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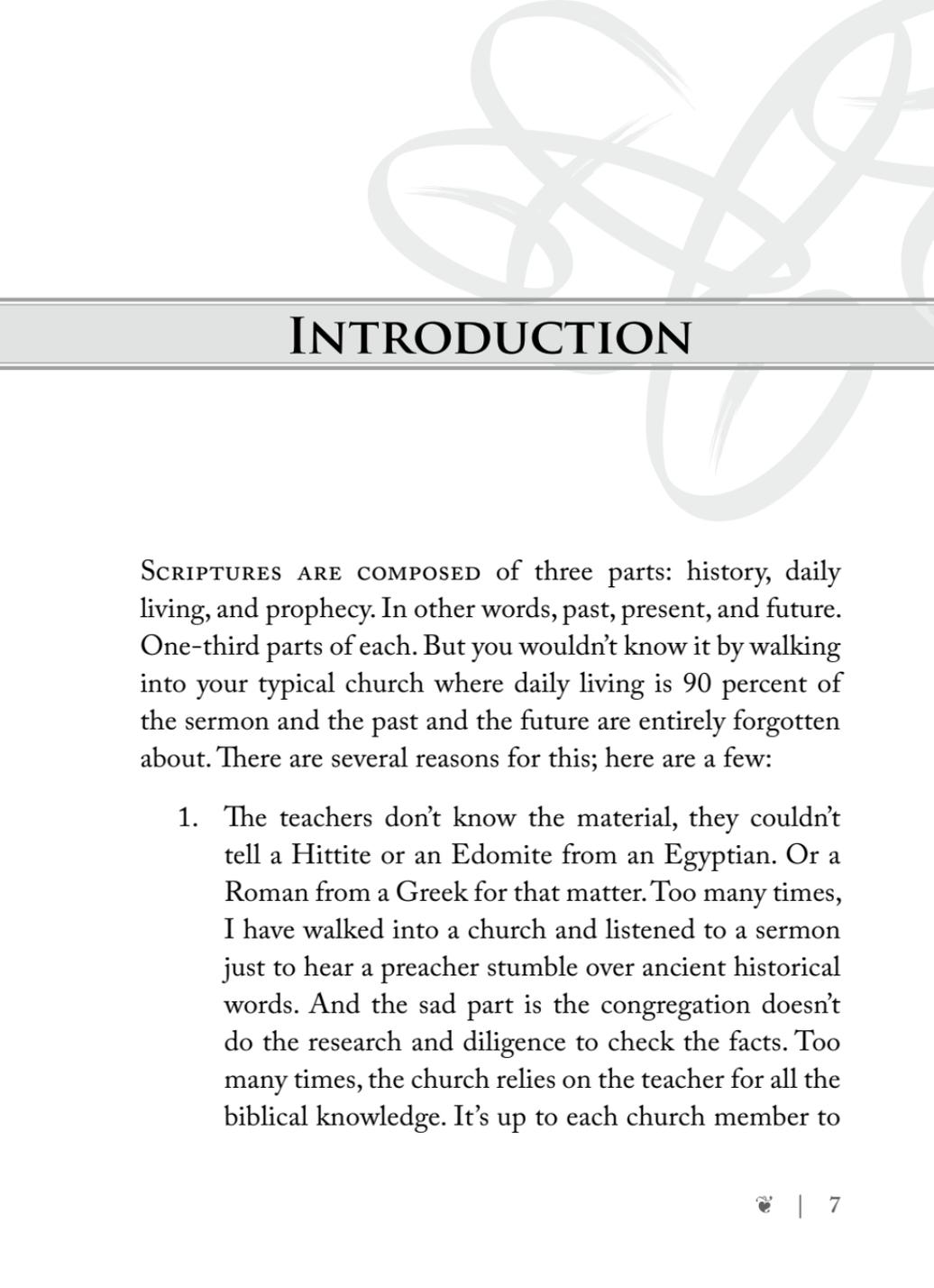
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For the tribulation saints.
Fear not, for God is with you.



