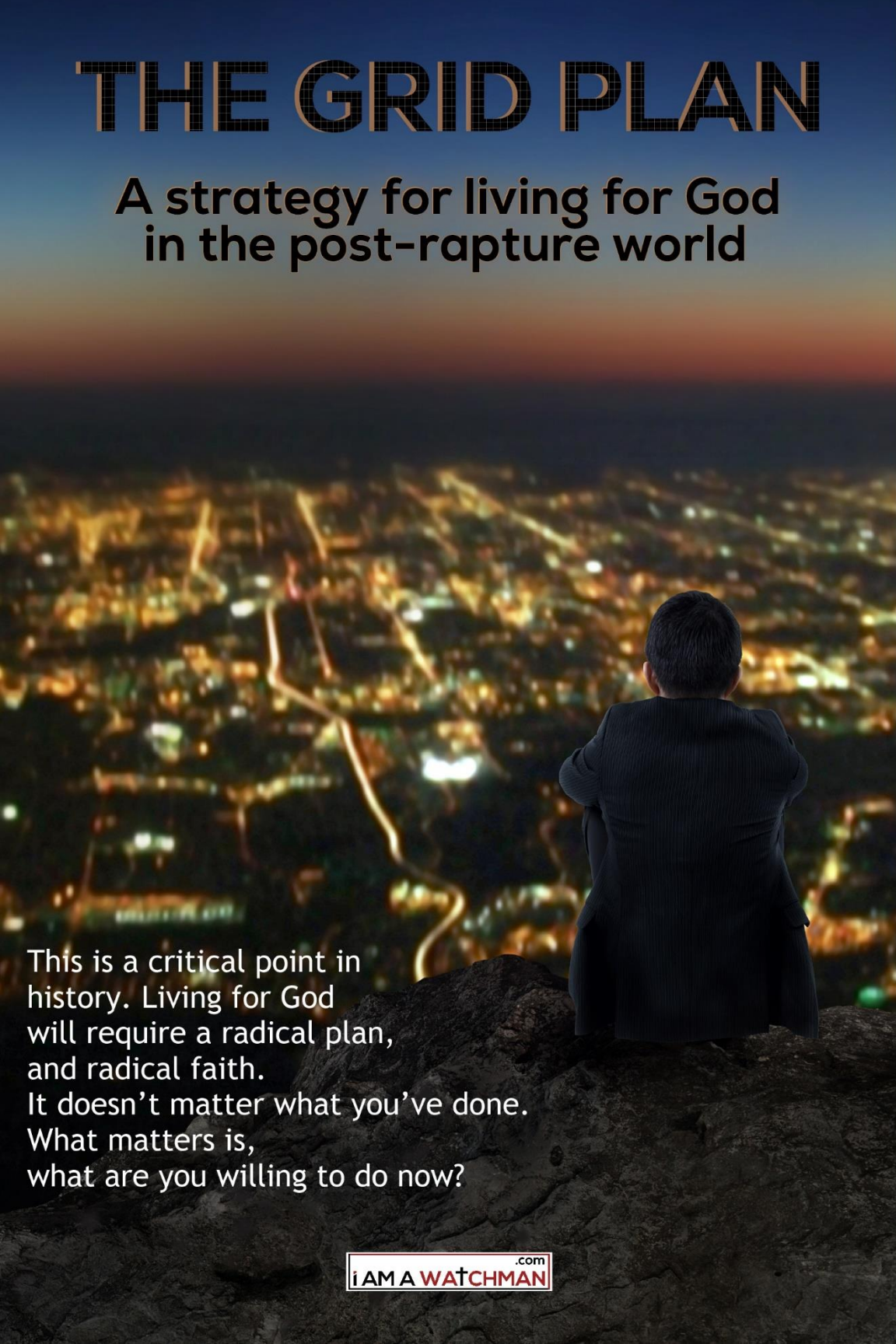


THE GRID PLAN

A strategy for living for God
in the post-rapture world



This is a critical point in
history. Living for God
will require a radical plan,
and radical faith.
It doesn't matter what you've done.
What matters is,
what are you willing to do now?

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? **And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.**”

(John 14:1-3)

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INTRODUCTION

The I AM A WATCHMAN ministry established in 2017 with four primary goals: 1) provide resources that prompt individuals to enter into a relationship with Christ 2) to encourage believers in Christ 3) to train and equip believers for Christ and 4) to prepare all for the return of Christ. In 2018, the vision expanded to provide resources for individuals who are left behind when the Lord comes to rescue and take away believers in an event known as the Rapture. The RAPTURE KIT resource and this booklet were introduced as new resources in 2020 respectively.

This booklet is designed to help individuals **after** the Rapture:

- Understand what the Rapture is and why it happened
- Understand that it is NOT too late to be forgiven, saved, and have the hope of eternal life
- Understand what is going to happen in the near future
- Know how to LIVE WELL and FINISH WELL for the Lord

Life will be different in the next few years. Life will be difficult. Many will become bitter and sink into deep depression. But there is hope. In this last chapter of history God offers those who commit to live for Him a new life, with new purpose, and an eternal reward. This new life does not require vast resources or advanced degrees—only a willing and courageous heart.

Living for the Lord at this point in history will be the most difficult thing you have ever done—but it will be your greatest achievement, and lead to unimaginable reward. Read on to learn what has happened, what to do now, and how to live for the Lord in the days to come.

THE REASON FOR THIS BOOK

The I AM A WATCHMAN ministry anticipates the day when news headlines will be filled with stories of how millions across the globe suddenly vanished. On that fateful day, planes will go down, trains will derail, cars will crash, and basic services will be disrupted. There will be chaos and panic, and fabricated explanations for what happened.

Perhaps you remember warnings from Christians who spoke of a coming RAPTURE—a momentous event where Jesus returns to whisk away true believers in advance of terrible judgments and tribulations on the earth. If millions suddenly disappeared, the Rapture has happened, the seven-year Tribulation period is about to begin, and the Antichrist will soon rise to power. This booklet provides a glimpse into what will happen, how to prepare, and how to become a witness and servant for the Lord.

Though you missed the Rapture, you can still turn to Christ. You can be forgiven, have the hope of heaven, live a life of meaning, and finish well for the Lord. This booklet profiles what you must know, and what you must do.

If you are reading this after the Rapture, then God has given you a second chance – do not let it pass by. Read this booklet to learn more about Jesus' love for you, and how you can serve Him. Know this: Great reward awaits the faithful.

“...Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)

WHAT'S THE GRID PLAN? (NEXT STEPS)

If you are reading this after the disappearance of millions across the globe, I imagine you are hurting and worried. It is likely that much of the world is in chaos. In stressful situations there is a natural tendency to search for the quick fix. I understand, and I have answers and helps for you, but like baking a cake, there are steps to follow. Just as one cannot frost the cake before the batter is baked, there are a few things you must know and do before the GRID PLAN and living for God principles can benefit you.

Living-out GRID PLAN principles will yield confidence, peace, a sense of purpose, and unimaginable heavenly reward. But as I noted in the above paragraph, there are a few requisites. A quick reference guide is presented below.

- Read pages 13-22 to understand what has happened.
- Read pages 23-26 to know how to become a Christian.
- Read pages 27-40 to learn what the future holds.
- Read pages 42-45 for insight regarding how God could be calling YOU to serve Him in the post-Rapture world.
- Read pages 46-56 to learn how using GRID PLAN principles can help strategic and powerful in your witness for God.
- Read pages 57-59 for suggestions regarding how to share your faith in the post-rapture world.

After reviewing the above, and committing to be a faithful follower of Jesus, THEN you are ready to serve and honor Jesus by implementing GRID PLAN principles. A brief preview is presented on the next page

WHAT IS THE GRID PLAN?

The GRID PLAN is a strategy to help you to use your gifts, location, contacts, skills, work, relationships, etc. to be a mighty servant for the Lord. The GRID PLAN assumes four things:

1. There are no accidents or coincidences: You are reading this because God is offering you the opportunity to serve Him in a role of honor and distinction.

