

# **The Tribulations and Future Glory of the “Latter House” in Christ**

## **A Brief Synopsis**

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The “Former House” of God is identified as national, ethnic Israel prior to the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The “Latter House” of God is identified as the body of Christ from the fulfillment of Pentecost forward.

Jesus Christ was crucified on 14 Nisan, Passover, as the men in Israel who had rejected Him slaughtered Passover lambs all over Jerusalem in unbelief. Fifty days later, on Pentecost, the glory of God suddenly fell on the 120 believers in the upper room with the sound of a mighty, rushing wind as tongues of spiritual fire rested upon each of them individually.

Thus, the kingdom of God fell upon the remnant of Israel, identified by Paul as “**the Israel of God,**” (i.e. covenant “Israel” in Christ, the King) and the presence of God filled His temple, which was not the stone and mortar temple, but those individual men and women who had been baptized into the spiritual body of Christ.

The glory and presence of God in the Latter House on the fulfillment of Pentecost was such that thousands of men and women who had previously rejected Jesus of Nazareth, received Him as the living Lord, the Messiah, on that very same day.

Some years later, Saul of Tarsus, a Pharisee of Pharisees from the tribe of Benjamin, and a persecutor of this “cult” of those who claimed Jesus of Nazareth as the Messiah, was confronted on the road to Damascus as he was blinded by the brightness of the glory of the Lord Himself saying, “**Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me.**”

Afterward it was this same Saul, who was then an apostle re-named “Paul” by the Lord, who continually addressed the churches he visited on his lengthy missionary journeys, both in person and by letter, concerning the corruption of true apostolic doctrine and practice by doctrines of demons introduced through unscrupulous, though often unknowing, men.

In this, Paul even confronted Peter who had been influenced by what Paul called, “the circumcision party.”

The circumcision party required Gentile believers to be circumcised the same as the Jews and to follow all the Jewish religious customs including the appointed times and feasts of the Lord.

The initial glory, power, and unity of the spiritual body of Christ was already fading when Paul wrote his letter to the church in Ephesus, condemning the unscrupulous men who taught doctrines of demons that divided and emasculated the body of Christ, and he **prophesied** a future day when the “Latter” house of God would be restored to the complete unity, power, and fullness of the presence of the glory of the Lord.

*His intention was the perfecting and full equipping of the saints...until we all attain oneness in the faith and in the comprehension of the full and accurate...(experiential)... knowledge of the Son of God; that [we might arrive] at really mature manhood- the completeness of personality which is nothing less than the standard height of Christ's own perfection – the measure of the stature of the fullness of the Christ, and the completeness found in Him. Ephesians 4:12,13 Amplified (insert and emphasis is the author's)*

**“Nothing less than the standard height of Christ's own perfection”?**

Most believers today cannot even imagine this possibility, but if we believe Paul was led by the Spirit of truth in all that he wrote and taught, then we have to believe that this prophecy is true. But how? And when?

This was NOT about our eternal unity. This was a prophecy about some future time frame, and this prophetic promise of God to the “Latter House” has obviously not been fulfilled prior to the time this article was written.

This passage, then, has been explained away by those confronted with the current condition of the body of Christ who are unwilling to accept the truth that the body of Christ as a whole, including our own denomination or our own fellowship of believers, is spiritually asleep, divided, deceived, and not generally manifesting the glory of Christ in the world to the degree that it was manifested in the first years of the church. And certainly not to the fullness that Paul prophesied that we would eventually experience prior to the resurrection on the “last day.”

Yet, Paul's prophecy **will** ultimately be fulfilled by those overcoming Latter House saints, the “wise virgins” who endure and persevere during the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> seals of “**tribulation**”.

In the prophetic parable of the ten virgins (Matthew 25) the Lord prophesied that the church would fall asleep spiritually as the expectancy of His immediate return waned, and false doctrine began to take root, choking out the vibrant,

faith-filled, Spirit-empowered manifestation of the glory of Christ in the early church.

Sadly, in spite of our denial, this is the state we find ourselves in today in various degrees, but, because we were born into it, we think this is the “normal” state of the “latter house” in Jesus Christ.

