

The Bossy Church Lady's Take On The End Times

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Forward

In case you didn't know already, I'm a MAJOR fan of horror; however, *the* most frightening book that I've ever read is the book of Revelation. Why? Because it's real... not one word is make believe. No. Everything written within the book of Revelation will happen sometime in the future. Some say that they doubt the tribulation will happen, others claim that it has already happened. But let me point out second Peter 3, which tells us that though God would rather have us all come to repentance so that none of us will perish, He *will* do what He promised.

Why did I write this book? Because understanding the end times takes a LO-O-O-NG time, a LOT of note taking, and a whole lot of dedication, I wrote this book for people like you (Yes you!) who lack the time to sit down and learn about the end times on your own. Hopefully, if you are running around like a chicken with its head cut off—like I used to do—trying to make ends meet, taking care of your young children, or your aging parents, you can take a little time out of your busy day to read this book. And rather than write book that's dry and lacks personality (there are plenty of them out there) I wrote this book to be as simple and straightforward as possible in order to teach you all about the end times in common, everyday language without you having to do the hard work. Also, I figured, what the heck? Since I had so many notes on the subject anyways, I might as well share those notes with others.

One other thing that I'd like to quickly establish: I'm not pious. God alone knows that I'm far from perfect (there's plenty of clutter in my back yard, if you know what I mean) but I love the Lord and you so much that I'm doing what He has called me to do, which is write.

All whining about my sore wrist and fingers aside, if you've already read my testimony on my website at <http://www.thebossychurchlady.net>, then you already know the next part. But for those of you who don't know, I'll retell the story here. Back when I was a new Christian—back before God made the hills...LOL—I was full of questions about Jesus, especially about end times, and no one to sit down with me and answer my questions. I was so ravenous for the Word of God that I faithfully attended church every Sunday, attended Bible study on Wednesday evenings, and read the Bible at home.

One Wednesday evening, after Bible study wound to a close, I asked the pastor what the woman clothed with the sun in Revelation 12 meant.

Want to know what he said?

Nothing! He simply shrugged his shoulders and stared at me blankly.

“What do you mean?” I asked, staring back at him.

“I don't know,” he stated simply.

“Say whaaaat?” I thought as I gazed back into his eyes.

You got it! The pastor didn't know what the verse meant. Since then, I've discovered that some people feel that the tribulation is too horrible to talk about; others (like my husband, bless his heart) feel that since they won't be

here, there's no sense in learning or talking about it; and then there are people like me: the eternally curious who want to know what it all means.

Most leaders today are afraid of running their congregants off by preaching fire and brimstone, they're too scared to give people a wake up call. They wouldn't dream of holding a match under someone's bottom to rouse them into action.

But I say...

"HEY! We BETTER be too afraid NOT to obey God's Word! We all need to reach out to the unsaved and warn them about what's sure to come 'cause if we don't HERE'S what will happen to them if we don't!"

At some point in the future, the tribulation *will* happen and if we don't do something to get the truth out, we're all gonna be in serious trouble.

As Christians, our biggest job is the Great Commission. If we're to love our neighbors as we love ourselves then how can we do that if we're not concerned enough to witness to him or her. If this book will wake people up by lighting that fire under their rear ends, if it'll cause them to climb up onto their rooftops and shout out the living Gospel, I'll be satisfied.

When you're finished reading this book, I want you to pass it around to as many people as you can. Go and scare others out of their wits, especially unbelievers, by telling them all about what you've learned by reading this book. Maybe, just maybe, if they know how horrific the end times will be, they'll become so terrified that they'll run straight into the arms of the Lord.

I've got my fingers crossed.

If you're an unbeliever who is reading this, I hope that by the time you're finished reading this book, you'll come to believe in Christ Jesus as your Savior.

One thing you'll notice throughout the book is that I have paraphrased a lot of Bible verses. Since one of my goals is to teach you how to discern the truth from a lie, which is vitally important for *all* Christians, you're going to have to pick up a Bible and read the verses for yourself.

If you have a Bible handy, pick it up and get ready to use it. If you don't have a Bible, two great places to look up scriptures are

<http://www.biblegateway.com/> and <http://www.blueletterbible.org>

At either site, you can look up verses in any version of the Bible.

Ready to get started?

Let's go!

Chapter 1... What's The Point Of The Tribulation? Is God A Cruel God Or What?

