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*You see the bumper stickers on vehicles which read, "Warning! In case of Rapture, this vehicle will be unoccupied! One of the favorite teachings of many of the Christian churches, especially Pentecostals, is the pre-tribulation rapture. Is this true? What is the rapture? What do the Scriptures really say about it?"*

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In the first place we need to ask, What is the rapture and why can't we find that word in the Scriptures? After all, if we are believing in something that is supposed to be right out of the pages of the Scriptures, then don't you think we should be able to find it in its pages? It's rather like December the 25<sup>th</sup>. People go crazy over its observance as the birth of the Savior, but the proof of the pudding is that He was never born on that date. The Scriptures declare His birth, but do not reveal the date. It is admitted that Yahshua was never born on December 25<sup>th</sup>. He had to have been born from early spring, to late fall, but never in the dead of winter. (Ask for our free tract entitled "Just Whose Birthday is December 25<sup>th</sup>?", and, or our booklet, "The Untold Story of the Savior's Birth.")

Let me allow one of the ministers who teaches this concept of the pre-tribulation rapture explain where the word "rapture" is derived, "The word "rapture" comes from Paul's "caught up" remark in verse 17 (of 1 Thessalonians:

*Note - mine*). The words "caught up" are translated from the Greek word *harpazo*, which means "to carry off," "snatch up," or "grasp hastily." The translation from *harpazo* to "rapture" involved two steps: first, *harpazo* became the Latin word *raptus*; second, *raptus* became the English word "rapture." (*The Pretribulation Rapture by Todd Strandberg*)

What Paul is writing about, of course, is the resurrection at the end of this world (or age). So why do they have to change the clear writings of Paul concerning the resurrection to something that is rather unclear as the rapture? Why can't they just say resurrection? I think that it is because they believe that they will be raptured first before the tribulation, and the Jews (Israel), and or others will be resurrected afterward.

But this man also confesses, "The timing of the rapture is not known. From the Word of God and from sound reasoning--something Jesus used quite frequently--I hope to prove the reality of the pretribulation rapture."

He doesn't know what the timing is concerning this rapture, but he is sure that it is going to occur before the tribulation. The question is, If someone can make up a word that isn't even found in the Scriptures, doesn't this already send up red flags? If his reasoning in coming up with a word like "rapture" is somewhat flawed, then is it possible that his search of Yahweh's word and so-called sound reasoning could also be flawed?

I hope to help you to understand when this rapture.....uhhh....resurrection will take place.

## **TRIBULATION**

But why tribulation? Why would a loving Elohim cause

His people to go through something like the tribulation, especially the “Great Tribulation?” What would cause anyone to go through tribulation?

Yahweh warned Israel, “Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of Yahweh your Elohim, which he made with you, and make you a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, which Yahweh your Elohim hath forbidden thee. For Yahweh your Elohim is a consuming fire, even a jealous El. When thou shalt beget children, and children's children, and ye shall have remained long in the land, **and shall corrupt yourselves, and make a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, and shall do evil in the sight of Yahweh your Elohim, to provoke him to anger:** I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto ye go over Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed. And Yahweh shall scatter you among the nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither Yahweh shall lead you. And there ye shall serve elohim, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. But if from thence thou shalt seek Yahweh your Elohim, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. **When thou art in tribulation,** and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to Yahweh your Elohim, and shalt be obedient unto his voice; (For Yahweh your Elohim is a merciful El;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them,” Dt. 4:23-31.

Yahweh told Israel that if they refused to obey Him, they

would be cast out of the land and scattered among the heathen or nations. He warned that the tribulation would come in the latter days.

Israel suffered tribulation even while they were in the land. The account is found in the book of Judges chapter 10, “And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of Yahweh, and served Baalim, and Ashtaroth, and the elohim of Syria, and the elohims of Zidon, and the elohim of Moab, and the elohim of the children of Ammon, and the elohim of the Philistines, and forsook Yahweh, and served not him. And the anger of Yahweh was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hands of the Philistines, and into the hands of the children of Ammon. And that year they vexed and oppressed the children of Israel: eighteen years, all the children of Israel that were on the other side Jordan in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead. Moreover the children of Ammon passed over Jordan to fight also against Judah, and against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim; so that Israel was sore distressed. And the children of Israel cried unto Yahweh, saying, We have sinned against thee, both because we have forsaken our Elohim, and also served Baalim. And Yahweh said unto the children of Israel, Did not I deliver you from the Egyptians, and from the Amorites, from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines? The Zidonians also, and the Amalekites, and the Maonites, did oppress you; and ye cried to me, and I delivered you out of their hand. Yet ye have forsaken me, and served other elohim: wherefore I will deliver you no more. **Go and cry unto the elohim which ye have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your tribulation,**” vv. 6-14.