2. People can change: Implementing the Grid Plan principles and accomplishing great things for God, especially at this point in history, will require courage, wisdom, and boldness. You may be thinking that your failures, your lack of knowledge of spiritual things, or shy personality will not allow you to be a bold servant for God in the future. Many stories in the Bible prove that is not true. For example, overwhelming fear prompted Jonah to run from God and Peter to deny he knew Jesus. A lack of confidence led Moses to tell God he was not a good speaker and therefore could not be His spokesman. But God so transformed these men that they became known for doing great things in spite of, and showing new strength in the very areas of, their personal weaknesses. Moses became a leader to the Hebrews and God's messenger to Pharaoh. Jonah became a prophet to the Ninivites (a people notorious for killing outsiders on site), and Peter became an Apostle and leader in the New Testament Church. God can use anyone to accomplish anything.

3. God delights in using the weak: A quick review of the Bible will show that God delights in using the unlikely to do the exceptional. The prophet Jeremiah was "just a youth." The prophet Amos was a shepherd and "tender of sycamore trees." Jesus' disciples were, by their own admission, "uneducated men." Yet the Lord called (and helped) these ordinary men to do extraordinary things. Do not doubt that God can do incredible things for and through you.

4. God will help: Remember this simple truism: *God will help you to do what He calls you to do.*

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Section ONE

WHAT HAPPENED AND WHAT DO I DO NOW?

A CHALLENGE TO THE COURAGEOUS

Millions are missing. Conflicting explanations and theories abound. Services are disrupted. There's panic and chaos everywhere. This booklet presents the truth about what has happened, what will happen, and what your best next steps are.

There have been many pivotal moments in history. The Union Army's victory at Gettysburg sealed the outcome of the US Civil War. The allied landing at Normandy was the beginning of the end of the Third Reich. The attack on Pearl Harbor led to America's involvement in WWII. Wellington's victory at Waterloo stopped the imperialistic designs of Napoleon. These monumental events changed the course of history, but do not begin to compare to the significance of the Rapture.

The world is about to experience an unprecedented season of change and tribulation. A new and terrible global leader (the Antichrist) and new, global economic, religious, and military systems will soon appear. Plague, intense heat, earthquakes, the poisoning of lakes, rivers, and oceans, darkness, devastating hail, attacks from creatures of the demonic realm, war, and persecution are coming. Billions will die. There will be unprecedented suffering.

Everything is about to change. There may some months before the Tribulation and significant changes begin, but be mindful of what is prophesied to come. My strong suggestion is to liquidate nonessential assets immediately. Sell your home, cash out retirement investments. Keep cash but watch for signs indicating the government is about to

move to a new currency system (don't be left with an abundance of devalued currency). Invest in things that have bartering value in a crisis (for those days are coming). Stock-up on emergency food, medicine, and survival supplies. Prepare to be able to help others. Position to be mobile. Use this time, that some refer to as the calm before the storm, wisely.

This is a time for a total reset in thinking—your priorities, goals, and focus. Traditional ambitions (career, retirement, vacations, degrees, acquiring possessions) no longer apply. All will be in survival mode soon. The world will end soon. Jesus will return (in judgment) soon. You must make the most of the time that is left.

This booklet notes how Bible prophecy correctly predicted recent events and profiles what will take place in the near future. Horrendous changes are about to unfold. However, there is a way to live with honor and finish well for the Lord. There is a way to be redeemed, and hear Jesus say, “Well done, my good and faithful servant” and be united with those who were taken in the Rapture.

It does not matter what you have done in the past—what matters is what you are willing to do in the days to come. YOU are invited to change your heart and live a life that is fully committed to Jesus. YOU are invited to implement GRID PLAN principles and be a servant and leader for God. Yes, your life will be in danger. In time you will be labeled an enemy of the State. You will be misunderstood and maligned. But remember, those who suffer for their service for the Lord will be rewarded in heaven.

The things of earth (position, money, power, fame, possessions) have no future. All is about to be swept away. Some may find temporary protection and provision by aligning with the new world government

that is coming—but that government, and its supporters are doomed to hell and will be judged by Jesus at the end of the 7-year Tribulation period. So the question is: Do you want to try to survive for seven or so difficult years? and then, as a supporter of the Antichrist and world system, be doomed to an eternity of torment in hell? Or do you want to be a fully committed follower of Jesus, resist the coming Antichrist and world systems, possibly die as a martyr, but in the end be rewarded by Christ and live eternally in glory in heaven?

I do not present these options lightly or flippantly. They are life and death choices that have eternal ramifications. I urge you to make the difficult (but infinitely better) choice. Choose Jesus. Do not just commit to believe in Him, but rather, to live daily for Him. Be His witness, servant, teacher, and watchman (Ezek. 33:1-9). This is your second chance—an opportunity to live with honor and finish well.

SECTION 1 of this booklet notes what the Bible says about the Rapture and How to be Saved. SECTION 2 profiles the events the Bible prophecy notes are coming. SECTION 3 presents an action plan for how to live as a faithful follower of Jesus in these last days.

My prayers are with you as you strive to live for HIM!

“‘Truly I tell you,’ Jesus said to them, ‘no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.’” (Luke 18:29-30)

WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE DID EVERYBODY GO?

The I Am A Watchman ministry decided to prepare this writing in advance of a supernatural event, which some now may be referring to as the Rapture, or the Disappearances. The goal is to provide those left behind with counsel and comfort.

This writing assumes that the following has happened: Suddenly, without notice, millions of people vanished from the face of the earth. Christians refer to this event as the Rapture. The term Rapture is a Latin-based term Christians use to describe a sudden catching up or taking away of God's people. The term God's people is synonymous with the Church, Christians, the Bride of Christ, believers, and devoted followers of Jesus. Every nation will report vanishings. Likely, the vanishings will include most, if not all, infants, toddlers, and children.

In trying to understand what has happened, people will attempt to identify what was common amongst those who vanished. Did those who disappear have the same diet? Did they have a common virus, participate in the same kind of activities, or frequent the same places? Did they live near a "paranormal hotspot? Are aliens to blame? I tell you, though few will accept it, there are only two common factors amongst the millions who have vanished. There are only two things that link the millions who, from every nation, age group, and economic stratum, suddenly disappeared. They were young with pure hearts, or, they were old enough to be responsible for their choices and they chose to believe in God and His Son Jesus. Further, they, as best they could, did not just believe in Him, but also lived for Him.

The I Am A Watchman ministry team was able to anticipate the Rapture because prophecies in the Bible noted that the event was coming. About a third of the Bible is prophetic in nature. The biblical record of fulfilled prophecy is 100% accuracy. Though many have tried, no Bible prophecy has ever been proven to be in error. The precision rate of Bible prophecy is unparalleled.

To illustrate the wonder of Bible prophecy, let me note that Jesus, the Messiah, fulfilled more than 125 specific prophecies during His ministry on earth about 2000 years ago. And most of those prophecies were well outside a human's ability to control (such as Judas' betrayal of Jesus for 30 pieces of silver). Statisticians note that the probability of Jesus fulfilling less than half of the prophecies attributed to Him are about one in 10^{157} —that number is statistically zero. It approximates the number of electrons in the entire universe. Again, the statistical probability of one man fulfilling less than half of the prophecies attributed to Him—less than 50 prophecies, is statistically zero.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE RAPTURE?

The term Rapture indicates a swift catching up or rescuing of God's people before the outpouring of wrath during the Tribulation. The English term *Rapture* comes from 1 Thessalonians 4:17. The Greek text of the New Testament translates the words "caught up" *harpazo*, meaning to seize upon with force or to catch or snatch up. The Latin translators of the Greek New Testament Bible translated the word, *harpazo*, *rapturo*. The Latin, *rapturo*, became the root word for the English term Rapture.