INTRODUCTION

SCRIPTURES ARE COMPOSED of three parts: history, daily living, and prophecy. In other words, past, present, and future. One-third parts of each. But you wouldn't know it by walking into your typical church where daily living is 90 percent of the sermon and the past and the future are entirely forgotten about. There are several reasons for this; here are a few:

1. The teachers don't know the material, they couldn't tell a Hittite or an Edomite from an Egyptian. Or a Roman from a Greek for that matter. Too many times, I have walked into a church and listened to a sermon just to hear a preacher stumble over ancient historical words. And the sad part is the congregation doesn't do the research and diligence to check the facts. Too many times, the church relies on the teacher for all the biblical knowledge. It's up to each church member to

verify the word; the health of your faith depends on it. It's far easier for those without knowledge to teach the dos and don'ts of daily living than it is to hold a sermon on the book of Revelations.

2. They do know the material, but they don't think it's important. Considering the times we live in, I find this to be incredulous. There are so many signs that we live in the end of this current age, that to withhold prophecy from the church is an injustice. We were told by Jesus himself to keep watch. I, for one, intend to do just that. Let me ask you something: why would the Lord lay out a step-by-step series of signs if we were not to watch for his return? Why would he go through the trouble of telling the apostles on the Mount of Olives in Matthew 24 if it wasn't important? Prophecy builds faith in the believers and also proves that the Lord exists. When Israel became a nation in 1948, this was a super sign for the church to know that Jesus is at the door. The return of Christ consciousness being near.
3. Prophecy is too controversial, too symbolic to be interpreted. This is a cop-out, pure and simple. Numerous times in history, the angels have given to the prophets' dreams and symbols to be interpreted. I myself have had several of these; this is how they communicate to us. The last time this happened to me, I was told that I would purchase two wolverines for 16

dollars and 55 cents. I did my research and found out that the only place in the Bible where there is a fifty-fifth verse to a sixteenth chapter is in Ezekiel where the daughters would return to their former state. Two months later, twin girls came to me in Michigan from the other side of the planet, returning to their former state, a wolverine being the symbol for Michigan. This is how they communicate to us so keep track of those dreams that seemingly make no sense. They can be quite important.

4. History is the past, nothing to be gained by teaching ancient Israel to the masses. Forget about the past, they say; after all, it's over. Nothing can be further from the truth. Rarely does anything ever happen just once, so read your history and you'll be much able at predicting the future. Over and over, we have forgotten our history and, therefore, made the same mistakes. Pure and simple, the reason to study history is to learn from it. A good example is the Jews have put up monuments to show the world the holocaust of World War II so that hopefully it never happens again.
5. We are all going to get raptured anyway so we don't need to know about the tribulation. My question to those that believe this is: are you sure? Are you proof positive that you will be raptured up before the seven seals of revelation are opened? Are you basing this belief on what you are being taught or the research

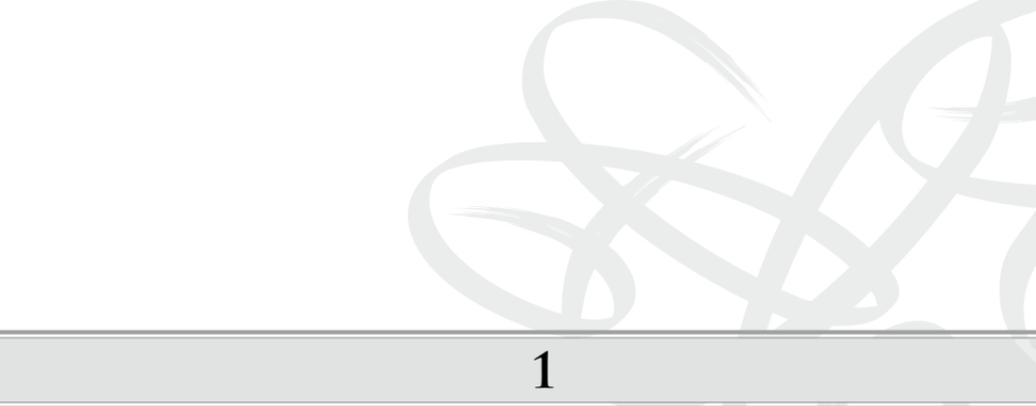
that you've done yourself? What if they're wrong, will you be ready? Is your faith strong enough to withstand the greatest tribulation that mankind will ever endure? Don't base all your hopes on an imminent rapture, they could be wrong.