Therefore, we must understand that when Yahweh’s peo-

ple forsake Him and serve other elohim, this brings on tribulation.

## TSAR

The Hebrew word for “tribulation” is *tsar* (צַר). It is defined as; narrow; (as a noun) a tight place (usually figuratively, i.e. **trouble**); also a pebble (as in 6864); (transitive) **an opponent** (as crowding). It is generally translated as; **adversary**, **afflicted(-tion)**, anguish, close, distress, **enemy**, flint, **foe**, narrow, small, sorrow, strait, **tribulation**, **trouble**.

It is very important that we understand this word, and its implications.

Psalms 74 says, “O Elohim, why hast thou cast us off for ever? why doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture? Remember thy congregation, which thou hast purchased of old; the rod of thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed; this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt. Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual desolations; even all that the enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctuary. Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy congregations; they set up their ensigns for signs. A man was famous according as he had lifted up axes upon the thick trees. But now they break down the carved work thereof at once with axes and hammers. They have cast fire into thy sanctuary, they have defiled by casting down the dwelling place of thy name to the ground. They said in their hearts, Let us destroy them together: they have burned up all the synagogues of Elohim in the land. We see not our signs: there is no more any prophet: neither is there among us any that knoweth how long. O Elohim, how long shall **the adversary** (*tsar*) reproach? Shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever?”

vv. 1-10.

What is this Psalm speaking of here? Both Israel and Judah have been cast off, cast out of the land because of their infidelity to Yahweh. Enemies (*Heb.* = *tsarar*) have entered into the congregation. He says that they have established their signs for signs. What are the signs?

The Hebrew word for signs is *owth* (אוֹת). The seventh day Sabbath and the annual holy days were signs to Israel, “And Yahweh spake unto Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign (*owth*) between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am Yahweh that doth sanctify you. Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign (*owth*) between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days Yahweh made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed,” Ex. 31:12-17. (See also Lev. 23).

What has been substituted for these signs that Yahweh gave His people? Isn't it Sunday, the day of the sun god who was known as *solis invicti*, Mithras, Apollo, Horus, etc.? These were also placed in a Trinitarian relationship with Vulcan, the Roman fire god. Thus, fire was cast into Yahweh's sanctuary. Easter (*Ishtar*), and December 25<sup>th</sup>,

the birth of the pagan sun god replaced the annual holy days.

Who did this? Constantine, emperor of Rome! Constantine held several offices. He was Caesar, Augustus, *Pontifex Maximus*, and TSAR! The title of Caesar associated him with the deified Julius Caesar. The title of Augustus gave him the office and power of Augustus, the adopted son of the deified Julius Caesar making him the “son of god.” The title of *Pontifex Maximus* gave him the office of high priest over all paganism. The title “Tsar” was another rendition of the word Caesar. But it identified him as the adversary, the enemy who brings **TRIBULATION!**

There was only one faith that Constantine had no control, nor power over that that was the faith of the New Testament remnant, which was raised up by Yahshua and His disciples/apostles. Constantine feigned repentance, entered into the remnant of the New Testament Assembly, took over as its *Pontifex Maximus*, and began to dictate how the disciples were to worship, on what days, etc.

The enemy, the adversary, the Tsar had entered into the body of the Messiah and began to twist and pervert the faith! He even blasphemed the names of the Father and Son, and the Hebrew common noun Elohim by changing them to Kurios, Yesus, and Theos.