Through the Rapture, God has caught up His church so that believers would not have to experience the upcoming time of tribulation and wrath. John, the writer of the book of Revelation, said it this way: the church will be “kept from the hour of testing that shall come upon the world” (Revelation 3:10). Paul, writing of the quick and sudden nature of the Rapture wrote,

“Behold I show you a mystery we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment in the twinkling of an eye... for the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised... and we shall be changed” (1 Cor. 15:51-53).

Writing to the Thessalonian Church, Paul wrote,

“For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air” (1 Thess. 4:16-17).

This is what Jesus said about the Rapture in Matthew 24.

“There will be two in the field, and then suddenly one will be left.”

“There will be two women grinding at the mill. One will be taken, and one will be left” (Matt. 24:40-41).

In Luke 12, Jesus spoke of the importance of expecting His return. In Matthew 24, Jesus spoke of the need to be watching, waiting, and ready for His return.

There are many allusions and references to the Rapture throughout the Bible. For example, The Fall Festival the Feast of Trumpets foreshadows the Rapture. The Old Testament book, The Song of Solomon, is about an unworthy bride being told to wait for the promised return of her wonderful Groom. However, she's unfaithful, and when He returns, she is not ready and is left behind.

Jesus' parable of the ten virgins and His teaching on the wedding banquet also reference the Rapture. Many Old Testament stories, traditions, phrases, and celebrations have Rapture connotations.

This is just an overview of the many verses and prophecies which foretold that the Rapture would come. The message has been available to humanity for more than 2000 years. However, many churches failed to believe and did not make teaching Bible Prophecy a priority. According to Ezekiel 33, many ministry leaders will be held accountable for not preaching or teaching the whole counsel of God. The key questions now are: What do I do? Is there hope? Is it too late? Friend, there is good news. God loves you, wants to forgive you, and use you for His glory. The GRID PLAN information in the last section of this book will provide ideas for how to live for Him. The future will be challenging, but it is not too late to commit to live and finish well for Him.

IF THERE WAS A RAPTURE, WHY WASN'T I TAKEN?

Millions of people have disappeared. Maybe your loved ones and friends are among them. The previous section noted what the Rapture is. This section will address the very delicate question: **Why wasn't I taken?**

Does the fact that you missed the Rapture indicate that you are a terrible person? No. The Bible teaches that all have sinned—none are worthy. There's no doubt that right now, some people on earth are genuinely evil, but it is also true that some on earth right now are good, kind, wise, and loving. Those taken into heaven in the Rapture were not better than those who were left behind. Those taken in the Rapture were sinners, just like you, but they had confessed their sins and had their sins forgiven (erased) by Jesus Christ.

It is common to think that good people go to heaven. But that's not quite accurate. It is true that those whom God allows to enter heaven will have good hearts and will have done some good things, but being good is not good enough. God is not looking to see who is good. He's looking to see who is perfect – who is without blemish. Who has confessed their sins to Jesus Christ, been forgiven by Him, and walk-in relationship with Him. God is pure, holy, and perfect, and can only be in union with that which is also pure, holy, and perfect. Because humanity is prone to sin, God sent His Son Jesus to come to earth and live a sinless life and die on the cross to make atonement for the sins of all who acknowledge their wrongs and commit to believe in and follow Him. True followers of Christ have their sins forgiven and, from a spiritual point of view, are made perfect. Believers then, express their gratitude for God's grace by committing to follow the example set by Christ, who loved others, served others, and was faithful to follow the Father's will. So those taken to heaven in the Rapture were not taken because they were good, they were taken because they were believers in Jesus Christ, had their sins forgiven, and demonstrated their faith in Jesus by doing good things.

Some may ask: Why are so many churchgoers still here if God took Christians in the Rapture? Let me answer that question by sharing what Jesus said it would be like at the time of the final judgment (which by the way, will not happen until after the Tribulation). Beginning in Matthew

7:21 we read: “Not everyone who says to me Lord, Lord will enter into the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my father who is in heaven.” Clearly, it is not about what we say or what we think. It’s about what we do and how we live. “On that day many will say to me Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do mighty works in your name? ...then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you depart from me you workers of lawlessness.’”

Sobering words. It is possible for individuals to be involved in, and surrounded by, spiritual things, to be a regular church attendee and giver, but still not be a true follower of Christ, and not really in a relationship with God. They know about God, but that’s different than being in relationship with God through His Son Jesus. As I noted earlier, doing good things will not make you perfect—only being in a relationship with Jesus Christ can do that. Only Jesus can make you perfect, and perfection is the requisite to salvation. Salvation does not come from doing good things, no matter how good they are. We are saved through and only through faith in Jesus (Ephesians 2:8-10).

And true believers more than believe. In James 2:19 we read, “You believe... [in] God...then you do well. But even the demons believe... and they shudder.” Those who enter heaven need to demonstrate a higher level of faith than the demons. A true believer will make God first in their life. They will share their faith, serve others, sacrificially give, and to the best of their ability, follow God’s leading. Followers of Christ are not perfect from a human point of view. I am not perfect. I’m far from it, but in Christ, my sins have been forgiven, and yours can be too.

Some may think: I’m a good person, and a good God would not leave me behind, take some of my friends and family members, and do all of this without warning—that does not seem fair. Let me state that what God has done, and what God always does, is fair. God is good, and

there were warnings. In John 3:16 we read, “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” Only a good God would do that. Through the ages, God, through patriarchs, judges, kings, and prophets, through His Son, through the Holy Spirit, through His Word—through the ages God has reached out to humanity, helped humanity, spoke to humanity, intervened for humanity, and pleaded with humanity to acknowledge and follow Him.

Romans 5:8 notes: “God demonstrated his own love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.” Through prophecies and promises, God warned that a Rapture was coming. He urged humanity to be spiritually ready for it. Yes, God is fair, and the fact that the Rapture happened proves that God is true to his word. But take heart—there is good news. God still cares for humanity, and though the hour is very late, there is yet an opportunity for you to be saved and assured of your place in heaven in the eternal age to come. That option is available to you, but living as a true believer at this time in history will not be easy. The GRID PLAN principles mentioned in the last section of this book will help you know what to do. However, the requisite is that you must be willing to live for Jesus and be a witness for Jesus in the midst of opposition, calamity, and oppression.

The most important decisions you must make right now are *what will you do about Jesus? Do you believe? Will you commit to follow and serve Him? Will you confess your sins to Him? Are you willing to die for Him?* Remember, Jesus is faithful—He extends grace to the weary and power to the faint. He will be with you. He will help you, and He will reward all who are courageous and faithful to Him. Your best next step is to commit to believe in and follow Him.

SALVATION YOUR BEST NEXT STEP

Noted below is a simple, four-step plan to be forgiven and become a Christian. Some refer to this process as being saved (1 John 2:2; Acts 4:12) or born again (see John 3:3 and 2 Cor. 5:17). Born-again believers are disciples and followers of Christ. The courageous identify as Watchmen (see Ezek. 33:1-9). Those who believe in Jesus Christ are forgiven and assured of eternal life in heaven.

FOUR STEPS TO SALVATION

1. Understand that God has not been first in your life and ask Him to forgive your sins

Scripture notes that God loves us and that Jesus will forgive the sins that we confess to Him.

- *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from every wrong.” (1 John 1:9)*

2. Believe that Jesus died to atone for your sins, and that He rose again and is alive today.

- *“If you confess that Jesus is your Lord, and you believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” (Romans 10:9)*

3. Accept God's gift of salvation. Believe that God loves you. Believe that Jesus came and died for you. Believe that God's grace is greater than your sin. Do not let regret, bitterness, fear, or shame keep you from falling into the loving arms of God.

- *Remember, restoring our relationship with God is not based on anything we do, but on what Jesus already did for us!*
(see Ephesians 2:8-10)

4. Ask Jesus Christ to come into your heart and be Lord of your life.

- *"To all who receive Him, He gives the right to become children of God." (John 1:12)*
- *[Jesus said,] "Listen! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in." (Rev. 3:20)*

You can begin a new life as a Christian by praying a simple prayer of commitment to God. A sample prayer follows:

"Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me, even when I've ignored You and have gone my own way. I realize I need You in my life, and I'm sorry for my sins. I ask You to forgive me. Thank you for dying on the cross for me. Please help me to understand Your love and Your will for my life. As much as I know how I want to follow You from now on. Please come into my life and make me a new person inside. I accept Your gift of salvation. Please help me to grow now as a Christian. Thank you, Jesus!"

