” by L. Frank Baum (1900).

The movie delivered strong messages about love, family and home, and about the ability of small, weak everyday folks to overcome their own fears and defeat evil tyrants.

The audience was awed as the screen shifted from the black & white scenes of the real world to the vivid colors of the land of Oz, providing a metaphor of hope as it seemed the beginning of the end might be coming for the Great Depression in America. Viewers loved Judy Garland (Dorothy), Jack Haley (Tin Woodman), Bert Lahr (Cowardly Lion), Ray Bolger (Scarecrow) and the host of Munchkins. They reviled the evil witches of the West and East.

That summer of 1939, Americans celebrated the improving conditions but still wanted their government to focus on the continuing difficult economic conditions in America.

There were worries about the possibility of another European war. The Japanese Empire had invaded China and was conducting a brutal war there. But American isolationists argued that the United States would not need to become involved, citing its geographic separation from the combatants. Many placed their faith in purported American military strength (not entirely supported by reality). Some misguided Americans were enamored with false views of the “efficient” German state or the “workers’ paradise” of the communist Soviet Union.

England and France thought they could avert a war through diplomacy, having signed the Munich agreement with Germany in 1938.

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Meanwhile, Germany and the Soviet Union (Russia) had been building up their military forces. They had established totalitarian police states, oppressing their citizens through force, violence, fear and propaganda. Both cast covetous eyes on neighboring nations and grabbed what they could. On August 23, 1939, Hitler and Stalin signed a “deal with the devil,” a non-aggression pact (not to attack each other in the next 10 years).

The German invasion of Poland from the west began on September 1, 1939 and the Soviet Union invaded it from the east on September 17, 1939. The invaders carved up the spoils. England and France declared war on Germany and the Second World War officially began.

The Great New Deal pays homage to the 1939 movie. Fast forward eighty-some years for a fictional story set in a familiar time when America is dealing with a pandemic, economic difficulties and turmoil from social conflicts, and the republic is threatened by socialists bent on totalitarian control.

Dorothy is a nurse, living in Joplin, Missouri with her husband Brian. They are living ordinary lives, focused on their jobs and raising their 12-year-old son Rusty.

Brian’s parents live nearby in the small town of Spring City, Missouri. Their neighbors Leonard Lyon (a retired policeman) and Deputy Sheriff Tim Woodman have not yet been introduced to Dorothy or Brian.

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Solomon and Beckie Vogelscheuch (that's German for "scarecrow") have recently moved to Joplin from New Jersey. They are excited by the news that they are going to become parents in just a few months. Solomon serves as a nurse at the same hospital as Dorothy.

These are the prototypical Americans, who just want to live peaceful lives, pursue the American dream, and love their families and friends.

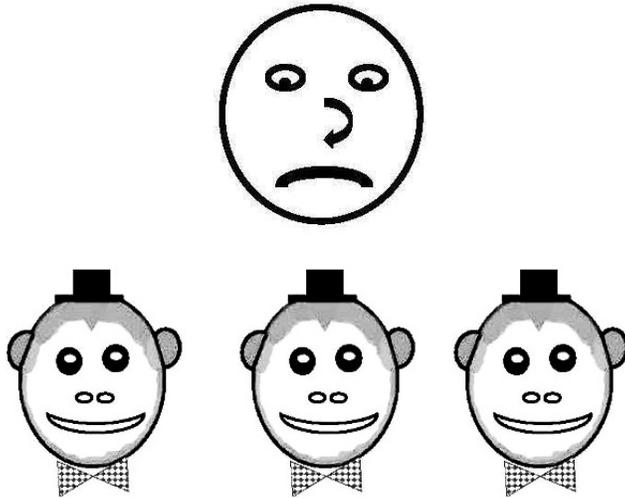
Their hopes and dreams are at odds with the powerful big city elites who seek a socialist utopia, ruled by technocrats, career politicians and bureaucrats, where government is the only god. Unlimited riches and power are their dream. At long last, their "progressive" schemes look to be coming to fruition.

None of these characters are aware of the real truth. Their plans and hopes are about to be shaken by the events recorded in Bible prophecies a couple thousand years before. The Great New Deal connects the events of today to the End Times prophecy in the Bible. Which side will you choose in this great spiritual war?