Albert Pike, a 33<sup>rd</sup> degree Freemason wrote, “The teachers, even of Christianity, are, in general, most ignorant of the true meaning of that which they teach.” (Morals And Dogma, p. 104)

He also wrote, “The word *Kharium* or *Khurum* is a compound one. Gesenius renders *Khurum* by the word *noble* or *free-born*: *Khur* meaning *white*, *noble*. It also means the

opening of a window, the socket of the eye. *Khri* also means *white*, or an *opening*; and *Khris*, the orb of the sun, in Job vii. 13 and x. 7. *Krishna* is the Hindu sun-god. *Khur*, the Parsi word, is the literal name of the sun. From *Kur* or *Khur*, the sun, comes *Khora*, a name of Lower Egypt. The sun, Bryant says in his *Mythology*, was called *Khur*; and Plutarch says that the Persians called the sun *Kuros*. *Kurios*, Lord, in Greek, like *Adonai*, *Lord*, in Phoenician and Hebrew, was applied to the sun. Many places were sacred to the sun, and called *Kura*, *Kuria*, *Kuropolis*, *Kurnee*, *Kureschata*, *Kuresta*, and *Corusia* in Scythia.” (IBID, p. 78)

Constantine is the one who originally had the New Testament translated into the Greek wholesale. Many ancient Greek Scriptural documents have been found in the caves of the middle-east and those older documents had the Hebrew name of the Creator in its proper place even though the Scriptures were translated in Greek, but His name was taken out of those Scriptures and replaced with *Kurios* in the spirit of transforming His very own word into a vehicle of sun worship. This is the spirit of the Tsar, the one who brings tribulation.

Constantine worshipped Mithras, the Persian sun-god. Mithras’ day of worship was the first day of the week. His birthday was December 25<sup>th</sup>.

All of those who are following his commands and edicts rather than the commands of Yahweh are destined to suffer the Great Tribulation.

## **ROME**

Constantine was emperor of Rome. Rome is the fourth kingdom of iron, iron and clay, and iron and mirey clay in the book of Daniel chapter 2. It is also the fourth beast of

Daniel chapter seven.

This fourth beast was prophesied to change times and laws, “And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time,” Dan. 7:25.

This is exactly what the Roman beast with its little horn has done. The true law is the law of Yahweh, but the Caesars and the Roman Senate became law-makers. Together, they decreed and made laws for the whole empire.

In order to have a society of order and control, there must be laws that govern the people. The little horn of the beast has caused its churches and religious institutions to decree that Yahweh’s law is done away. This then gives credence for man to begin to make his own laws.

The great over-all preponderance of the people has been deceived to cast Yahweh’s laws behind. Times (the Sabbath and annual holy days) have been changed. Laws have been changed. The beast is speaking great words (blasphemies) against the Most High. He has worn out the saints (Yahweh’s holy people). They have blasphemed Yahweh’s name and the name of His Son, Yahshua. They have deceived the whole world in the spirit of the great dragon called the devil and Satan, “And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called **the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world**: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him,” Rev. 12:9.

The Roman TSAR, the adversary, the enemy, has brought about conditions that will cause GREAT TRIBULATION

to come upon all those who follow him, his laws, and his great deceptive religious system.

## KING JAMES

What about King James? Psalms 2 is quite revealing concerning the kings and rulers of the earth, “Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? <sup>2</sup>The **kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against Yahweh, and against his anointed**, saying, <sup>3</sup>Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us,” vv. 1-3.

So here we have the kings of the earth and the rulers taking counsel together against Yahweh and His Anointed (Messiah [Yahshua]). Could this include King James, who supposedly had the most accurate Bible produced for all time?

What else is said about the kings of the earth? “<sup>1</sup>And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of **the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: <sup>2</sup>With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.** <sup>3</sup>So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, **full of names of blasphemy**, having seven heads and ten horns. <sup>4</sup>And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: <sup>5</sup>And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE

MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH,” Rev. 17:1-5.

Now we have the great whore, the great harlot in league with the kings of the earth to cause everyone to be drunk with the wine of fornication, or actually sex sins, as it were. You see, Israel was called to be Yahweh’s special bride and people. But they worshipped other elohim than Yahweh, so they became spiritual fornicators, or harlots and committed adultery with against their great Elohim Yahweh.

The same thing has happened during these New Testament times. The kings and rulers of the earth have joined with the harlot in committing spiritual fornication, harlotry against Yahweh and His Messiah. So now we have the kings, rulers and harlot involved together, but there are others who need to be exposed.

<sup>1</sup>And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. <sup>2</sup>And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. <sup>3</sup>For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and **the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies,**” Rev. 18:1-3.

Yes, that’s right, now we have the merchants of the earth in league with the kings, rulers and harlot. They seem to wax abundantly rich through the promotion of the special times of the beast and harlot, for example Valentine’s Day,

Easter, Halloween, Christmas, etc.