IMPORTANT VERSES

- *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him” (John 3:16-17).*
- *“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23).*
- *“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23).*
- *“if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved” (Romans 10:9-10, 17).*
- *“He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel” (2 Timothy 1:9-10).*
- *“Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—” (John 1:12)*
- *“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” (Ephesians 2:8-10).*

Section TWO

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD ?

WHAT'S COMING (ACCORDING TO BIBLE PROPHECY)

The world is approaching a notable period of history—the Tribulation period. The Bible references the Tribulation by several names including Daniel's 70th week, the time of Jacob's sorrow, and the time of God's wrath. Jesus prophesied that it would be a time of unprecedented upheaval. The Bible affirms, however, that God will move during this dark season. Many will be saved and there will be miraculous wonders. In the end, Jesus will return to earth, with those who were raptured, to defeat the enemies of God and conclude the battle of Armageddon.

Some have suggested that Bible prophecies regarding judgments indicate God is angry or mean. However, the opposite is true. God warns those He loves, and only as a last resort does He use drastic measures to prompt individuals to pursue a better path. This writer believes that if the world turned to Christ today, the prophesied future Tribulations would not occur. But God knows that humanity is willful and knows the choices we will make. Therefore, prophecies will unfold as predicted. God will bring judgments to the earth to prompt humankind to repent and receive His offer of salvation. What follows is a biblically-based overview of Tribulations period events profiled in the book of Revelation.

TRIBULATION PERIOD PROPHECIES NOT PRESENTED IN PRECISE CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

Israel will enter into a peace treaty: The Antichrist will impose a

“covenant with the many,” which will include Israel (Dan. 9:27; 8:23-25). It is this ‘covenant’ that initiates the seven-year Tribulation period.

Israel will be at peace and “without walls” before an invasion from a large coalition of forces in what is called the Gog-Magog war (Ezekiel 38-39): This sense of security could be the result of the peace covenant noted above. The invasion from the North will come before the mid-point of the Tribulation.

Earthquakes: Great earthquakes will shake the world during the Tribulation (Revelation 6:12, 8:5, 11:13, 16:18, etc.).

Jerusalem will be home to a new, third Temple: Daniel, Jesus, Paul, and John refer to a Temple being in Jerusalem in the last days. References to this include Daniel 9:27; Mark 13:14; 2 Thessalonians 2:4; and Revelation 11:1-2. Note: The previous Temple was destroyed in 70AD.

Temple sacrifices will resume in the last days: Daniel 9:27; 12:11 and Revelation 13 reference this. Note: the Temple project will be complete, and the practice of daily sacrifices restored before to the mid-point of the Tribulation.

The Antichrist will forbid Temple sacrifices: At the mid-point of the Tribulation, the Antichrist will seize control of the Temple, abruptly end the practice of daily sacrifices, and proclaim himself to be God. (Revelation 13).

The Spirit will seal one hundred forty-four thousand believers: The Holy Spirit will ‘seal’ 12,000 Jewish believers from each of the 12 tribes of Israel. This could be a symbolic number representing a vast and perfect number of believers God will use to evangelize the world (Rev. 7). Along with these sealed witnesses will come two great prophets (Rev. 11:3-14). These prophets will preach with power for 42 months and then be put to death. Their deaths will be celebrated by many. Their bodies will lie in the street for three days, after which they will be miraculously resurrected and taken up into heaven.

Revival: During the Tribulation, many will turn to Jesus (Revelation 7:9-17; Daniel 12:10; Zechariah 2:11; Isaiah 19:16-25).

* The judgments noted in the book of Revelation largely fall into three categories: The seal judgments, the trumpet judgments and the vial or bowl judgments. Each of these categories have seven components. There is no compelling reason to believe that these numbers are symbolic. That is, it is likely that twenty one specific judgments will befall the earth during the seven-year tribulation. A summary of these follow:

Vegetation decimated: Revelation 8:7 notes that the first trumpet judgment will bring the destruction of 1/3 of all vegetation on Earth.

A meteor or comet will fall into the sea: Revelation 8:8-9 notes that the second trumpet judgment facilitates something falling into the sea and destroying 1/3 of life in the oceans.

Wormwood: Similar to the second trumpet judgment, the third trumpet judgment facilitates celestial objects falling to the earth, causing freshwater to turn bitter (resulting in many deaths).

Reduction of light: The fourth trumpet judgment brings about a 1/3 reduction of light from the sun, moon, and stars.

Tormenting creatures: The fifth trumpet judgment will bring scorpion-like creatures from the demon world. These creatures torment humanity, but they do not cause death.

The Antichrist will demand all worship him: 2 Thessalonians 2 and Revelation 13 note that the False Prophet will force all to worship the Antichrist. Failure to do so will result in the inability to buy or sell, and ultimately, death. Proof of allegiance to the Antichrist will include receiving a mark on the right hand or forehead. *Note: Because the mark indicates an allegiance to the Antichrist, those who take the mark forfeit the possibility to be saved. Do not take this mark.*

Sores on those who receive the mark: Revelation 16:1-2 notes that those who accept the mark of the Beast, signifying their worship of him, will contract painful sores (KJV reads, ‘boils’) on their body.

Refuge: God will provide a place of refuge for those seeking to escape the persecution of the Antichrist (Isaiah 16:1-4; Matthew 24:16; Revelation 12:6,14).

A great army will advance from the east: The sixth trumpet announces the coming of a great army from the east (two hundred million men). This army advances toward Israel and leaves devastation in its wake (Revelation 9:13).

The Euphrates will be blocked or dried-up: The great river will dry-up, allowing armies from the east to advance toward Israel (Revelation 16:12).

The Antichrist will be wounded: Revelation 13 notes that the Antichrist will suffer a wound to the head, but will recover to the amazement of many—a happening which boosts his claim to deity.

Life in seas and rivers dies: Revelation 16:3 indicates that remaining life in the sea dies as the second vial of judgment is poured out. The death toll is such that the oceans become as blood. The third vial brings about the death of life in the rivers (Revelation 16:4).

Scorching heat: The fourth vial of judgment brings scorching heat, which causes misery and devastates vegetation.

Darkness: The fifth vial of judgment brings anomalous darkness and painful maladies; some translations read ‘plagues.’ (Revelation 16:10-11).

War: There will be a series of wars—the last of which is the Battle of Armageddon.

Victory: Though Israel will be surrounded and outnumbered by her enemies at the Battle of Armageddon, Jesus will intervene and the

enemies of God will be destroyed. This will conclude the seven-year Tribulation period.

CONFLICTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ANTICHRIST

The Antichrist will rise to world power through cunning, deception, and intrigue (Daniel 8:23), but in time will resort to military power to conquer the world.

- Revelation 13:7 notes that the Antichrist will ultimately achieve “authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation.” He will rise to power first through diplomacy and then through war. Revelation 6 records the outbreak of global war resulting in the deaths of one-fourth of humanity (Rev. 6:8).

“Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast (the Antichrist) rising out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, [The book of Daniel explains these represent ten nations or regions he will rule] and on his heads a blasphemous name...The dragon (Satan) gave him his power, his throne, and great authority” (Revelation 13:1-2).

“The coming of the lawless one [the Antichrist] is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs (miracles), and lying wonders”(2 Thessalonians 2:9-10).

“It was granted to him to make war...and authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation” (Revelation 13:7).