Watchman Nee, one of the great founding fathers of the underground church in China, who died in prison under the Chairman Mao regime, wrote a book titled, “**The Normal Christian Life.**” In this book he described “normal,” as being the life experienced by the early church, and, subsequently, he described the life of a great majority of the church today as “sub-normal,” or as the Lord Himself described it in parabolic language, “*asleep.*”

Fortunately, in spite of the massive amount of deception, false doctrine, false practice, and false, intellectually conceived interpretations of biblical prophecy, the body of Christ **will** receive a wakeup call in our immediate future as illustrated in the parable of the ten virgins.

This wakeup call for the body of Christ, revealed symbolically to me in dreams sent by the Lord, as a tornado and a tsunami, will be the opening of the 4<sup>th</sup> seal to begin that time identified by the Lord as the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> seal events of “*tribulation.*” (the wakeup call for the sleeping “virgins” of the “latter house”)

Thus, we will be awakened, not to escape the coming trouble in a secret, not disclosed in scripture, “rapture,” but to be brought to attention as we face the trouble, so that we will not be defeated by it, but be **matured** by it so that we are walking in the fullness of who we are in Christ.

At the current time the Spirit of truth is unsealing biblical prophecy as prophesied in Daniel 12:4, and an anointing of the spirit of Elijah is being given to many to challenge the deceptions of the Jezebel spirit and turn the children and disobedient of the faith back to God to make ready a people for the return of the Lord.

In this regard, those with “ears to hear” and “eyes to see” have a sense of expectancy, whereas the deceived have a sense of dread concerning the days to come.

The Gog-Magog war (Ezekiel 38 and 39) in which the Muslim alliance’s third jihad attacks Israel and is defeated supernaturally in a single day, seems to be a likely headline event for the wakeup call described in Matthew 25:1-12.

The rise of Islam (the black horseman carrying a pair of scales) begins with economic chaos leading to widespread famines and pandemic disease and ends with Islam’s defeat in a single day by Israel and by those who, by God’s will, send “fire” on the homelands of the attacking nations.

The aftermath of the Gog-Magog war elevates Israel to the status of world power and eliminates Muslim resistance to the rebuilding of Solomon's temple in Jerusalem where The Temple Mount and Land of Israel Faithful Movement is already prepared, not only to rebuild the temple, but to re-establish the Levitical priesthood and the temple worship and sacrifice system again in complete **antichrist** denial that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah which was to come.

It is at this time that the *false prophet* begins to prophesy the soon arrival of Maschiah ben David, the "Messiah."

Most of the religious Jews in Israel will believe that God has confirmed His covenant with them because of their victory over the surrounding nations at some point in our immediate future, though all the covenant promises of God were inherited by Jesus of Nazareth upon His resurrection, and there remains NO covenant promise to national, ethnic Israel apart from individuals coming to faith in Christ.

At the same time, the awakened virgins worldwide will begin to receive the first showers of the revived former and latter rains outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The restoration of temple worship and sacrifices and the sudden, evangelistic rise of Christianity in Israel, though, will lead to increasing conflict amongst the Jews, just as it did in the early days of the church.

The political aftermath of the Gog-Magog war that devastates the countries of Syria (Damascus turned to dust), Turkey, Iraq, Iran, and the Muslim country-states of southern Russia, will be followed by a worldwide depression, famines, and pandemic disease, during which 25% of the world's population will die, causing the entire world to cry out for world peace and the restoration of economic prosperity.

The United Nations is the likely vehicle for an agreement that will be ratified by most countries, to submit political authority to the United Nations as a world government.

Just as the United States of America began as a Republic in which the states only yielded certain rights to the federal government, so the new world government will only be given certain rights related to a world economic system and the establishment of peace.

The most likely organizational form would be the United Nations changed from a five nation Security Council with each nation having veto authority, to a ten nation Security Council with a consensus vote, with the President of the United Nations having the deciding vote in case of a tie.

And this "president" will be a political war hero from Israel who claims a direct lineage back to King David.

The remainder of the nations will act as a kind of limited congress or parliament, and an international judicial system will be appointed.