But that isn't all. There are a couple of other groups that get into the mix. <sup>1</sup>“Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith Yahweh. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus saith Adonai Yahweh of Israel against **the pastors that feed my people**; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith Yahweh. <sup>3</sup>And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. <sup>4</sup>And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith Yahweh.... <sup>9</sup>**Mine heart within me is broken because of the prophets**; all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome, because of Yahweh, and because of the words of his holiness. <sup>10</sup>For the land is full of adulterers; for because of swearing the land mourneth; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their course is evil, and their force is not right. <sup>11</sup> For **both prophet and priest are profane**; yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith Yahweh. <sup>12</sup>Wherefore their way shall be unto them as slippery ways in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall therein: for **I will bring evil upon them, even the year of their visitation**, saith Yahweh. <sup>13</sup>And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied in Baal, and caused my people Israel to err. <sup>14</sup>I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of

them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah. <sup>15</sup>Therefore thus saith Yahweh of hosts concerning the prophets; Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall: for from the prophets of Jerusalem is profaneness gone forth into all the land. . . . <sup>16</sup>Thus saith Yahweh of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of Yahweh. <sup>17</sup>They say still unto them that despise me, Yahweh hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you. <sup>18</sup>For who hath stood in the counsel of Yahweh, and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard it? <sup>19</sup>Behold, a whirlwind of Yahweh is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked. <sup>20</sup>The anger of Yahweh shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly. <sup>21</sup>I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. <sup>22</sup>But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings. . . . <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. <sup>26</sup>How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart; <sup>27</sup>Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal," Jer. 23:1-4; 9-22; 25-27.

Wow! What a group of people. We have kings, rulers, the harlot, merchants, pastors, priests, and prophets. They have conspired together to introduce names of blasphemy, names and titles of false deities, false gods, even into Yahweh's own word. They have taken away the knowledge of the name Yahweh, the name Yahshua, and introduced false names and titles into His own inspired word. This has deceived the whole world (Rev. 12:9).

## YAHSHUA'S WARNING

Yahshua warned His disciples that deception and tribulation would come, "And Yahshua went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. And Yahshua said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Yahshua answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For **many shall come** in my name, saying, I am the Messiah; **and shall deceive many**. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And **many false prophets shall rise, and**

**shall deceive many.** And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. 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. When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand :) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: For **then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.** And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is the Messiah, or there; believe it not. For **there shall arise false messiahs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.** Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together. **Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and**

**the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other,” Mt. 24:1-31.**

Yahshua spoke of the GREAT TRIBULATION, but did He say anything about a pre-tribulation rapture? No! Not at all!!!! He revealed that the gathering of His people will take place after the sign of His coming appears in heaven.

## **THE SEALS**

The seals of the book of Revelation match the prophetic message given by Yahshua in Matthew 24. When He strips off the first seal (Rev. 6:1-2) there is one on a white horse with a bow in his hand going forth conquering and to conquer. All heroes of old rode on a white horse. Yahshua is shown to be riding on a white horse in Revelation 19, but this is not Him. This one has a bow in His hand. A bow is not only an implement of war, but it was the symbol of a hunter in days of old. Nimrod was a mighty hunter before Yahweh (Gen. 10:8). Ishmael was very skilled with the bow (Gen. 21:20). Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the earth (Gen. 25:27).

Nimrod founded Babylon. Ishmael's descendant founded Islam. Esau's descendants were the Caesars of Rome. Constantine was Caesar, Augustus, Emperor, TSAR. He is the one who is riding the white horse going forth conquering and to conquer. The Greek for “conquering” is *nikon*, and

“conquer” is *nikese*. Both come from *nike*. Constantine ordered Sunday to be observed as the day of worship in 321. Later he called the Council of *Nicaea* in 325 in order to unify the faith. It was at this time that the observance of pagan Easter was established. *Nicaea* also comes from the word *nike*. Through deceit and feigned repentance, Constantine entered into the New Testament Assembly and began to conquer and wear out the saints of the Most High.

The second, seal has to do with wars and rumors of war, the third, and fourth seals have to do with famines, pestilences, and the culmination of the wars.

The fifth seal has to do with the afflictions and suffering brought upon those who witness the Word of Yahweh. They have been persecuted and slain because of it, but they are given white robes and told to rest until others would be slain as they were. The fifth seal is revealing the Great Tribulation. People are going to have to give their lives for Yahweh’s word of truth.