- Revelation 9 seems to indicate conventional, spiritual, and nuclear war (nuclear because Rev. 8:7 states that the war will result in one-third of the earth being burned up, and Rev. 16:2-11 notes *“loathsome and malignant” sores afflicting survivors*). *The wars noted in Rev. 6-8 will result in the deaths of more than half of humanity.*
- Revelation 12-13 foretells of great oppression for those who believe in Jesus, the Jews, and those who will not follow the Beast.
- Many will flee persecution and find protection in the “wilderness” (Rev. 12:13-14). Various teachers believe this hiding place will be the ancient city of Petra, located inside a box canyon in modern Jordan. Daniel 11:41 notes that Antichrist will not conquer Jordan when it joins the end-time rebellion.
- Zechariah 13:8 indicates that the Antichrist will kill two-thirds of the Jewish people.
- Revelation 12:17 notes that the Antichrist will oppress the “offspring” of Israel — namely, those “who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.” This is a reference to those who accept Jesus as Lord during the Tribulation period. Revelation 7:9-14 pictures a great multitude of martyrs in heaven.
- Revelation 17-18 notes an attack on the Whore of Babylon (also called the woman who rides the beast). This is a nation or geopolitical religious and economic system that perpetrates evil, but is antagonistic to the nations that support the Antichrist. Many believe Jeremiah 50-51 references God’s judgment on this entity.
- Battle of Armageddon (Revelation 16-19): Invading armies advance to destroy Jerusalem. However, just as the troops from the East and the North arrive in the Valley of Armageddon, the Lord

appears, speaks a supernatural word, and enemy armies are instantly destroyed “with the breath of His mouth” (2 Thess. 2:8). Joel 3:16 notes that the Lord will “roar from Zion” and “utter His voice from Jerusalem.” Isaiah 10:16 notes that the result will be “a wasting disease.” Zech. 14:12 notes that there will be a plague that will cause the flesh of the soldiers “to rot while they stand on their feet. Their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths.” Revelation 19 notes that the Antichrist and False Prophet will be bound and thrown into the lake of fire for 1000 years following this defeat.

THE ANTICHRIST

The Antichrist is the Beast of the book of Revelation. He is evil personified—indwelt by Satan, ruthless, and intent on destroying all that God loves. A dichotomy of character will allow this monster to garner support and move into power. He will simultaneously charm the crowds while planning to kill millions. He will solve global problems and appear to be good, but his agenda is evil. The scope of the pain and suffering he will inflict on the world will have no equal. The Antichrist will be a man, but indwelt by Satan. He will lead in brokering a peace covenant with Israel, but is not a man of peace. He will usher in a period of war and suffering that will cost billions of lives.

He is the personification of evil and a master of deception. Like a real-life Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, or perhaps the nefarious Lex Luthor, he will be wise, polished, and professional, but malevolent and merciless.

A BIBLICAL FOUNDATION FOR THE TERM, ANTICHRIST

An antichrist is one who opposes the will of Christ. At the time of this writing, there are many antichrists on earth. According to the epistles of John, **an** antichrist is one who opposes the teachings of Christ. In this sense, anyone who opposes truth and those who do the work of God is **an** antichrist. However, during the Tribulation, a great deceiver and enemy of Christ will appear (and reign) on earth. This individual is known as the “Abomination of Desolation” and **THE** Antichrist.

- “...Many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and antichrist” (2 John 7).
- “...Every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world” (1 John 4:3).

Scripture notes that during the Tribulation period, a world leader will come to power. The world will praise him for leading in brokering a peace covenant in the Middle East and solving many complex global issues. In time he will gain control of all global systems. Though he will claim to be divine, he is a man indwelt by Satan. He is the Antichrist. This booklet will differentiate him from antichrists throughout history by referencing him with a capital “A” in his title. A brief profile of the Antichrist follows:

The Timing of His Coming

- The Antichrist will initiate the seven-year Tribulation by confirming “a covenant” with Israel (Daniel 9:27).

His Character/Nature

- The Antichrist will be a great deceiver. Displays of power, signs, and wonders will embolden his claim to be an agent of good (2 Thessalonians 2:9).
- Scripture notes that seven kings or rulers will precede the Antichrist (Revelation 17:11; Daniel 5). The empire of the Antichrist will be similar to, but different from, past empires that embraced paganism.
- The Antichrist will be a man (Daniel 7:24-25).
- The Antichrist will have a fierce countenance (Daniel 8:23).
- His appearance will be “stouter than his fellows” (Daniel 7:20). This can have several meanings. It could mean the Antichrist will be larger in stature than others, older than others, have a greater following than others, is of higher military or political rank than others, or that he is a greater leader than others.

Peculiar Aspects to His Rule

- A miracle-working partner, known as the False Prophet (Revelation 13:11-12), will support the work of the Antichrist.
- The Antichrist will be unusually wise and cunning (Daniel 8:23).
- The Antichrist will prosper in all he does (Daniel 8:24).
- The Antichrist will not regard the desire of women (Daniel 11:37). He may like Hitler, present himself to be disinterested in relationships, or he may embrace homosexuality.
- The Antichrist will sit in the Temple in Jerusalem (sometimes called the Third Temple) and claim to be God (2 Thess. 2:4).

- The Antichrist “will cause craft to prosper” (Daniel 8:25). It is interesting to note the definition of the word “craft” in the original Hebrew text is mirmah (meer-maw’), meaning deceiving, fraud, deceit, false, guile, and treachery.
- Revelation 17:8 notes that the Antichrist “was, and is not, and yet is.” Many believe this to be a reference to his overcoming a seemingly fatal wound. Some understand this to refer to his reviving a political career or empire.

“One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The world was filled with wonder and followed the beast” (Revelation 13:3).

The Early Years of His Rule

- The Antichrist will rise from ten kings (Daniel 7:8).
- The Antichrist will oversee a ten-nation union, perhaps a form of a revived Roman Empire (Daniel 2:44).
- The Antichrist will uproot three kings from the ten-nation union (Daniel 7:8).
- The Antichrist will ascend to power on a platform of peace (Daniel 8:25).
- The Antichrist will form a world government, which he will dominate (Revelation 13:1-2).
- The Antichrist will rule a “mighty kingdom” (Daniel 7:7).
- The Antichrist will “have power over all nations” (Revelation 13:7).
- The Antichrist will lead large armies (Daniel 11:31).

The Final Years of His Rule

- The Antichrist will have an image made after him (Rev. 15:2).
- The Antichrist will assume complete control over the world government 3 ½ years after he confirms the covenant with Israel. He then will continue to reign for 42 months (Rev. 13:5).
- The Antichrist will endorse the setting-up of the “Abomination of Desolation” (an image he will force all to worship). This event signals the beginning of the final 42 months and the commencement of the period called the “Great Tribulation” (Daniel 9:27).
- The Antichrist will forbid Temple sacrifices (Daniel 11:31).
- The Antichrist will control the ability to buy and sell, and force all to prove allegiance to him by taking the ‘Mark of the Beast’ (Revelation 14:11).
- The Antichrist will kill Jews and Christians (Daniel 12:7).
- The Antichrist will wage war against Israel—culminating in the Battle of Armageddon (Revelation 6-19).
- The focus of his rage will be God’s people and Jerusalem: “Behold, a day is coming...when the nations [will] gather against Jerusalem...Then the Lord will go out and fight against those nations as when he fights on a day of battle...” (Zechariah 14:1-2).

His Fate

- The Antichrist will fight against Jerusalem and “the Prince of princes” (Daniel 8:25).

- Christ will consume the Antichrist, and all enemies of God with the “spirit of his mouth,” which is the Word of God (2 Thess. 2:8).
- The Antichrist will be “cast alive into the Lake of Fire” and bound for 1000 years (Revelation 19:20).
- At the end of the 1000-year period noted above (also known as the Millennium or, the Millennial Reign of Christ), the Antichrist will be released and will rally the disobedient on earth in one last desperate attempt to thwart the plan of God. He will be defeated. Then will come the final judgment and eternal reward for those who have put their faith in Christ (Revelation 20:7-15).

YOU MUST RESIST THE ANTICHRIST

Though it will be difficult, you must resist the Antichrist. Followers of Christ will be hunted, persecuted and charged with disloyalty. Many will accuse believers of crimes they did not commit. Authorities will believe they are doing the right thing when threatening or harassing those who do not submit to new laws forbidding the worship of the one true God.