Though the day of the Lord is not a new idea, the time of the end, otherwise known as the tribulation, which was spoken of by many Old Testament prophets and confirmed by Jesus in the New Testament, many people have a hard time believing that a loving God could so ruthlessly torment the people that He loves. After all, isn't He all about love and flowers and chocolate?

Um, no.

God is not a doormat. And the fact that God is slow to wrath doesn't mean that He's a pansy. Though He *is* nothing but love, and He *is* slow to anger, He's perfectly capable of wrath. Put another way: God formed us in His image. We have likes, dislikes, and we hate some things and love other things. If we humans are capable of wrath, what could possibly make anyone think that God isn't?

Hebrews 12 and Proverbs 3 tell us that just like any loving parent would punish his or her child for behaving badly, God chastises those He loves. In first Thessalonians 5, the apostle Paul proclaims that God wants all of us to come to repentance and rely upon His Son, Christ Jesus, to make us righteous in His eyes; however, if He must go to such extremes to get our attention, then He will do so.

Though God is slow to wrath, His perfect justice must be satisfied. Before Jesus comes and personally rules the world for a thousand years at the end of the tribulation, His Holiness demands that the world be free of sin.

Because our sense of justice vastly differs from the Lord's, being only human, we have no way of knowing the condition of a man's heart or soul. Our justice is purely circumstantial: we look at the conditions surrounding the actions of a person and then pass judgment. God's justice does not see the circumstances surrounding each individual or the why's behind what we do, He judges each of us on the condition of our hearts and souls. An outwardly good person, someone who we humans would deem as being worthy of residing in heaven for eternity after he or she dies, could have a heart and soul that's beyond redemption. And when really tested, such as during the time of the tribulation, his or her *real* character would surface.

God established this seven-year period of time called the tribulation for four reasons: to punish the wicked; to purge mankind of sin; to bring all who will believe in His Son to repentance; and to make the Jewish remnant see the truth—that Jesus is the true Messiah.

In Biblical prophecy, 1 week equals 7 years. A quick look at Daniel 9:27 will tell us that the tribulation will last for seven years. A few verses in the book of Revelation corroborate the verse in Daniel. One in particular can be found in Revelation 11 where it says that two witnesses will have power for “a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.” That's forty-two

months according to the Jewish calendar. Forty-two months equals three and a half years, which is half of the tribulation. And if you read the book of Revelation, you're certain to find a few more verses.

Because there are so many scriptures in the Bible that tell us what will happen during the time of the end, it's difficult to know where to begin (or maybe it's just me). To explain this as simply as possible, I have broken this chapter down into two sections: What will people be like, and ready or not.

What will people be like?

Many people think that we Christians are lying about the end times. They say: "Sure, you say that He's coming, but where is He now?" Trust me, He's coming and it won't be pretty.

In Matthew chapter twenty-four, Jesus told His disciples that everything will be just like it was in the days of Noah: everything was business as usual and no one suspected that anything was about to happen, and then...

BAM! The flood began.

Only Noah and his family were saved because Noah was righteous and he obeyed the Lord.

In his second letter to Timothy, the apostle Paul paints an abysmal picture of mankind as the last days approach. To paraphrase what he wrote to Timothy: people will be so busy satisfying their own lusts and chasing after the almighty dollar that they won't care what's going on around them. The care of their children, their aging parents, spouses, and community will be put on a back burner while they make as much money as they can. The type of people that Paul describes will be so self-centered that they won't give a second thought to the downtrodden or the oppressed. As long as they're happy, well fed, and content, life is good.

If you're a parent, you already know what it's like when your child disobeys on occasion; however, you nip the problem in the bud and bring your child back in line. Life with the kids who will be living near the time of the end will give their parents nothing but grief, and parents will be helpless to do anything about it. These kids will be so out of control and act like such jerks that their parents will be wondering why they even had children in the first place. Due to the laws in effect at the time, parents will literally be forced to allow their children to run the house.

Cussing on TV will be the norm and regular, prime time shows will be little more than x-rated porn. People will not flinch when they hear others misuse the name of the Lord.

Already beginning to sound familiar? I figured it would.

Paul went on to tell Timothy that mankind will refuse to hear the truth about God. They'll want to hear that anything goes; that God will not punish them for their wicked deeds. Leaders who sugar coat the truth and put on an elaborate song and dance routine in order to entertain the congregants will replace the preachers who advocate the truth. Granted, church is a business

and businesses must do what is necessary to keep their doors open, however, churches should be in the business of saving souls, not filling their coffers to support the preacher's lavish lifestyle.