Thus, the United States of America will become the first host of “*Babylon the Great,*” though few believers will recognize this, and most of those who do recognize this will be silenced.

Some alert Christians around the world will identify the Israeli war hero, who leads Israel to victory during the Gog-Magog war and becomes the “Chairman” of a world government, as potentially being the antichrist “**man of sin**” who rises to power as he usurps total authority over this United Nations world government by defeating two of the ten nations of this world government in a brief but intensely disturbing war.

But those who openly reveal and oppose him will be persecuted as “terrorists,” losing all rights under the United Nations governmental law.

Christianity will come under extreme pressure in Israel, with most Christian believers immigrating to countries compatible with Christianity.

At this time the United Nations government will grant Israel authority to expand into the territories of the defeated Muslim Alliance on the basis of Israel’s claim to original covenant grants by God to Abraham.

During the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> seals of Revelation all Christian influence on this world government will be negated, and both Christians and their organizations will be seen as enemies of the world government as Christian believers become aware that this world government will ultimately be ruled by the antichrist “man of sin.”

At this time there will be no political safe haven for Christians, and the persecution of Christians critical of this world government will escalate accordingly.

The born-again, regenerated Christians identified as “wise virgins,” who have read and are heeding the Lord’s warnings and His commands of repentance as given to John in the Revelation of Jesus Christ, will receive the help of the revived former and latter rains outpouring of the Spirit. But those who fail to heed the Lord’s warnings and commands of repentance will run out of oil and become apostate because of the trouble. (i.e. the “foolish virgins”)

Yet, many of these do not even believe that it is possible to lose their faith through the hardness of their unrepentant hearts.

And it is these apostate, former believers who will become vehement, Satanically inspired enemies of the body of Christ.

***“Then they...the world government unknowingly under the direction of the “man of sin” prior to his claim to messiahship... will hand you...Christian believers...over to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name. And at that time many...of My people... will fall***

*away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will rise up from among those who have fallen away and mislead many people. And because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will become cold. But the one who endures to the end is the one who will be saved. This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come...* at the "last day" resurrection. **Matthew 24:9-14 NASB**

A prophetic summary:

This is the testing of the awakened virgins (the church) who are warned by the Lord to persevere and endure to the end, and the experience of every born-again believer in Jesus Christ worldwide, will be like the experience of the worst of the worst persecutions of Christians in the world today.

But we will have the help of the Holy Spirit during this time, and the glory of the tested and refined church will be like that of the first days of the church.

At the same time false prophets, many of whom will be apostate former Christians, will speak with great authority, accompanied by false signs and wonders produced by demons. A syncretic religion will begin to take shape under the direction and empowerment of the Jezebel spirit, manifested through the "false prophet" in Israel declaring that "Messiah" will soon be revealed as he calls down fire from heaven in holy of holies of the rebuilt temple.

Most Christians will believe that this event will be the return of Jesus Christ, but a remnant will begin preaching that the reign of the antichrist "man of sin" is imminent. And those who preach this truth will be heavily persecuted and killed.

As soon as the antichrist "man of sin" gains dictatorial control of the world government he begins to experience trouble from defecting nations, but at this time his power is suddenly and dramatically increased when the false prophet declares him to be the "Messiah" and "God" in the rebuilt temple in Jerusalem, and this "man of sin" calls down fire from heaven (just as the priests of Baal did before their encounter with Elijah).

At that time the "mark" of the beast is revealed to discerning Christians as a spiritual covenant mark that bonds the one who takes it permanently with the antichrist "man of sin," and, unknowingly in most cases, with Satan and his beast kingdom.

It is this event that results in the opening of the 7<sup>th</sup> seal, initiating that 3.5 years identified as "**great tribulation**," but immediately prior to the opening of the 7<sup>th</sup> seal on some future Pentecost, the Lord seals His own overcoming believers, the "wise virgins" (a.k.a. the metaphorical 144,000 spiritual Jews, i.e.

Jew and Gentile as “**one new man**”) who have become the end times Philadelphian church persecuted by the synagogue of Satan.