Life will be difficult, but you can trust in the promises in God’s Word. Remember, “Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world” (1 John 4:4). You will be branded a traitor and worse. Friends and family may believe they are doing the right thing by turning you in to authorities; they will likely be offered a reward to do so. Eventually, the ‘crime’ of resistance will become punishable by death. Take heart, any temporary difficulty, pressure or torture is better than being condemned to hell for eternity (Mark 10:29-30).

Resisting the Antichrist's world system and taking the Mark of the Beast will be difficult for many reasons. It may seem impossible, but remember, God is with you (Hebrews 13:5-6; Matthew 28:20). Keep the following in mind:

1. Satan will empower the Antichrist. The devil has some power, but it's limited. He is not God. He cannot win. Though Satan knows his fate, he will fight to take as many with him to hell as possible. Jesus warned, "Do not be deceived..." (Matt. 24:4)
2. Legions of demons will serve the Antichrist. They are spiritual beings: invisible, unrestricted by space or gravity, able to do "miracles." Don't be surprised when the superpowers you've seen in the movies are suddenly happening for real. Expect it, but do not be deceived. It is NOT of God!
3. Many false christs and deceivers will appear. They will be convincing, and because of demonic power, they will seem to be like Jesus. They will convince many (Matt. 24:24-26), but you know the truth.
4. The Mark of the Beast will be an attempt to control human activity and ensure worship of the Antichrist. **DO NOT ACCEPT THE MARK OF THE BEAST!** Those who take the Mark of the Beast may buy themselves a little time, a little food, and a little comfort, but because the mark is tied to a commitment to worship the Antichrist, those who take the mark will forfeit eternal reward in heaven.

5. Revelation 13:16, 17 notes that all official transactions, even to be paid at work, will require the mark. What is it? It's speculation and conjecture now. Bible teachers and technology experts admit there are just too many possibilities to know for sure. What may seem obvious and clear now, could be changed after the Rapture. But God will give you the wisdom to see the mark for what it is - pray for wisdom.
6. The mark itself may be an electronic device, a tattoo, implanted chip, or an injected microscopic bio-ID. The mark may be an edited DNA marker that can literally alter your human DNA structure, making you "trans-human." Some may promise the mark will make you stronger, more intelligent, or immune to disease. The mark will be passed-off as positive and beneficial: "It's convenient. It's safe. It's your personal identity. Never carry cash again. Never be without your medical information." The "benefits" of taking the mark will be touted – its terrible consequences will be hidden. Beware.
7. Some people will take the mark as a sign of allegiance to the new world order or the man who leads it. Taking the mark will prove their complete devotion to the Antichrist (Rev. 13:15-18). Others will be deceived into taking the mark (Rev. 19:20). Remember, the Mark of the Beast is not harmless. Revelation 14:10-14 makes it very clear. "He [who takes the mark] will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of His anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur... forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name."
8. Friends will turn against each other (Mark 13:12; Matt. 24:12; Luke 21:16). Do not trust anyone who aligns in any way with the Antichrist.

Section THREE

CHRISTIANITY AND LIVING FOR CHRIST
IN THE POST-RAPTURE WORLD

CHRISTIANITY IN THE POST-RAPTURE WORLD

Will a new group of new believers arise during the Tribulation Period to carry-on God's work and usher-in a revival? I believe the answer is Yes. The Bible speaks of many coming to faith in the last days. It speaks of God sending two powerful witnesses and sealing 144,000 to carry-out His work. The Bible speaks of individuals resisting the Antichrist, of Tribulation martyrs, and of believers who survive the Tribulation and reign with Jesus on a renewed earth in what is called the Millennial Reign of Christ.

Yes, it will be different. There will be no denominational offices, Christian bookstores, or true TV evangelists. Believers will not (at least for long) meet openly in church buildings. The church of the Tribulation will not have vibrant youth or women's programs, comfy accommodations, or well-staffed nurseries. The Tribulation-era church will be considered an enemy of the State. Oppression will be fierce and violent. Believers will meet covertly, barter and trade food and services to survive, and will often be in survival mode. But like the church in the book of Acts, the Tribulation-era church will be blessed and accomplish a mighty work.

COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU TO BE A LEADER IN HIS GREAT WORK?

Could it be that God is calling you to do something significant for Him? Could it be that God desires to use you to serve as a leader in the new, post-Rapture church? Don't be quick to discount the possibility that God may have great plans in mind for you. As for excuses, I'm sure you have

some—even a few good ones. I assure you, God has heard them before, and from some notable fellows. The prophet Jeremiah, for example, told God he was too young. Abraham and Sarah probably questioned whether or not they were too old. Moses gave God five excuses and even provided the name of someone he felt could do a better job. Peter provided a most poignant excuse when he told Jesus He would not want to use him, for he was a ‘sinful man.’ It doesn’t matter what you’ve done—what matters is what you are willing to do now?

The bottom line is, God can use anyone, at any time, to do anything. This is a critical point in the history of planet earth. The ‘church’ is gone. Pastors who taught truth and served well are gone. Those who loved and followed the Lord were Raptured and are now in heaven. The Bible speaks of apostasy in the church, false teachers, a coming false religion, and the persecution associated with the coming Antichrist. But the Bible also speaks of Tribulation period saints, of a kind of new remnant Church being born, and of a great revival with millions turning to the Lord. There is a need for new believers in Christ to share in witnessing and mentoring those who come to faith in the last great revival. Will you honor God by being a part of that important team?

A STRATEGY FOR LIVING IN THE POST-RAPTURE WORLD

Living for God at this time in history will require a radical plan and radical faith. Noted below are some things to consider:

- **“Count the cost” (Luke 14:28-30).** Know that the world as you’ve known it has about seven years left. The events that are about to take place will be unprecedented. The sorrows associated with the last 42 months of the seven-year Tribulation will be unbelievably difficult. Those who believe in Christ will become enemies of the State. Millions will die as martyrs for their faith in Christ. The goal then is not to survive or live, but to live well and finish well in these last days. Yes, to live for Christ at this time in history will be exceedingly difficult, but those who do will receive an unimaginable (and eternal) reward (1 Cor. 2:9).
- **Learn as much as you can, as fast as you can.** Learn how to respond in an emergency (earthquake, no power, civil unrest, no services, etc.). The goal is to be ready and able to serve others so that you will have opportunities to witness to others.
- **Research medicine and medical treatment alternatives.** Medical services and pharmacy access will be controlled and restricted in the future. Stock up on first aid supplies and become familiar with medication alternatives.
- **Store medicine, food, water, and fuel.**
- **Purchase a generator, batteries, and solar-powered devices.**
- **Learn how to grow, catch, store and preserve food,** operate a generator and purify water. As possible, take measures to be self-sufficient and live off the grid.

- Most importantly, study Scripture. Learn what Bible prophecy foretells will happen. Note: An eBook on Bible Prophecy is included in the Rapture Kit resource under the Section 04 - Books folder.
- **Purchase physical copies of spiritual study resources.** Because there will likely be disruptions in online and power services, and prohibitions on Christian literature of all kinds, I urge you to download and print copies of the study resources the I Am A Watchman ministry makes available at IAMAWatchman.com. Purchase used books from a thrift or used bookstores (while it is still legal to do so). Try to obtain study books by evangelical publishing companies such as Tyndale, Eerdmans, Zondervan, Moody Press, Lifeway, Baker, or Nelson. Recommended resources include Bibles Encyclopedias and Dictionaries, a Bible Thesaurus, a Topical Bible, and Bible Commentaries. Particularly helpful will be commentaries on the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), the book of Acts and writings of Paul (Ephesians, Galatians, Philippians, Colossians), and the prophetic books of Revelation, Isaiah, Daniel, Ezekiel, and Zechariah).
- **Make it your mission to witness and disciple.** This requires that you strategically, pro-actively, and meaningfully interact with people you do not know. Like a missionary, view these times of interaction with others as opportunities to share what God has revealed to you. The goal is to draw individuals to Christ and help new believers grow in their faith. The plan to do this will likely need to evolve as the global situation changes and persecution increases. However, I encourage you to prayerfully consider adopting some of the How to live for the Lord suggestions noted in the next section.