Illustrations from The Great New Deal

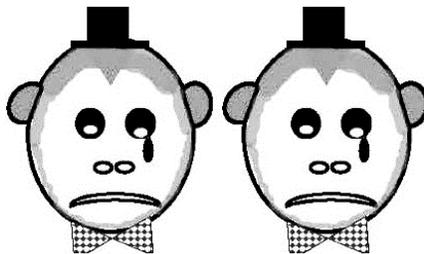
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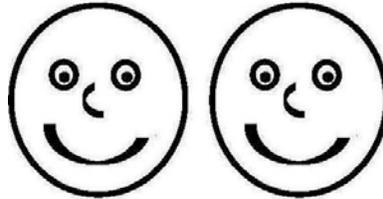
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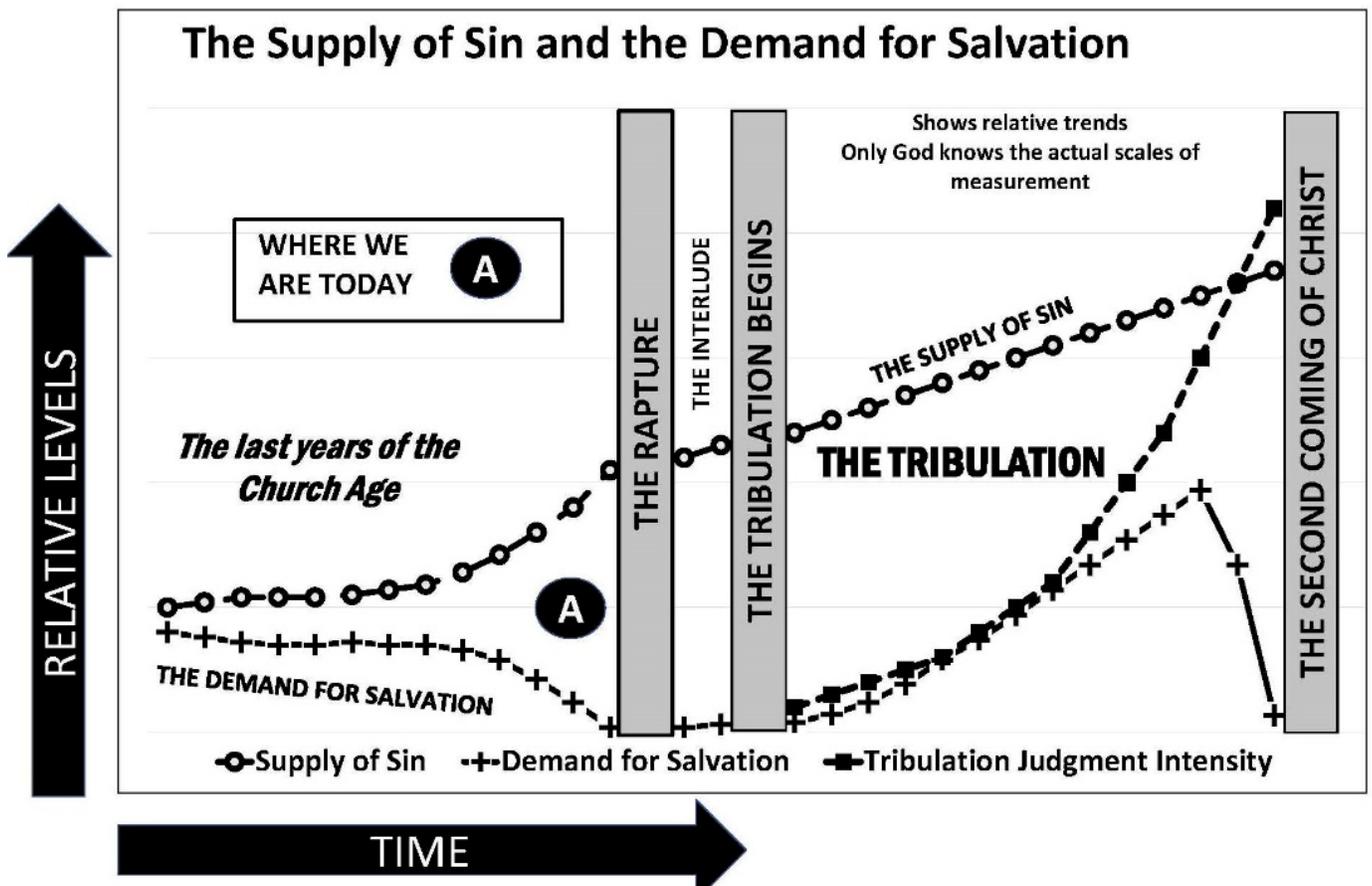
Chapter 18: The Wisdom of Solomon

Two happy brothers became brothers in Christ.



Solomon presents the “Supply and Demand” chart from *Lifeline for the Lost Sheep*.

Author’s note: The chart is explained further on pages 20-21 of The GND Study Companion.



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Chapter 19: The Scattering of Seeds

The Church Hour icon, a mash-up of a peace sign with a happy face emoji (with its mouth covered by a mask) was visible everywhere in the Church Hour television show. The Grand Archbishop Zelda Simtag said it represented *true peace and happiness, behind the face mask of good health.*

Rusty called the icon *The Great Monkey Bandit.*



Chapter 20: Far from Shangri-La



The President asked herself, *what do they want me to do, I'm not the Wizard of Oz!* **The next seven years were even worse,** as the Tribulation unfolded, precisely as described in the Bible. Prophetic mysteries were fulfilled and became history.



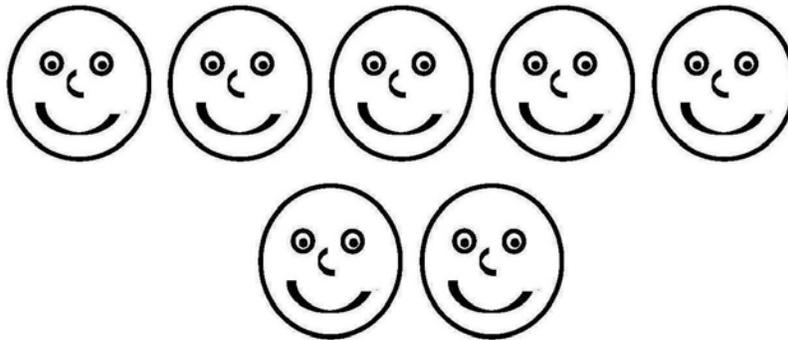
There was also much to celebrate.

At the end of the seven years, the Antichrist and False Prophet were tossed for eternity into the lake of fire. Their vast army was destroyed by Jesus at Armageddon. And Satan was placed into solitary confinement within the Abyss. During those seven years, a great many people came to faith in Christ. Most of these new believers perished in the Tribulation and joined the raptured believers in Heaven, but those believers who survived the Tribulation entered into the Millennial Kingdom, ruled by their Savior and King, Jesus Christ. In New Jersey, two brothers celebrated this day by singing the great American hymn written by Julia Ward Howe, "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory."

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Afterword

After the 1,000 year Millennial Kingdom, which has been ruled perfectly by Jesus, Satan is thrown forever into the lake of fire. **All of the believers in Jesus live forever with him, enjoying eternal justice, truth, love, joy, peace, goodness and beauty, beyond measure and without end.**



Note from the author, Mark Tredecim, for readers of The Great New Deal

Introducing *Lifeline for the Lost Sheep*

Solomon Vogelscheuche, his brother Benjamin and their Christian friends in Missouri and New Jersey used the *Lifeline for the Lost Sheep* materials (from the USB memory stick) to help them explain the Great Surprise, warn of the Tribulation perils, and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with many people prior to the second coming of Jesus. Some of these believers survived on Earth through the entire seven-year period; the others joined the Tribulation saints in Heaven.

The following pages were often printed by the Vogelscheuche brothers and distributed by them to help other Tribulation believers and to minister to the lost sheep they encountered during their ministry. This next chapter features some of the Vogelscheuche brothers' favorite *Lifeline for the Lost Sheep* materials.

Many lost sheep were found thanks to these efforts and the loving, merciful plan of God.