These “wise virgins” are those who have persevered and endured, becoming entirely devoted to the ministry of Christ in the face of tribulation and pressure that we can scarcely imagine at this current point in time.

This sealing is for protection during the 3.5 years of “**great tribulation**,” and the seven trumpet judgments, but it is not merely for their protection, which corresponds with the Lord’s promise to the Philadelphian church. This sealing is also their complete and total redemption as “**firstfruits unto God and the Lamb**” (i.e firstfruits of the wheat harvest) Revelation 14:3.

These are also identified as the metaphorical 144,000, spiritual Israel, the “Israel of God,” and from this point forward they are also “**the woman clothed with the sun**,” who is given the wings of the “great eagle” (the Holy Spirit) to transport her to the wilderness.

The “wilderness” is not a natural place, but a spiritual place unsullied by the world, and, for the final 3.5 years of **great tribulation**, these who have persevered and endured during the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> seals of **tribulation**, cannot be harmed or influenced in any way by Satan, who is enraged by this event.

It is this same 144,000 then who bring in the great end times harvest of an uncountable number from every nation, tribe, and tongue in the face of the worst Satan can do during the 3.5 years of the 7<sup>th</sup> seal “great tribulation,” and though these cannot be harmed by Satan many of those they bring to faith are killed in various, and often, extremely cruel ways.

These fully redeemed and “sealed” believers, the metaphorical 144,000 is the glorious church of Jesus Christ manifesting His presence in the earth fully and completely in accordance with Paul’s prophecy in Ephesians 4 and in Daniel 9:24-27.

There will be many strange and terrible events in the final 3.5 years of **great tribulation**, and the majority of those who come to faith in Christ during that time will be martyred, but it is said of these that they overcame Satan (overcame his temptation to renounce Christ and live) by the word of their testimony about what the blood of Jesus has accomplished for all who believe, as they willingly give up their lives for Him.

This is the comfort we have concerning the martyrs, who may include our children, and our grandchildren during tribulation and great tribulation: their experience on earth is merely the door to an eternity of covenant blessing in the presence of God the Father and our Lord, Jesus Christ.

My suggestion, therefore, is to read and “heed” the Lord’s warnings and demand for repentance found in Revelation 2 and 3, asking the Spirit of truth to grant you the full revelatory meaning and application of that message as you do.

Your future, and the future of those you minister to and minister with depends on it.

Because the house of God, from first to last, is identified as those who are in a covenant relationship with Him, and the “house of God” after the resurrection of Jesus Christ includes all those who have received Him by faith.

This, then, alerts us that the prophecy recorded in Hagai 2:6-9 is related to the “latter” house of God, the body of Christ, not national, ethnic Israel.

***“For thus says the Lord of hosts, “Once more, in a little while...(during the seven seals of tribulation and great tribulation)..., I am going to shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all the nations; and they will come with the desirable and precious things of all nations, and I will fill this house...(the house of God, the body of Christ)... with glory and splendor,” says the Lord of hosts. “The silver is Mine and the gold is Mine,” declares the Lord of hosts. The latter glory of this house...(the body of Christ)... will be greater than the former,”...(Israel as the covenant nation of God and the land occupied by the seed of Abraham)... says the Lord of hosts, “and in this place I shall give (the ultimate) peace and prosperity,”...to My covenant people in Christ)... declares the Lord of hosts.”*** Hagai 2:6-9 Amplified (inserts are the author’s)

See: [The 144,000 and the Multitude](#) for details regarding this amazing prophecy.

See: [Daniel 9:24-27 Unsealed and Revealed](#) Daniel 9:24-27 is the passage used by Sir Robert Anderson, a Plymouth Brethren dispensationalist to “prove” his pre-tribulation rapture theory. Yet, what this passage actually demonstrates is the astonishing truth about the “wise virgins” of the end time church who become the metaphorical 144,000 immediately before the opening of the 7<sup>th</sup> seal as they bring in the multitude in the face of the worst Satan can do through his beast kingdom. And any who receive this truth, confirmed by the Spirit of truth, will be powerfully strengthened in their faith to persevere, endure, and overcome in the trials to come.

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