Jesus said that false Christ's will be everywhere. You name it, they'll do it. Because Satan himself can appear to be an angel of light, these counterfeit Christ's will perform so many miracles, heal so many people, and work so many wonders that even the heartiest, most dedicated believers in the real Christ would be fooled by them were it not for the Holy Spirit.

Want to hear something *really* scary? 2 Thessalonians 2 says that the Lord will cause those who are too stubborn to believe in Jesus to be convinced that the antichrist is the Messiah; they will follow him straight to hell.

Don't believe me? Go look in second Thessalonians 2:8-12! I'll wait here while you go and look it up for yourself.

Satisfied?

Since God hardened Pharaoh's heart in the book of Exodus, there should be no doubt in our minds that He can do it to any of us simply for being too willful to listen to the truth.

I think that gives us a good enough picture of what mankind in general will be like.

Ready Or Not!

Even though we can find solid evidence that a rapture will happen all over the place in the Bible, there are those that claim that it won't take place before the start of the tribulation... they say that Jesus won't come back to get his faithful until after the tribulation ends. Knowing that the tribulation will last for seven years, and if Jesus will only come back at the end of the tribulation to get His faithful, why do you suppose that He said in Matthew 24: "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only"?

How much more clearly could Jesus have said it? If the above verse isn't compelling enough for everyone to understand that Jesus will come back suddenly, and without warning, then I don't know what is.

Furthermore, I am inclined to ask anyone who does not hold a pre-trib view why they think that God would promise to keep His own safe from the coming judgments 1 Thessalonians 1:10 and then in Revelation 3:10 and then make the same people, who He promised to keep safe, suffer through any part of the tribulation?

In Genesis 5, we learn that Enoch was raptured by the Lord and in 2 Kings 2, we can read the account of how the Lord took the prophet Elijah.

In addition to the aforementioned verses, there are several other verses that point to a pretribulational rapture, one of which can be found in Matthew 16, where Jesus told His disciples that some people will not even taste death before they see the Son of man coming in His kingdom. The apostle Paul stated in First Thessalonians 4 that the believers who remain on earth, along those

who have died in Christ, will be caught up together to meet with the Lord.

How about the one in Luke 17 where Jesus said that there will be two in a bed and one will be taken while the other one is left behind?

Could it be any clearer than that? To me, the Lord has stated quite plainly that He will keep those who love Him from the terrible things that are to come. In heaven, we will have new bodies, perfect bodies! I know I'm excited for the Lord to come and get me, how about you?

Do I know when this will happen? Nope! And if you ever hear someone say that it will happen on such and such date, don't believe it. Remember: Jesus said in Matthew 24 that no one, except God, knows when the rapture will happen.

In the parable of the ten virgins, Jesus warns us to keep our lamps full of oil AT ALL TIMES! Since none of us knows the timing of the rapture, we are to anxiously await the Lord's return as though it could happen at any moment, because it will!

In case you misunderstood somehow, I will reiterate the worst things that will happen to everyone who is too stubborn to believe in Jesus before the rapture happens: Those who will be left here will suffer through seven years of absolute mind-boggling hell on earth—if they survive the entire tribulation period that is. It will be worse than anyone can ever imagine. The majority of the people that are left after the rapture will not survive for the full seven-year tribulation period.

As Christians, it's our duty to try and reach out to the world before it's too late. It says in the Bible that God will wipe all our tears away, but why do you suppose we'll all be crying? Think about all of the people that you love: now imagine them enduring seven years of hell on earth and then residing in hell for eternity all because you were too afraid to speak up. Ouch!

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Chapter 2... The Lord Pays John A Visit

In Revelation 1, John tells us that while he was in prison on the island of Patmos for preaching the Word of God, the Lord paid him a visit. Then he passes on a greeting from God, from the seven spirits who are before His throne, and from Christ Jesus. Following that, John tells us about Christ Jesus standing among the seven lamp stands and the seven stars that he saw in the Lord's right hand. The Lord tells John that the lamp stands represent the seven churches and the stars signify the angels of the churches. The fact that Jesus was standing amid the lamp stands tells us that He is amongst all of the churches.

In the beginning of Revelation, Jesus gives specific messages to several churches in Asia. Are the messages really directed at the churches? Or could the messages really be directed to His followers?