The sixth seal matches what He said in Matthew chapter 24 about the sun, moon and stars as well as the sign of His coming appearing in heaven. Yahshua had said that immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun and moon would become dark and not give their light. All are afraid and are mourning and seeking to hide themselves because they know that He is returning in wrath against those who have cast His covenant aside.

Revelation Chapter seven is an inset chapter to reveal the sealing of the one hundred and forty four thousand and the great multitude that came out of the great tribulation having their robes washed in Yahshua’s blood. It is just

showing the results of the fifth seal, but they haven't been resurrected yet.

Revelation chapter eight reveals the stripping away of the seventh seal, which contains seven angels with seven trumpets. These are trumpet plagues that are going to be poured out on the people of the beast and harlot.

## **HARDENED SPIRIT**

Now let's notice something about what has been revealed concerning the latter day spirit of various people. Hurricane Katrina became a mighty storm that devastated New Orleans, Louisiana. When many people saw it coming, they did what they could to protect their property, but the wise took warning and fled. They saved their lives and saved themselves from suffering the after effects of the storm. But many foolish people chose to ignore the warnings and stayed to face its brutal impact.

This should remind us of the ten virgins of Matthew chapter twenty five. Five were wise and were prepared for Yahshua's return by taking oil not only in, but with their lamps. The foolish knew that Yahshua was going to return some day, but they didn't prepare themselves. The five wise who prepared themselves were invited to enter into the marriage relationship with Yahshua, but the foolish were not.

Those who didn't prepare themselves in the face of Katrina suffered the loss of lives, or were cast into a situation of terrible suffering and deprivation. When relief began to arrive, they were limited as to what they could do because so many of the people who remained were exhibiting hostility and the devastation was so great that the relief effort was hindered. This is also what is occurring in

Haiti after the earthquake.

Instead of a spirit of humility and of seeking their Elohim, the people were angry, demanding, cursing, etc. In many cases, the relief efforts were hindered because of danger from the very people they were attempting to rescue and help. We saw much of this same spirit and attitude in the aftermath of Haiti.

We should all take warning from this. So many people have turned away from Yahweh and His word, casting it behind, embracing outright and open lives of sinful living. After all, New Orleans was called Sin City. Sin hardens the spirit. Haiti is another place where sin was rampant.

It would be much better for us to come to realize our dangerous spiritual condition and repent before the real plagues come upon us.

In Revelation chapter two, Yahshua is giving His message to the seven assemblies. The assembly of Thyatira has a woman named Jezebel in her midst who has taught His servants to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit fornication (2:18-23). He gives her space to repent, but she refuses to repent. Therefore, He says that he is going to cast her and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation unless they repent of their deeds. He also says that He will kill her children with death.

In today's world, we have space, a time to repent of our sins and iniquities (lawlessness). We have an opportunity to change our lives and attitudes before the final events that are recorded in Matthew twenty four, and the book of Revelation. Otherwise, we will end up being just like those in New Orleans, Haiti, and the ensuing chapters of Revelation when the trumpet plagues are poured out

upon them.

## THE SEVENTH SEAL

The seventh seal is composed of seven trumpet plagues that will be poured out on the beast, “And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour. And **I saw the seven angels which stood before Yahweh; and to them were given seven trumpets,**” Rev. 8:1-2.

Here are the trumpet plagues. Didn't Yahshua say that He would gather His elect after the great tribulation, and after the time that the sun is darkened and the moon will not give here light? Also after the time when they will see the sign of Him coming with power and great glory? (Mt. 24:29-31)

“And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up. And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed. And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; And the name of the star is called **Wormwood**: and the third part of the waters became **wormwood**; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter. And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and

the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise. And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!" Rev. 8:1-2; 7-13.

What about this WORMWOOD? Moses warned Israel that if any man, woman, family, or tribe turned away from Him to serve other elohim of the nations, it would become a root that bears gall and wormwood (Dt. 29:18).

In Proverbs chapter 5 Yahweh warns that a strange woman's (adulterous woman's) end is bitter as wormwood and sharp as a two-edged sword. Her feet go to death, her steps taking on hell, or the grave (vv. 3-6).