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Greetings from the *Lifeline for the Lost Sheep* Editors and Contributors

The information contained on this USB memory stick has been compiled by two guys that you might think to be unlikely collaborators. One grew up in New York City, one grew up in small-town Arkansas. But we are close friends and are brothers in Christ. Levi Katz is Messianic Rabbi of Beth Ariel Messianic Congregation in Paterson, New Jersey. Beau Reilly is Pastor of Amazing Grace Baptist Church in Paterson. We wrote some of the information included on this storage device, but much of it has come from other contributors: pastors, scholars, historians and teachers, to whom we express our greatest appreciation.

What everyone in this group has in common- (1) We love Jesus and believe he is the Son of God, sent to redeem those who believe in him as their personal savior; (2) We see that our nation and world increasingly are rejecting and denying God; and (3) We believe the Bible's prophecies about the final time of judgment and great distress (called the Tribulation) will be fulfilled, starting in the very near future unless humanity repents and turns back to God (which appears very unlikely to us, based on what we see now). When that time of judgment begins, Christians of the world will be instantly brought from the Earth to Heaven in an event called the Rapture of the church, leaving behind a multitude of confused, sin-burdened people.

Seeing these things, we have prepared this digital resource library, *Lifeline for the Lost Sheep*, for the primary purpose of helping the people left behind for this horrific chapter in time. The authors won't be here during the Tribulation, but we hope many people of the Tribulation era will obtain this information, study it carefully, and believe in Jesus.

Though we believe this time of judgment will begin very soon, we cannot tell you the date when it will commence. We assembled these materials with the expectation that most people reading them will be living in the terrible Tribulation period after the Rapture.

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But it's possible that you are reading this before the Rapture. If so, you haven't witnessed the disappearance of millions of Christians in an instant, so you might (incorrectly) think there is no rush to consider the information we have provided.

Regardless of whether you are reading this introduction before or after the Rapture, two things are true: (1) The person who gave this USB resource collection to you loves you and wants you to read its contents before it is too late; and (2) You have no way of knowing when "too late" will arrive.

Jesus said that only God the Father knows the date when the Tribulation will begin, but when it begins, the events will be sudden and unstoppable. For that reason, Jesus warns non-Christians of the need to be prepared for it in advance (i.e., to become a believer in Jesus):

- You do not know the day and time that you will die and there is no opportunity to accept Jesus after that moment;
- If you are alive when the Rapture occurs (and are left behind), you will still have a chance to become a believer in Jesus, but will face terrible dangers that could instantly remove that opportunity. You will also face a time of terrible suffering and evil.

It is possible that your death and the Rapture may both be years down the road, but it is true that either might occur before you finish reading the materials in this digital resource library. We strongly encourage you to read these materials as soon as possible and to surrender yourself to Jesus as we describe here.

In Christ,

Pastor Beau Reilly

Amazing Grace Baptist Church of Paterson, New Jersey

Rabbi Levi Katz

Beth Ariel Messianic Congregation of Paterson, New Jersey

Big Questions

What is so special about America's relationship with God? Four hundred years ago, European monarchies planted settlements in North and South America. They sought wealth and a place to exile troublesome people. The European kingdoms often utilized slave labor to advance their imperial and colonial ambitions.

Most of the settlers sought both the freedom to worship God and economic opportunity. The New World opportunities drew more people and the colonies grew.

The English North American colonies chafed at being ruled by a distant king, disliked the taxes imposed by England and sustaining collateral damage in the wars between England and other European countries. This reached a boiling point and American colonial leaders declared independence from England in 1776. Despite the odds, the American colonies eventually beat the most powerful military in the world.

Later, they created and adopted a magnificent document, the Constitution of the United States. The colonies were united into the United States of America. This design has served the nation and its citizens well for 200+ years. The Constitution and Declaration of Independence became models for nations emerging from tyrannical governments or colonial rule. Millions of people have emigrated to America, seeking its promises.

America was founded on Bible-based principles that recognize the preeminence of God and provide for our freedom to worship God. Many of the worldwide Christian revivals and missionary movements spreading the Gospel have come from America. It has been a bulwark against evil and a light to other countries for most of its history. At many times in its history, God seems to have interceded by providing the right leadership for the country and by protecting it from enemies.

The Bible warns that God expects much from those to whom much God has given much. Sometimes, America has risen to the occasion; other times it has not.

America was the key to the World War 2 defeat of Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy and Imperial Japan. And America led the way during the cold war with communism, freeing Eastern Europe and producing the collapse of the USSR and the Iron Curtain.

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But it was 100 years before the new nation abolished the slave system established during the colonial period. America paid for this in the bloody Civil War (where hundreds of thousands died, equivalent to millions in today's U.S. population).

In the past several decades, America has increasingly turned in the wrong direction and moved away from God.

Why would God want to judge America? If you are reading this after the Rapture, you're likely asking "Why did God remove all of the Christians and unleash all this horror and destruction upon America and the world?"

America has become an increasingly secular nation, one that is particularly hostile to Christianity. America has institutionalized things that are in direct conflict with God's design and will. Examples include abortion (the leading cause of death in the USA and responsible for 62 million American deaths since the Supreme Court legalized it in 1973) and the redefinition of things like marriage, sex and family contrary to His design. Morality is crumbling. The American "elite" asserts its ability to heal the planet and bring about world peace, while rejecting God's design and ownership of all He created. These pied pipers are calling America to follow them to destruction.

Christianity in America is threatened from outside and some churches have been infiltrated by philosophies that are not consistent with the Bible. Politicians and major institutions show increased hostility toward Christianity, Christians and worship. In the pandemic era, churches have been closed or restricted in many areas. Church fires and vandalism are largely overlooked by politicians and the media. God hasn't missed these things and He will judge those who are responsible.

What changed? The fall of the USSR revealed the defects of communism, which has already resulted in over 100 million deaths worldwide. That fall should have been the beginning of the end for communism. But the Red Chinese regime has grown increasingly powerful and oppressive, while oligarchs and criminals have replaced the Communist overlords of Russia.

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Meanwhile, something dark and sinister has been growing deep within the bowels of America. Power-hungry Marxists and leftists have been working patiently since the 1950's. They reject God and traditional values of family and morality. They see the Constitution as an impediment to their success and seek to negate it.

The left's first (and continuing) tactic has been to permeate academia and the entertainment world, where they infect the hearts and minds of the young by expounding the virtues of socialism (while hiding its horrors and failures) and the failings of America (while ignoring its virtues and achievements). They have camouflaged their objectives and actions by infiltrating and perverting the environmental and civil rights movements.