Some theorize that the churches in Revelation chapters 1-3 are periods of time while others speculate that the churches are actual churches that will be present during time just before the end. I believe that the churches represent the people who will be attending church just before the tribulation begins. Either way, below is a quick summary of each church that Jesus addresses:

- **The church of Ephesus in Revelation 2:1-7:** Jesus mentions the good characteristics by saying that though they will suffer hardships, they will never grow weary. Additionally, because they test the spirits, they cast out false teachers. Nevertheless, they will desert their first love: Jesus. Malachi 2:15 warns us not to break up with the wife of our youth. In other words, we should never lose the zeal that we had when we first became a Christian...we need to keep the fire kindled.
- **The church of Smyrna in Revelation 2:8-11:** Jesus encourages them to be faithful and to patiently endure the hardships that are to come. When we're being persecuted, we need to remember that the world hated Jesus long before they hated us.
- **The church of Pergamum in Revelation 2:12-17:** Though they won't renounce their faith in the Lord, they allow false teachings to infiltrate the church. Since a little yeast goes a long way, it can cause an entire batch of dough to rise. By the way, the yeast that I'm talking about are false beliefs that can corrupt an entire congregation.
- **The church of Thyatira in Revelation 2:18-29:** Though the church members will mature and become more active than they were at first, the Lord admonishes them for allowing poison to leak into their church by way of a prophetess who will lead members astray. If they continue to follow her teachings, their souls will be in peril. However, to those who refuse to be swayed by her false teachings, the Lord encourages them to hold on until He

returns.

- **The church of Sardis in Revelation 3:1-6:** Few things are worse than a dead church. Evidently, this church will pretend to be a Christ-led church where the members are filled with the Holy Spirit, but it will only be an act. For the few who will follow Christ wholeheartedly, He promises that they will be dressed in white and will be with Him in heaven after they die.
- **The church of Philadelphia in Revelation 3:7-13:** Though they are weak, they will never turn away from the Lord. They will have such strong faith that hell won't stand a chance against them. While Jesus promises to keep these people from the hour of trial, He promises to write the name of God and the name of the new Jerusalem on them.
- **Finally, we read about the church of Laodicea in Revelation 3:14-22:** Because they're lukewarm, or riding the fence, the Lord promises to spit them out. Because they think more of the things of this world than their spiritual wellbeing, He urges them to purchase gold from Him, which is pure, so they can become rich spiritually.

Chapter 3...Where Did John Say He Went?

Upon reading Revelation 4, we see that a doorway into heaven is opened and a voice tells John, "Come up hither." Because all who see the Lord in the flesh will die, John was instantly in the throne room of God in the spirit. Incidentally, this is the same voice that will call out to the two witnesses in Revelation 11:12, just before they float up to heaven on a cloud much like what happened when Jesus ascended into heaven.

John describes the twenty-four elders who are sitting on thrones and are wearing crowns of gold. The gold crowns mean that they overcame something during their lives. I'm going to venture a guess here and say that they were either saints of old or prophets who led the children of Israel at one time or another.

Following that, John tells us about the seven blazing lamps that are before the throne of God, which are the seven spirits of God. These seven spirits, which are also mentioned in Revelation 1, 3, and 5, are the different aspects of God. A look at Isaiah 11 will give us some understanding as to what these seven spirits are:

- 1) The spirit of righteousness
- 2) The spirit of wisdom
- 3) The spirit of understanding
- 4) The spirit of counsel
- 5) The spirit of might
- 6) The spirit of knowledge
- 7) The spirit of fear of the LORD.

A little further down, we read about the sea of glass that is before the throne of God. In the Bible, a sea is commonly referred to as people.

After that, John describes the four beasts that he saw near the throne. The fact that the beasts are covered in eyes means that God sees *everything*; nothing is hidden from Him. These beasts are spiritual leaders for whenever they give glory to God, the elders follow suit by placing their crowns at the feet of God and worshipping Him. Within these verses, we get a reminder that all things were created for God's pleasure.

In chapter 5, John tells us that a sealed scroll is presented and when an angel asks who is worthy of opening the scroll, since John assumed that no one in heaven or on earth was worthy of opening it, he began to cry. However, when one of the elders gently reminds him that Jesus is worthy of opening it, his joy returns.

When he looked at the throne again, he saw the Lamb of God standing in the center of it. Because the Lamb has seven horns and seven eyes tell us that He possesses all of the different aspects of God. Giving us another hint that

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