Yahweh inspires Jeremiah to write, concerning Judah and Jerusalem, "Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein; But have walked after the imagination of their own heart, and after Baalim, which their fathers taught them: Therefore thus saith Yahweh of hosts, the Elohim of Israel; Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink. I will scatter them also among the heathen, whom neither they nor their fathers have known: and I will send a sword after them, till I have consumed them," Jer. 9:13-16.

Jeremiah also writes concerning the prophets of Jerusalem, "I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth re-

turn from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah. Therefore thus saith Yahweh of hosts concerning the prophets; Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall: for from the prophets of Jerusalem is profaneness gone forth into all the land,” 23:14-15.

There is a warning for our court system in Amos 5:7 because they are turning justice into wormwood.

These things are coming on the earth because of the forsaking of Yahweh and His word and covenant by His people not only in Old Testament, but New Testament times also to embrace other elohim and their ways. If you have turned away from the word of truth, they you are going to suffer the bitterness of gall and wormwood except you repent and turn to Him with all your heart.

The fifth angel sounds and the abyss is opened bringing forth a terrible locust plague, which will last for five months. They are commanded to only hurt the men who do not have the seal of Yahweh in their foreheads. (Rev. 9:1-11, esp. v. 4) Yahweh separates between His people and those who are not. His people are still alive, on the earth, and witnessing these plagues being poured out on the disobedient.

In Revelation 9:13 the sixth angel sounds and a great army headed by four angels is loosed from the river Euphrates. One third of mankind are slain by this army, but the Scriptures say that the rest which were not killed repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone and wood, nor of their murders, sorceries, fornications, nor thefts. (vv. 20-21)

Look at the spirit of these people and their inability to repent! Their spirit has become so hardened and contemptible that they will not, can not repent! Their opportunity to repent is past, just as the harlot Jezebel and her children in the Thyatiran Assembly. Just as the spirit of Pharaoh of Egypt in the days of Moses.

## SEVENTH AND LAST TRUMPET

The seventh angel sounds (Rev. 11:15) and there are great voices in heaven saying, “The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Yahweh and His Messiah; and He shall reign for ever and ever.”

This trumpet plague also consists of seven vials that will be poured out on the beast and his subjects. But this is also the time of the resurrection, or if you want to call it “rapture” (the catching away), fine.

One Pre-tribulation minister wrote in his article, “The timing of this event is not known.” We have to disagree, to a point. He had just quoted the Scriptures that we are now going to. They are found in the writings of Paul, “But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Yahshua died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Yahshua will Yahweh bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Sovereign, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Sovereign shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Sovereign himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and **with the trump** of Yahweh: and the dead in the Messiah shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the

clouds, to meet the Sovereign in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Sovereign,” 1 Thes. 4:13-17.

The Greek word for “trump” is *salpigx*. This should have been translated as “trumpet,” as this is the Greek word utilized in Mat. 24 when Yahshua says that He will send his angels with a great trumpet sound to gather His elect (v. 31). It is the same word utilized for trumpet in Revelation chapter 8 when the seven angels are given seven trumpets.

Furthermore, Paul reveals, “Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of Elohim; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound**, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality,” 1 Cor. 15:50-53.

When does He say that the resurrection (rapture) will occur? Isn't it at the sound of the last trumpet, the seventh trumpet? Is this shown in the Scriptures to be before or after the great tribulation? Yes! After the great tribulation. Yahweh's people who haven't been slain in the great tribulation, will continue to live in order to see and witness the end result of the plagues that will be poured out on the beast and his kingdom, and those who refuse to repent and glorify Yahweh. Both the dead in the Messiah and the living will be resurrected (if dead), or changed (if living) at the seventh and last trumpet sound.

## CONCLUSION

The Pre-tribulation Rapture is just another false teaching

of false ministers, preachers, teachers who are confused concerning what the Scriptures say because they are following the commands of the TSAR, the one whose very title not only means adversary, and enemy, but also means TRIBULATION. If you are following his commands of Sunday worship, rather than Yahweh's command of the seventh day Sabbath, if you are following his false annual calendar, and his false annual observances of Easter, Halloween, Christmas, etc., then you have been deceived and become confused. You are following a false system and also the false or anti-messiah (the world calls it anti-christ).

Repent and turn to Yahweh. Turn to Him and His word of truth. Turn to the observance of His seventh day Sabbath, and annual holy days. Turn to His commandments. Turn to His Messiah, His Anointed, Yahshua. You may still have to go through the tribulation, but salvation is assured.