For leftists, the evil ends they seek justify the evil methods they use. They have created a new secular religion with a leftist belief system, warped moral values and intolerance of any conflicting beliefs.

As generations pass through this indoctrination, the cancer grows. It has spread to other elements of society- the news media, the Democrat party, sports, non-profit organizations, labor unions and business leadership. Even some churches and religious institutions.

Some leftist "progressives" have achieved enormous financial success and positions of power, particularly within the new monopolies and oligopolies of "Big Tech." They use the power of these enterprises to promote the leftist agenda and block opposition. These wealthy people provide massive political funding through anonymous dark money channels.

For decades, this has been somewhat concealed, but it is growing more obvious and it seems the cancer is approaching the final stages, endangering the life and soul of the American nation.

Leftists, amoral capitalists and financiers, political power-seekers, and opportunistic anarchists are now working together. There has been a continuing barrage of untrue and misleading information, censorship of truth, intimidation through riots and violence, blocking of opponents via cancel culture, stoking the fires of fear in the pandemic, and manipulation of the election process.

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If leftists get their way, America will change into the antithesis of its founding. It will become a nation where the increasingly impoverished and powerless masses have no rights and where all control and wealth are in the hands of the “elite” power class, in a nation that disavows God. Many Americans are being deceived and it is highly questionable now if this cancer can or will be stopped in time to save the nation.

Where does America fit in the great war? Since the rebellion of Satan and his angels against God, there has been a great ongoing war between evil and good. Through Adam and Eve, sin became part of human nature and placed us all into “no man’s land” for this war. Satan is perfectly happy to have all of humanity perish in this war. Sadly, many people choose to reject Jesus and join Satan’s world system (to their eternal regret).

The past several years are just the latest battle in this spiritual war. The extent of corruption and the effectiveness of deception by politicians, the media, and Big Tech strongly suggest that this war is moving into its next phase (where deception will be one of Satan’s primary weapons against humanity). Unless a wave of repentance and Christian revival should occur, the next phase in the war will be the great battle for souls that the Bible calls “The Day of the Lord.”

As we wrote this, America was still the leading nation in the world, the place to flee to, not run from. But there is nothing in the Bible that suggests any important role or special privileges for America during the next phase of the war between good and evil. Instead, the Bible prophecies focus on the Holy Land and adjoining territories in Africa, Asia and Europe. This suggests that America will be removed from prominence before the Tribulation begins or during its early days. The progressive leftist efforts to reshape America are likely to be a major factor in this; it may also come from supernatural involvement (possibly through natural disasters, plagues and war).

You may object, “America isn’t as bad as some other countries” or “We have more Christians living here than those countries over there,” and hope that God will protect us, not judge us. Sorry, but God does not evaluate nations or people based upon a “curve.” God uses an absolute pass-fail grading measure. Achieve perfection (the absence of sin) or perish.

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Your next thought likely is “nobody is perfect, I am doomed.” You would only be partially correct in that thought: Among mankind, only Jesus is perfect (he lived that way in human form). You would be doomed, EXCEPT that Jesus also provides the one and only way for you to share in his perfection: become a Christian through an individual relationship between you and Jesus. Hanging around with Christians or copying the good deeds of Christians (but without a change in your heart) will not make you a Christian. There is only one way to do it: confess that you are a sinner, acknowledge Jesus to be the risen Son of God, ask him to be your Lord and King, and accept the gift of eternal life from Jesus.

Why has God been holding back this judgment? God has a plan to rescue everyone who elects to join the side of good through a relationship with Jesus Christ. God has recorded His rescue plan in the Bible and He has provided us (via Bible prophecy) the advance historical record of how God wins this war and then renders perfect justice. God also tells about the glorious future and eternity for those who are with Him on the winning side.

If you are reading this after the Rapture, you might wonder “Why didn’t He do it before?” Or “Why now, why not sometime in the future, so that I could avoid these horrible times?”

If you are reading this before the Rapture, you might wonder: “If God is so powerful and is going to win this war with Satan and evil, why is He waiting? After all, it’s been many thousands of years since Adam and Eve and it’s been two thousand years since Jesus.”

Indeed, God is all-powerful and holy, which will ultimately result in God’s victory and the banishment of all evil to a place of eternal punishment. But (fortunately for us), God is all-loving and patient.

Before the Rapture occurs, His loving, holy plan will enable a great number of people to accept the gift of salvation from Jesus and witness the spiritual battle of the Tribulation from the safety of Heaven. Even after the Rapture happens, His loving, holy plan still provides the one and only way to join the winning side in this war. Either way, it comes only by enlisting with Jesus, accepting his gift of eternal life.

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Time rules our lives, but God isn't constrained by time in any way. He is everywhere all of the time. He is all-powerful and all-knowing. The apostle Peter wrote, "A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day." (2 Peter 3:8 NLT). God has determined the perfect moment for the Day of the Lord to commence and patiently has withheld His righteous judgment for that perfect moment, enabling many people to come to salvation. God has the unlimited power to accomplish His entire plan within the very finite time period that He has defined for the Day of the Lord.

In the past, God allowed the evil actions of leaders and nations, when it has been consistent with His ultimate plan. These people seemed for a while to be victorious and their victims felt despair at that. But each time, God has brought about their destruction. He has set the day when each of these people will be judged and has provided for their eternal punishment after that judgment. This is true also for the evil times in which we live.