THE GRID PLAN: A STRATEGY FOR BEING A WITNESS FOR GOD IN THE POST RAPTURE WORLD

The **GRID PLAN** is an evangelism principle that can be adapted to fit one's personal situation. Four examples or applications of the **GRID PLAN** are profiled in this section. The goal is to facilitate the following:

- 1. An understanding of the missional role of every believer.** That is, every follower of Jesus is to share their faith and consider themselves a missionary for Christ.
- 2. An evangelism mindset.** Followers of Jesus are to use their gifts, skills, contacts, resources, and opportunities to share the Gospel and reach people for Christ.
- 3. A general understanding of the strategy to reach and disciple as many as possible in the short time left.** The **GRID PLAN** shows how to move from 1 believer (yourself), to reaching and discipling 4 new believers, to coordinating teams that reach and disciple 90 believers.

Implementing the **GRID PLAN** begins with a recognition that you are saved to serve. As most trained church leaders were taken in the Rapture, there is now a need for a new generation of leaders to rise up and champion the cause of Christ. You can be part of that team.

Time is short. Now is the time for maximum effort and boldness. It is unclear how long after the Rapture it will be before the Tribulation begins. *Note, according to Daniel 9:27, the signing of a Peace Agreement between Israel and historically hostile middle east nations initiates the seven-year Tribulation period.*

There are only a few years left, and as I've already mentioned, most will not survive the next seven years. There is a critical, immediate need

for people to share about what happened, how to be saved, and what is about to happen. The GRID PLAN represents an efficient strategy to do as much as possible in the brief time available.

To this point you may not have lived a life that is honoring to Christ— but it is possible to finish well. Adopting GRID PLAN principles is a good way to ensure you will not be ashamed when it is time to give an account for how you lived your life at the Judgment.

HOW THE GRID PLAN WORKS:

The Grid Plan represents a call to “regular believers” to be a bright light for Christ during the darkest period of history the world has ever known. Successful implementation of Grid Plan principles is not contingent on advanced degrees or significant theological training. Courage, faith, and a desire to serve the “King of Kings” in the last days are principle requisites.

In general, Grid Plan participants will focus on sharing four things:
 1) What happened (the Rapture) 2) what God has done for you (forgiveness of your sins/saved you) 3) what is about to happen 4) how others can be saved and assured of an eternal destiny in heaven.

The GRID PLAN is a strategy to assist with connecting people, and as God leads, share with people. The goal is to identify four people who will meet with you on a regular basis for several months, for prayer and study. Together, you will review Christian material, become more familiar with the prophecies that will unfold in the future, and prepare for the next phase (see below).

In the next phase you will commission/send the four individuals noted above, out to duplicate the process. That is, each of the four will try to connect with people, and as God leads, witness to new sets of people. The goal is that in time, those four will identify four new people, and meet with them for regular times of prayer and study.

FOUR EXAMPLES OF HOW THE GRID PLAN CAN WORK

The GRID PLAN is a strategy for you to use your gifts, location, contacts, skills, work, relationships, etc. to put you in connection with individuals to whom you can witness. The goal is to identify four people to pray and study with (this is called discipleship). Four examples follow:

1. Geography: Presented below is a four-step plan using where you live (or any particular location) to implement GRID PLAN principles. **It is expected that the plan outlined below will need to be adapted to address the needs and opportunities in your area.** The goal is to develop a plan to witness and be a missionary to your community.

A. Note the location of your home (or any particular location) in the center of a grid map. The map below shows a one square mile box in the center of a city map.



B. Formally adopt that one square mile grid (or the size that you think best) as your mission field. Your initial task is to strategically and aggressively share your faith in that region. Use the ideas

presented in the following section to help you in this work. Your goal is to connect with **four** individuals whom you will pray with, mentor and commission to work with you to expand the work in the days to come (see #3).

- C.** When you have enlisted the four individuals noted in the bottom paragraphs of page 47, and you sense God's leading to expand the work, have each coworker adopt a grid area as you have. Your task now is to continue mentoring your coworkers, help them mentor new coworkers, and adopt a new grid area yourself (see below).



- D.** The idea is to focus on an assigned grid area (of the size that works best for you and your area) for 3-6 months, then multiply with the assistance of the new workers you enlist. Your third rotation could involve a team of 20 (if your initial four can each engage four new coworkers to carry on the work). The graphic on the next page shows how a grid plan could expand.

The task is clear: The post-rapture believer is to witness to as many as possible, for as long as possible. Often, the most difficult step in the process is the first one. This is where the GRID PLAN can help. Witnessing to people you have a connection with (neighbors, relatives, team or club members, co-workers, etc.) is often the best place to start. People you have common ground with are likely to be receptive to a conversation. What follows are several simple GRID PLAN ideas to aid in witnessing:

2. Alphabetize and work through your contact list. Note: This plan will likely cost you some friendships. You may be labeled a fanatic, unwise, intolerant, or worse. That's okay. Do not be unnecessarily offensive, but take the offensive and share the truth that can save individuals from eternal suffering in hell. The truth must be shared – carefully and with boldness. The prophetic clock is ticking. There is not much time left, and there are no guarantees that a calamity won't strike your area tomorrow. Pray for boldness. Be assertive. "Seize the day." A four-step plan is presented below.

A. Gather as much information as you can on your contacts (name, phone, email, Facebook, address, etc.).

B. Alphabetize the contacts noted above.

C. Determine the best way to make contact with all names on your list. *It may be to begin with an email, and then to follow-up with a phone, Skype or Zoom call.*

D. Pray, then begin working through the list. In general, the process should be to:

- Ask how they and their family are doing.

- Offer any help you can.
- During the phone call, share that you have some thoughts regarding what has happened (or what is happening or what will happen). Invite them to meet with you to discuss it (perhaps over a cup of coffee or a meal). Note that this is important and, if possible, should be an *in-person* conversation.
- Schedule a time to meet and share what the Bible says about the Rapture and if they are open, what the Bible says about the Antichrist and Tribulation to come. If possible, give individuals printed information about how to be saved and Bible prophecy (feel free to copy information from this book). Close by asking if they would like to meet again to continue this discussion. Do not be offended if the answer is NO. If it is, leave the communication door open. Let them know they can call anytime if they have a need, prayer request, or question.
- Continue working through your list with the goal of identifying four to regularly meet with and disciple. *The discipleship process should include prayer, a study of the material in sections 1 and 2 of this booklet, and a study of the Bible (perhaps read and discuss the books of Luke and Acts, then the book of Revelation).*
- When you believe the time is right (and this should be sooner than later) commission (send) the four you have disciplined to adapt and use the GRID PLAN to reach more for Christ.

3. Use your schedule: This simple plan encourages a review of your schedule. Note who you see and when. Prayerfully consider

what opportunities there might be to expand the list of individuals you interact with. A simple four step plan is noted below:

A. Note the names of individuals you see on each day of the week.

B. Note the names of individuals you see on a weekly, monthly or quarterly basis (clubs, hobbies, sports, shopping, etc.).

C. Note the names of individuals you see on an annual basis (holidays, vacations, business trips, etc.).

D. Pray, then begin working through the list. As noted in section #2 (**alphabetize your contacts**), the process should be to:

- Ask how they and their family are doing.
- Offer any help you can.
- Share that you have some thoughts on what has happened (or what is happening or what will happen). Invite them to meet with you over a cup of coffee (or a meal).
- Schedule a time to meet and share what the Bible says about the Rapture and if they are open, what the Bible says about the Antichrist and Tribulation to come. If possible, give individuals printed information about how to be saved and Bible prophecy (feel free to copy information from this book). Close by asking if they would like to meet again to continue this discussion.
- Continue working through your list with the goal of identifying four to regularly meet with and disciple.
- When you believe the time is right, commission (send) the four you have disciplined to adapt and use the GRID PLAN to reach more for Christ.