6. The main reason is it's much easier to teach people about daily living. After all, it makes the congregation feel better about themselves. They'll keep coming back and leaving more money for the collection plate.

Yet the second coming of Jesus is prophetic since it hasn't happened yet. Therefore, someone needs to teach prophecy and make sense of it. So this manuscript is my attempt at doing just that.

The book of Revelations is the most controversial book in scripture; like the book of Daniel, it was almost excluded from the canon for being too apocalyptic.

In my first book, *The Great Awakening*, I wrote of the Olivet Discourse, a prophecy that Jesus gave to his apostles while he was in the flesh. This book will be a prophecy that Jesus gave to one apostle while he is in the spirit. The message is the same: he comes quickly.



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THE SON OF MAN

REVELATION 1

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand. (Revelations 1:1–3)

REVELATION MEANS TO unveil or to reveal something. It is Jesus Christ who is revealing to his church, a message from the groom to the bride. The bride, or the church, awaits the

groom so that the wedding can take place. “Things which must shortly come to pass.” In the view of the heavenly realm, time is insignificant. One day is as a thousand years and vice versa, time being meaningless to the heavenly point of view. So the word *shortly* here is spoken in heavenly terms. In God’s view, the crucifixion was yesterday and Jesus’s return is tomorrow. Since angels dwell in the heavenly realm, their perspective is the same. While the second coming may seem to be taking ages to us, it is imminent to them.

There has been debate over who received this vision, but in my opinion, it is the Apostle John.

John was the youngest of the twelve apostles; along with James, he is a son of Zebedee. A fisherman by trade until he received his calling to follow Jesus and become a “fisher of men.” Along with Andrew, Peter, his brother James, Philip, and Bartholomew, he was one of the original six apostles who were with Jesus at the beginning of the Lord’s mission. All were fishermen.

The original six apostles were truly a band of brothers who all grew up, ate, and prayed together; each helped each other in the tough times they all endured. They formed an impenetrable cordon around each other when any of them were attacked by an outsider. They all shared the type of camaraderie that is very unique. It was planned this way by the Father in the beginning. Only one thing could break them apart, but that is for another book.

Every one of them was marked by the Father on their foreheads so that only the Son could see. Jesus did not choose the apostles, the Father did. God chose every one of them by agreement with each before they even took the form of the physical body. The Father will not violate free will under any circumstances, so one by one, each agreed to this very special mission.

At his baptism given to him by John the Baptist, Jesus saw the markings on Philip's and Andrew's foreheads and knew they were his, purchased from the Father. On Andrew's forehead was the number 2, on Philip's the number 5. Jesus also knew that these two followers would lead to the next four. It was agreed upon a long time ago. He knew these men before he took up the body, and he looked forward to spending three years with them. He loved his disciples as no man had ever loved another as the Father had chosen well.

Each apostle knew that there would be hardships along the way. They all knew that sacrifice was the name of the game and that they would all have to keep the gospel of the kingdom of Christ unto death. All agreed, and all obeyed. That is except for one, number 12, Judas Iscariot, but that was also agreed upon beforehand. There had to be a betrayal or the mission wouldn't be fulfilled.