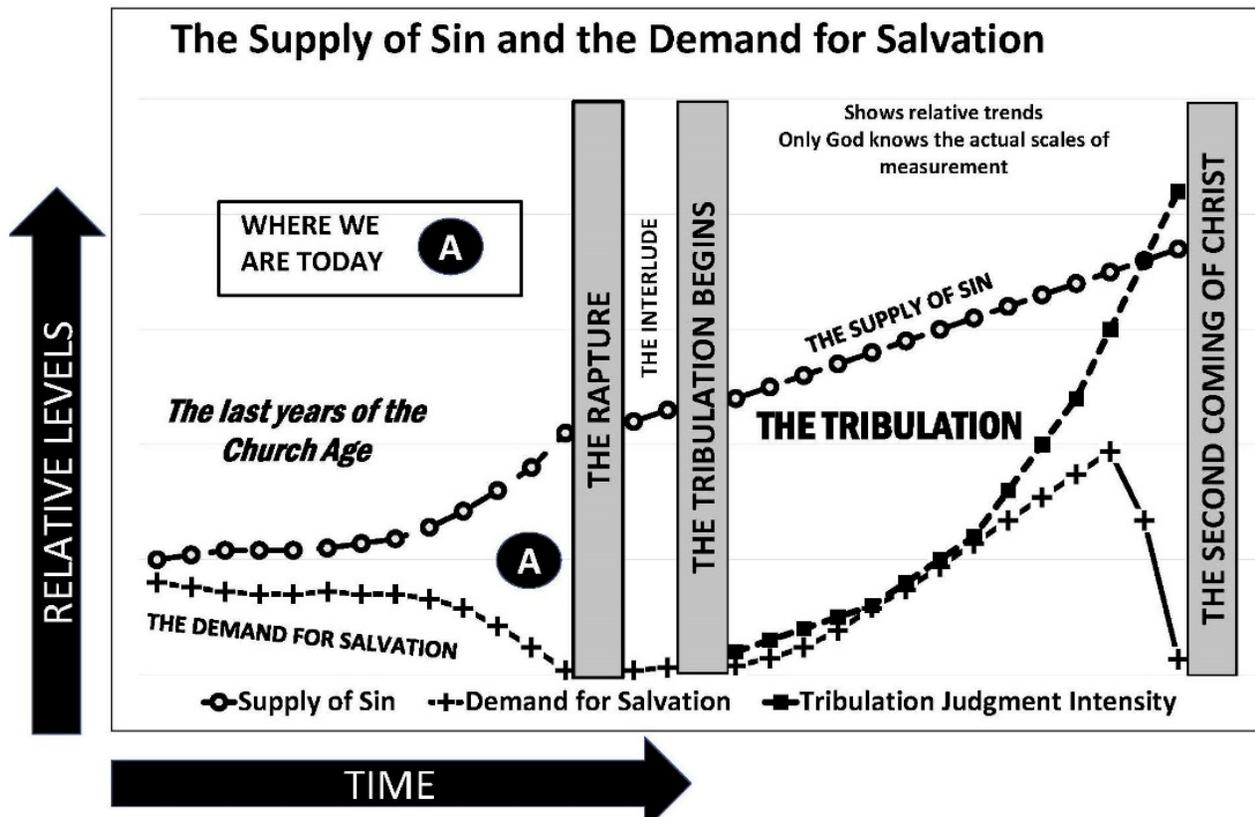
Supply and Demand Chart. We have prepared a chart (on the next page) to demonstrate the interaction between the "Supply of Sin" (the level of sin evidenced in humanity) and the "Demand for Salvation" (the level of people who are becoming new believers in Jesus Christ). The chart presents the time period beginning around 1960. To depict the previous 1,900 plus years since the death and resurrection of Jesus would require 30 or so more pages of chart taped to the left edge of this chart. This chart presents the current trends for Supply and Demand, leading up to the Rapture, Tribulation and Christ's second coming.

We prepared this chart prior to the Rapture, and marked our point in the timeline with the **A** legend. If you are viewing the chart after the Rapture occurs (as we anticipate will be the case for most readers), your place on the timeline is somewhere to the right of the Rapture, in either the Interlude or the Tribulation.

God is always Holy. He cannot and will not allow sin to go unpunished- He is always aware of the Supply of sin. Because of His love and mercy, He has withheld judgment in favor of the Demand for salvation through Jesus. When the Demand for salvation falls too low (in His holy view), even as the Supply of sin keeps climbing, God will apply a more forceful measure in the war against evil. The primary purpose of the

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Tribulation is to increase the Demand for salvation before this battle is ended by the second coming of Jesus.



We prepared this chart to visually answer the question, “What is God waiting for?” It also shows how the severity of the Tribulation judgments accelerates during that seven-year period before the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Only God knows the exact timing for the Rapture and the Tribulation to commence. Only God is omniscient and omnipresent (all knowing and always present). With holy precision, He has established His measurement scale for comparing Supply and Demand (this chart depicts our assessment of the directional trends and its scale is humanly imprecise).

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The Old Testament of the Bible includes numerous examples of God withholding the judgment that was deserved, when His offer of mercy was accepted. Other examples show the consequences of rejecting God's offer. Consider these:

- (Genesis 6-7). God instructed Noah to build the ark in a time of great worldwide sin. The construction took about 100 years and Noah was a preacher of righteousness, but nobody outside of Noah's family heeded God's warning, and all mankind was swept away by the flood, except for Noah and his family.
- (Genesis 18-19). God alerted Abraham of His plan to rescue Lot and destroy the abominably sinful Sodom. Abraham pleaded with God, who allowed He would spare the city if only ten righteous people were found there. Though Lot pleaded with others in the city, there were not ten righteous people. Just Lot and his two daughters were spared. The others in Sodom shunned God's offer of mercy and were destroyed.
 - (Jonah 1-3). Jonah resisted God's command to go and preach to the people of Nineveh, whose great wickedness was known to God (and Jonah). Ultimately, he followed God's instructions and preached a message of warning and a call for repentance. The people heeded this message, turned from their evil ways, and God did not bring destruction upon them that day.

The New Testament provides further powerful examples of God's mercy and grace. Consider these from the Gospel of Luke:

- (Chapter 15). Jesus taught using this parable: A son demanded his inheritance be paid in advance. The son rejected his loving father and went far away from him. The son squandered the blessing on sinful living and then fell into hard times. The hard times reminded him of his loving father and he repented. The son returned home, confessed his sins, and his return was celebrated by his loving father, who described the son as one returned from death, and as one who was lost, but found again.

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- (Chapter 23). Two thieves were crucified alongside the cross of Jesus; all three men would die that day. Both thieves witnessed the actions and words of Jesus from the cross. One thief hurled insults at Jesus, but the other recognized the truth in the sign which read: **This is the King of the Jews**. This thief rebuked the other. He confessed that he was a sinner deserving of punishment. He proclaimed that Jesus had done no wrong (i.e., was sinless). He likely expected Jesus would die that same day, but he asked Jesus, “remember me when you come into your kingdom.” (This thief recognized that Jesus was indeed the King and would have power even after his death.) Jesus answered this sinner, “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”

All men, except Jesus, have sinned. Though God will ultimately judge and punish all sin, He has provided the one merciful path to avoid such punishment and gain eternal life. Jesus Christ has taken on the punishment that is rightfully yours and freed you from death’s sting, but only if you accept His gift. Do not hesitate, no sins are too great for God’s mercy, when they are covered by the blood of His beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

What are the End Times Events prophesized in the Bible?

This table summarizes the chronological sequence for the events prophesized in the Bible. As we prepared this resource media, all of these events were in the future and there were no unfulfilled Bible prophetic events that must occur before the Rapture. *The prophetic events are described further in the pages following this table.*

Prophetic Events	Bible References
The Rapture (in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye)	1 Cor. 15:51-58 1 Thess. 4:13-18, Rev. 3:10-13
The Interlude (a brief period)	Rev. chapters 4 and 5
The Day of the Lord:	
The Tribulation (seven years)	Rev. chapters 6 to 18
Second coming of Jesus. Jesus victorious at the Battle of Armageddon. Antichrist and False Prophet thrown into the lake of fire. Resurrection of the believers killed in the Tribulation. Satan confined in the Abyss.	Rev. chapters 19 and 20
The Millennial Kingdom (1,000 years).	Rev. chapter 20
Satan released, the final rebellion.	Rev. 20:7-9
The Great White Throne Judgment. Satan and his fallen angels, death and hades, and all unbelievers are thrown into the lake of fire.	Rev. 20:10-15
The New Heaven and New Earth	Rev. chapters 21 and 22

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The Rapture. The word “Rapture” is derived from the Latin term “raptura” meaning “caught up” or “seized.” It describes the next event coming in the End Times Bible prophecies.

The apostle Paul wrote that Jesus will come down from Heaven and (while Jesus is in the air) the believers in Christ, both living and dead, will be suddenly caught up to meet Jesus in the air and return to Heaven with him. These believers will live with Jesus forever and will not experience the wrath and destruction of the Day of the Lord (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and 5:1-11). John provides similar reassurance for believers in Chapter 3 of Revelation.

If you are reading this after the Rapture occurred, you are well aware of how startling, scary and sad this event was to those who were left behind. You may have loved ones who were taken to Heaven without you. You have probably heard attempts to explain this shocking event (including false explanations that deny or avoid the truth of the matter).

But if you are reading this before the Rapture, consider the disruptive societal impact of the instantaneous disappearance of millions of Christians; ponder your fear and confusion if you are left behind after this event; imagine your feelings of loss if people you love are among those who are caught up to Heaven that day, but you are not with them.

Only God knows the moment when the Day of the Lord will begin. God has promised to rescue believers beforehand through the Rapture.

Some people profess to be Christian but have no actual relationship with Jesus. The lifestyle and actions of such *professing believers* don't bear out their claim of faith and they will be left behind in the Rapture. The litmus test of the Rapture will reveal their professed faith to be just skin-deep. Jesus describes his criteria in Matthew 7:21-23.

Based on publicly-available estimates for the number of Christians currently living worldwide, we estimate there will likely be about one billion genuine Christians taken to Heaven in the Rapture- but only God knows who will be caught up on that date and the total number of people who will be caught up. It certainly involves many, many millions of believers living in the United States and the world at that moment. If you are reading

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this after the Rapture, you may have heard estimates of that number, but only God knows the precise count. You were not among them, but can join them in Heaven later, if you act now.

The Interlude. Following the Rapture, chapters 4 and 5 of Revelation describe events in God's "throne room" in Heaven. Those in attendance for these ceremonies glorify and worship God the Father and celebrate the qualifications of Jesus to launch the forthcoming judgments of the Tribulation. They sing songs praising and glorifying both God the Father (sitting on His throne) and Jesus, the Lamb of God (in his glorified state).

The actual duration of these heavenly events (from the perspective of those on Earth) isn't stated, but it appears to be relatively brief. We can't say how long this Interlude will be, just that it will end when the Tribulation commences. The horrific and powerful judgments of the Tribulation follow the Interlude.

The Interlude won't be a pleasant time to be living on Earth. The world will still be subject to natural disasters, pandemics, and man's sin nature during the Interlude. The removal of 100% of the Christians (all indwelt by the Holy Spirit) in the Rapture will greatly disrupt critical services and supply chains. During the Interlude, we expect many of the sin-burdened persons left behind after the Rapture will take advantage of the societal disarray created by the sudden world-wide removal of all Christians. If you are reading this after the Rapture, you're living in the Interlude or have already passed through it into the Tribulation. The old expression of "moving out of the frying pan into the fire" probably fits that transition well.

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The Tribulation. No time on Earth could be any worse than these seven years. Chapters 6, 8-10, and 16-18 of Revelation describe God's powerful and destructive judgments during the Tribulation. These include large-scale war, famine, disease, massive earthquakes, disasters that ruin the atmosphere, horticulture and waters of the Earth, strikes by meteors, asteroids or other astronomical bodies, problems with the sun and demonic attacks. These will claim the lives of billions of people (e.g., see Revelation 6:8 and 9:18) and every person living on earth will suffer.

Satan's agents (the Antichrist and False Prophet) are revealed at the onset of the Tribulation. They won't look like the scary villains of a Hollywood horror movie. Instead, they will seem to be loving, wise, attractive and powerful world leaders. They will promise peace, unity and prosperity and will demonstrate supernatural powers and miraculous acts.

Their aim is to fool mankind with a counterfeit of the Holy Trinity of God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). The counterfeit consists of Satan, Antichrist and False Prophet.

The Antichrist and False Prophet will work to mislead and coerce people into following them and to deny God. Most people will accept the Mark of the Beast upon their bodies (as a sign of worship of the Antichrist and in order to obtain food and other daily necessities). Satan's agents will persecute and kill anyone they catch who rejects the Mark. Jews and Christians will be favorite targets of the Antichrist and his forces.