John, number 4, was more than likely in his late eighties or early nineties when he received this revelation. Every one of his brothers had been martyred. The last being Philip at Hierapolis and Philip's sidekick Bartholomew at Armenia in

AD 80. John was the last of the original apostles. He missed his friends, thinking back it has been a long time since the Lord was with them. Lifetimes ago that Jesus had preached his sermon on the mount and held them all spellbound. Healing the sick, feeding the poor, raising the dead, and many more miracles witnessed through his eyes. The most important being the resurrection of the Christ that he was now looking at.

Much heartache and sadness accompanied this life, but it was needed as a ransom for many. Many were called, twelve were chosen.

John was very tired and in need of rest. He longed to be with his friends, but he knew that his time was not yet. He had one more mission to fulfill, and at the sight of the Lord this beloved evening, he knew this was it. A brilliant white light filled his damp cave and he again heard the familiar voice, the voice of love.

John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (Revelations 1:4–6)

John, along with Paul, Philip, and others, spent a lifetime building up the churches of Asia, which is modern-day Turkey. With all the paganism that flourished in that day, that work was not for the faint of heart. They had been beaten, whipped, stoned, thrown into jail, and run out of many towns for the Gospel of the Kingdom.

While the churches were being persecuted time and time again, it was up to these men to keep strengthening the bride of Christ. They were the early church leaders, setting the example for others to follow, lest the wind blow the whole thing away.

Time and again, the enemy had tried to silence them. Thrown out of the synagogues, put to the torch by the Romans, all were bruised with scars of the whips on their backs. Yet the Kingdom of God which was within had sustained them.

The Lord Jesus identifies himself to John as the one who is, was, and is to come. The past, present, and future God. The one who is everything and is in everything. The beginning and ending of all things.

The seven spirits before the throne of God are spirits or angels who stand at the throne of the Creator of all things. These are the chief spiritual beings put in charge of all of humanity. These seven will be the fellow messengers, along with Jesus for this revelation. The seven spirits of God are also the Holy Spirit divided into seven parts. The seven aspects of the Holy Spirit. Love, forgiveness, compassion, faith, hope, joy, and peace. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. (Revelations 1:7)

The return of Jesus will be with the clouds. It will be a sign in the sky, which are orbs of light that every human on earth will see. This is the theme of this book, the return of the Christ. The saints of the future will be needing these words, so they know that in the end, no matter how bleak things may look, victory is assured.

It will be instantaneous. Like lightning that flashes in the east and shines in the west, so shall the coming of the son of man be. This is very important information for the tribulation saints. Many will come before Jesus's second coming to proclaim themselves the Messiah. They'll say, "Look here and look there, here is the Messiah," but they will all be counterfeits. If you have to go looking for him, then it is not the case. When the true return happens, all will know and all will tremble at the glorious sight.

When the true second coming happens, it will be golden orbs of light shining through all the clouds. Lights that shine throughout the entire earth. It will be the event of the ages so that no matter where you stand on this planet, you'll see the return. You'll have no doubt that your Savior is here.

The second coming will shake the earth's very foundations, so glorious it will be.

But for those who didn't keep their lamps lit, it will be a time of fear. They will not know what to make of it. They didn't keep watch; therefore, they will have no idea. They'll see it as an alien invasion on the earth and it will make their spirits wail.

The enemy will wail the loudest. They've run amok on this earth for millennium, but their time will be over through complete and total defeat. The concentrated negative energies which have run roughshod will scream in terror at the sight of this event. They've known it was coming, they just didn't know the hour. Only the Father knew when the clock was to strike twelve.

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending,
saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is
to come, the Almighty. (Revelations 1:8)

Here is Jesus proclaiming himself to be God, the creator of all things. The source of everything that was, is, and is to come. It all stemmed from him. As he told Philip at the last supper, "The Father and I are one."

Jesus is the physical representation of the Father, it's as simple as that. The Father who is pure energy and spirit created a physical being called Jesus and enveloped that being and became one. Ever since that wonderful day when John the Baptist baptized Jesus and the Holy Spirit settled down on Jesus head like a dove, they have been one being. It's a declaration of the eternal. The first thought and the

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