The Tribulation will be a terrible era, extremely punishing on those living then. But God is merciful and He intends for these intense times to be **God's Final Call** for mankind- join Jesus now or suffer the consequences. The Gospel (good news) of Jesus Christ will be proclaimed clearly to those living on Earth during the Tribulation:

- God will provide 144,000 Jewish evangelists who will be protected by Him during the whole Tribulation (Revelation 7:4-8 and 14:1). They will work globally for Him.
- Some left-behind *professing* believers will recognize their big mistake, re-read their Bibles and repent, truly accepting Jesus as their Lord and savior. At the risk of martyrdom, they will bear witness of the Gospel message to others.

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- Two special witnesses will preach prominently in Jerusalem for 42 months. When the Antichrist finally kills them (as allowed by God), God will resurrect them in view of witnesses and will bring them up to Heaven in a cloud (Revelation 11:3-12).
- God will send special angels to proclaim the Gospel message and warnings to every nation, language and people (Revelation 14:6-12)
- At least initially, some people will find the truth in resources that others have left for them such as those you are reading. You may also be able to find some old Bible study materials and evangelistic tracts, relevant fiction like the Left Behind books, and lingering pre-Rapture online materials (e.g., church websites and Christian podcasts).
- Some people who become believers during the Tribulation will risk martyrdom to share the Good News of Jesus with others who have open hearts and minds. The authors hope that those reading this information after the Rapture will choose that path.

People who are saved during the Tribulation are still exposed to the perils of the times. Many of them will die during the Tribulation (killed by one of the judgments or by Satan's minions). But some of these new Christians will live through it and will see the glorious second coming of Jesus, in person.

The Tribulation evangelistic movement will be very successful; the Bible describes the "great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb," referring to the saints martyred in the Tribulation (Revelation 7:9-17).

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After the Tribulation. Revelation chapters 19 to 22 describe what comes after the Tribulation concludes. These are some especially glorious moments that will be celebrated by all believers in Jesus. But those who have not made that decision (while it was still possible to do so) will head instead to eternal punishment in the lake of fire.

This is a summary of major events, starting at the end of the Tribulation:

The second coming of Jesus (Revelation chapter 19)

- The Tribulation judgments have been completed and there is a great celebration in Heaven, worshipping the Lord on His throne.
- Jesus has a celebratory wedding supper with his believers.
- Jesus returns to the Earth (his second coming), as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He destroys the massive armies of the Antichrist at the battle of Armageddon. Note that there are no casualties among those who follow Jesus into this battle.
- The Antichrist and the False Prophet are tossed into the lake of fire, to suffer there eternally.

The Millennium (Revelation chapter 20)

- Satan is bound and confined to the Abyss for 1,000 years, without access to humanity.
- The millennial kingdom is established, ruled by Jesus and fulfills God's Old Testament promises to the nation of Israel.
- At the end of these 1,000 years, Satan is released from the Abyss and deceives many people to rebel against God. Fire from heaven devours the rebels and Satan is tossed into the lake of fire, to suffer there eternally.

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- Jesus sits as judge upon the great white throne. The dead are judged and those not recorded in Jesus' book of life are judged accordingly—they are tossed into the lake of fire, to suffer there eternally.

The Eternal State is established (Revelation chapter 21-22)

- The old Earth is swept away and a new Heaven and new Earth are established by God. It includes the New Jerusalem where the believers in Christ, recorded in his book of life, will eternally live with God. It is a place of beauty and joy. A place entirely free of sin, death, mourning and pain.

Our Final Plea: Find Your Way to Jesus

Regardless of whether you are reading this before the Rapture or were left behind after its occurrence, we hope that you have now determined that the God of the Bible is real, that He created you in His image and that God loves you so much that Jesus Christ, His one and only Son, took on human form, lived a life without sin, died upon the cross, and was resurrected from the grave to provide you with the one and only path to redemption and eternal life.

You are not automatically a Christian because of your birthplace, family connections or because you regularly attend church and give money each Sunday. It's all dependent upon having a personal relationship with Jesus.

No matter how hard you work at it, you can't earn your way to Heaven just by doing good deeds. God doesn't grade on a curve- it isn't enough to be "better" than other people. Only a personal relationship with Jesus can save you forever.

But when you become a Christian, you'll be encouraged by the Holy Spirit toward the pursuit of holiness and to be kind, loving, patient, peaceful, joyful, gentle and generous toward others.

Each of the contributors to *Lifeline for the Lost Sheep* reached that conclusion and confessed it to the Lord, acknowledging Jesus to be our personal Lord and Savior. We know that the Bible is wholly trustworthy and has been provided for us to understand and apply in our lives. We hope you now understand and believe all of this, too.

But if you don't consider yourself to be Christian, or have some doubts on the subject, now is the time for you to undertake a personal journey to find Jesus. Don't be left behind when the saints all party in Heaven.

In Christ,

Rabbi Levi and Pastor Beau
Paterson, New Jersey

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From the New Living Translation Bible (NLT)

The Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 24 (verses 4-51): Jesus Speaks about the Future

As Jesus was leaving the Temple grounds, his disciples pointed out to him the various Temple buildings. But he responded, “Do you see all these buildings? I tell you the truth, they will be completely demolished. Not one stone will be left on top of another!”

Later, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives. His disciples came to him privately and said, “Tell us, when will all this happen? What sign will signal your return and the end of the world?”

Jesus told them, “Don’t let anyone mislead you, for many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah.’ They will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don’t panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won’t follow immediately. Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world. But all this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come.

“Then you will be arrested, persecuted, and killed. You will be hated all over the world because you are my followers. And many will turn away from me and betray and hate each other. And many false prophets will appear and will deceive many people. Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come.

“The day is coming when you will see what Daniel the prophet spoke about—the sacrilegious object that causes desecration standing in the Holy Place.” (Reader, pay attention!) “Then those in Judea must flee to the hills. A person out on the deck of a roof must not go down into the house to pack. A person out in the field must not return even to get a coat. How terrible it will be for pregnant women and for nursing mothers in those days. And pray that your flight will not be in winter or on the Sabbath. For there will be greater anguish than at any time since the world began. And it will never be so great again. In fact, unless that time of calamity is shortened, not a single person will survive. But it will be shortened for the sake of God’s chosen ones.

“Then if anyone tells you, ‘Look, here is the Messiah,’ or ‘There he is,’ don’t believe it. For false messiahs and false prophets will rise up and perform great signs and wonders so as to deceive, if possible, even God’s chosen ones. See, I have warned you about this ahead of time.

“So if someone tells you, ‘Look, the Messiah is out in the desert,’ don’t bother to go and look. Or, ‘Look, he is hiding here,’ don’t believe it! For as the lightning flashes in the east and shines to the west, so it will be when the Son of Man comes. Just as the gathering of vultures shows there is a carcass nearby, so these signs indicate that the end is near.

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“Immediately after the anguish of those days,
the sun will be darkened,
the moon will give no light,
the stars will fall from the sky,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

And then at last, the sign that the Son of Man is coming will appear in the heavens, and there will be deep mourning among all the peoples of the earth. And they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with the mighty blast of a trumpet, and they will gather his chosen ones from all over the world—from the farthest ends of the earth and heaven.

“Now learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branches bud and its leaves begin to sprout, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see all these things, you can know his return is very near, right at the door. I tell you the truth, this generation will not pass from the scene until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear.

“However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows.

“When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah’s day. In those days before the flood, the people were enjoying banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat. People didn’t realize what was going to happen until the flood came and swept them all away. That is the way it will be when the Son of Man comes.

“Two men will be working together in the field; one will be taken, the other left. Two women will be grinding flour at the mill; one will be taken, the other left.

“So you, too, must keep watch! For you don’t know what day your Lord is coming. Understand this: If a homeowner knew exactly when a burglar was coming, he would keep watch and not permit his house to be broken into. You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected.

“A faithful, sensible servant is one to whom the master can give the responsibility of managing his other household servants and feeding them. If the master returns and finds that the servant has done a good job, there will be a reward. I tell you the truth, the master will put that servant in charge of all he owns. But what if the servant is evil and thinks, ‘My master won’t be back for a while,’ and he begins beating the other servants, partying, and getting drunk? The master will return unannounced and unexpected, and he will cut the servant to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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The Gospel of John, Chapter 3 (verses 16-21): This is the Good News (that Jesus refers to in Chapter 24 of the Gospel of Matthew)

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

“There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God’s one and only Son. And the judgment is based on this fact: God’s light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed. But those who do what is right come to the light so others can see that they are doing what God wants.”

More Reading and Resources

The editors of *Lifeline for the Lost Sheep* have prepared this supplemental reading list to complement the resources included in the *Lifeline for the Lost Sheep* collection.

Please keep in mind that these books were written in the Church Age (the period that will end with the Rapture) for the people living in that period. If you are living in the Church Age, we recommend these materials to you.

But, if you were left behind in the Rapture and now are facing the Tribulation, the time you have available for reading will likely be limited. You will want to find “survival/prepper” and “how to” books covering food, shelter, first aid and safety, if you can. We recommend that post-Rapture readers give priority to the materials listed below that bear one of these indicators:

[1]- Becoming a new Christian; exercising your faith and better understanding God.

[2]- Why were some taken in the Rapture, what is coming next for those who were left behind, and God’s ultimate victory.

Whether you are reading this pre-Rapture or post-Rapture, we suggest that your first concern should be salvation through Jesus and that other considerations are secondary.

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Lee Strobel was a seasoned and award-winning journalist. He was also an atheist, skeptical about God and Jesus. Strobel applied his journalist skills into “an all-out investigation into the facts surrounding the case for Christianity.” To his surprise (and his eternal benefit), Lee Strobel reached a different conclusion than he expected and became a Christian. His book [The Case for Christ](#)^[1] is an excellent tale of his investigation, the evidence he found, and his conclusions. This was dramatized nicely in a 2017 movie^[1] (starring Mike Vogel, Erica Christensen and Faye Dunaway) that may whet your appetite for the book.

David Limbaugh is an author, lawyer and political commentator. His bestseller [Jesus on Trial](#)^[1] makes the case for the Bible’s Gospels as hard evidence of the existence of God, drawing on David’s own spiritual journey from skeptic to a believer in Jesus Christ. Mr. Limbaugh followed this with another book, [The Emmaus Code](#)^[1] to illuminate the many places the Old Testament speaks about Jesus Christ (as the resurrected Jesus revealed to the two Jewish men walking to Emmaus, described in Luke 24:13-32).

The Strobel and Limbaugh books may be helpful to you if you haven’t yet accepted Christ as being both God and man, and have not yet asked him to be your personal savior. You also may wish to visit the website of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association for further assistance.

The next two authors have written about the rise and fall of America, how it was founded to be a light upon the hill, but has lost its way, turning away from God:

Jonathan Cahn is an author, known for his studies in prophecy and the mysteries of Scripture. He leads Hope of the World (an international Christian outreach) and the Jerusalem Center/Beth Israel in Wayne, New Jersey. Jonathan has written several best sellers and is particularly known for [The Harbinger](#)^[2] (2012) and [The Harbinger II](#)^[1] (2020); these books use a fictional narrative to present Biblical prophecy and historical events, and connect the ancient Jewish Nation to America of today. They deliver a powerful warning for America and the world.

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Sean Hannity is a well-known television and radio commentator. He is the author of Live Free or Die^[2] (published in 2020), covering the founding of America, its rise to prominence, and its decline. Hannity addresses the perils threatening America from the left.

The One Year Bible: If you apply about 20 minutes each day, you can read the entire Bible in just one year. The One Year Bible^[1] is published by Tyndale House Publishers in several translations. There are special editions containing extra materials, like the One Year Pray for America Bible^[1] and One Year Pray for Life Bible.^[1] These arrange the complete Bible into 365 daily readings, so that each day you read something from the Old and New Testaments, Psalms and Proverbs.

Family-friendly fiction: The above readings are serious books on serious subjects. If you wish to balance your reading and viewing diet with some “lighter” fare, consider these:

The Left Behind series: This series of fictional novels (from the team of Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins) was written between 1995 and 2011 to dramatize the Tribulation and its impact on those who were left behind in the Rapture. There are numerous associated books, study materials and movies. If the Rapture has left you behind, we recommend the first book^[1,2] (titled Left Behind) and the three movies starring Kirk Cameron.^[1,2]

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum (1900) features wonderfully colorful characters and imaginative drama. It was beautifully adapted in the 1939 movie starring Judy Garland.

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens (1843) is a great social commentary for all time. It tells a powerful story of God’s love and redemptive power. There are numerous movie adaptations; we especially recommend the 1999 version starring Patrick Stewart.