4. Consider needs: This is a little more difficult. The thought is to identify (and meet) needs in your circles of influence (family, community, work, etc.). Due to the Rapture and coming tribulations on the earth, new needs will likely arise frequently, and the scope of the work can easily become overwhelming. However, meeting needs is very fulfilling. Serving others softens hearts and puts you in a position to share the Gospel message. A simple four step plan follows:

A. Pray. Ask God to help you identify the needs in your circles of influence (family, community, work, etc.). Make a list. *This can include transportation, childcare, cooking, cleaning, sharing rationed items, construction, shopping, housing, medical needs, etc.*

B. Pray for God to reveal how your gifts, experience, and resources can be used to meet one or more of the needs identified above.

C. Pray for a heart to sacrifice and give. Know that when you help the hurting, your investment of time and money will not be reciprocated by man, but will be rewarded by God.

D. Through the process of serving and helping others, try to identify individuals who will be open to speaking with you about what has happened (or what is happening or what will happen). Invite them to meet with you over a cup of coffee (or a meal).

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ONLINE MINISTRY

Utilizing technology has the benefit of being able to reach many people quickly and relatively inexpensively. However, at this point in history, it is probably wise to keep a low public profile. It is likely that Christian gatherings, literature, and online posts will be illegal in the future. Leaders of ministries and movements will be targeted, threatened, and arrested. Therefore, the posting of Christian material should be done with great care. Use a computer or smart device with an untraceable IP address (the easiest solution here is to purchase a used laptop). Post from a variety of locations that do not have video surveillance and offer unlocked (public) wifi. Choose a nondescript username. Post at random times through the week, on platforms upon which you can set-up accounts that cannot be traced to you. Seek wise counsel. Pray.

Those who feel led to pursue an online ministry may wish to consider the following:

- Post brief devotional thoughts. Share verses that inspire, encourage perseverance, and impart hope.
- Post a Bible prophecy and note how it has been fulfilled in recent days, or that it is expected to be fulfilled in the near future.
- Post material that encourages individuals not to focus on the problems of the moment, but on God's promises for the future. The Tribulation will not last. The Antichrist will not win. The Millennial Reign of Christ will come. A wondrous destiny awaits faithful followers of Christ.

- If there is a way to post information on a bulletin or community news board anonymously, consider occasionally posting FAQ's for spiritual and prophecy-themed questions. Present a common question, and then answer the question with supporting Scripture references. The posts may be pulled down, but some may see it and seeds of faith could be planted before that happens. Most cities have multiple bulletin board/community news options. Note: Do not post in one city or region too often.
- As possible, post information on the things you are learning. Something as simple as, *this is something I learned today from the Word of God* can be a compelling witness.
- As possible, post *best practices* information. This can be suggestions about how to pray, how to study, how to witness, what to read, where to find good information, etc.

People who have not been accustomed to actively serving the Lord may find it difficult to take that first step. The GRID PLAN is a simple tool to help individuals identify options and methodically move forward. It can be applied to many situations in many environments. The GRID PLAN is not about a map, it is about mapping possible ways to serve God, and boldly stepping out in faith to witness for God. The next section provides a few suggestions.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH

Subtle ways to create open doors to share your faith

- Be someone people want to be around. This is not about being popular; it is about being positive. Smile, compliment, encourage, be generous, help others as you can, etc.
- Whistle or hum a spiritual song (see if that invites a comment).
- Quote a part of a Bible verse or spiritual principle that is (or was) part of mainstream vernacular. Examples are: Joy comes in the morning. Make the most of every opportunity. Fear not. Two are better than one. Let there be light. Let not your heart be troubled. Love thy neighbor. Be bold-be strong. Verse fragments like these sound optimistic, impart positive challenges, and invite a response that could open the door to a spiritual discussion.
- Have instrumental praise music playing in your car or home. See if that invites comment.
- Include Christian decorations in your home décor (as safe and appropriate).

More direct ways to share your faith

- Invite people to your home for a meal. Bring up a spiritual topic or current event that has prophetic significance.
- Invite others to your home to watch a movie with a bold spiritual theme. Examples include The Chronicles of Narnia, The Robe, The Jesus Movie, etc. Discuss afterward.

Bold ways to share your faith

- Meet someone at a café or coffee shop to discuss a spiritual topic. Perhaps review and discuss a spiritual tract or a current event that has a tie to Bible prophecy. Or discuss a portion of this booklet (such as the section on the Rapture, the Antichrist, or the section on what is to come).
- Use the material in this booklet (or other Christian resources) to create brochures that note how to be saved and what is coming. Place these in strategic places about your city and, as the Lord leads, initiate one-on-one and small group meetings to discuss the content. *Suggestion: See if the IAmAWatchman.com and AmlRaptureReady.org websites are operational—If so, access the free, downloadable resources available there.*
- Carefully make known that you are hosting a discussion group on What happened or Bible prophecy and future events. **Note:** Even if there are no prohibitions regarding Bible Studies or sharing your faith at this time, know that the State may identify you as a Christian and potential subversive. Use caution. Pray. Consider meeting at a location other than your home. In-depth spiritual discussions (particularly later in the Tribulation period) will entail risk. Pray for wisdom and discernment (Jer. 33:3; James 1:5-6).
- Share your faith by serving others (service-based evangelism). The objective is not to interact with someone so that you can immediately preach to them. The goal is to interact with someone, so you can build a relationship with that person, which will yield opportunities to share the Gospel. Studies show that individuals are more likely to listen to what you have to say if they trust and know you. Presented on the next page are a few examples of service-based evangelism:

- Based on your experience and gifting, offer to assist individuals with a need or project (such as home repair, childcare, transportation, auto maintenance, computer work, etc.). Use these opportunities to share the love of God through service. Ask the Holy Spirit to present windows of opportunity to share spiritual truths.
- Comfort and teach: In time there will be disruptions in services around the world. Take advantage of such times to comfort and care for people. As there is opportunity, invite people to your home and teach a practical skill that you have learned (how to purify water or use a generator, first aid and homeopathic options, gardening, etc.). You can also invite others to share what they have learned as part of your home meetings. Again, share the love of God through serving others. Look for windows of opportunity to share the Gospel.
- Consider coordinating sharing and bartering. Become a hub where neighbor helps (and interacts with) neighbor and services and goods (tools, food, medicine, clothes, etc.) are kindly exchanged. Identify believers in Christ and create a secret network where spiritual resources and key services can be accessed by believers. Pray to connect with individuals skilled in the medical or dental fields, electricians or plumbers, maintenance experts, teachers, those with libraries, counselors, gardening experts, etc. These resources will be very important for the cause of Christ in the days to come.

Closing thoughts:

Yes, this booklet presents sobering information about the future, but there is hope! You have an opportunity to switch gears, learn new things, meet new people, find new purpose, and enter into a relationship with Jesus—the Lord of lords and King of kings.

Remember, Jesus loves you, promises to be with you, and in the end, will defeat evil and reward the faithful. Live for Him and you will be blessed by Him.

“The troubles all around us will soon be gone, but the joys to come will last forever.”
2 Corinthians 4:18b (LB)

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Perhaps you remember warnings from Christians who spoke of a coming RAPTURE—a momentous event where Jesus returns to whisk away true believers in advance of terrible judgments and tribulations on the earth. If millions suddenly disappeared, the Rapture has happened, the seven-year Tribulation period is about to begin, and the Antichrist will soon rise to power. This booklet provides a glimpse into what will happen, how to prepare, and how to become a witness and servant for the Lord.

Though you missed the Rapture, you can still turn to Christ. You can be forgiven, have the hope of heaven, live a life of meaning, and finish well for the Lord. This booklet profiles what you must know, and what you must do.

If you are reading this after the Rapture, then God has given you a second chance – do not let it pass by. Read this booklet to learn more about Jesus' love for you, and how you can serve Him. Know this: Great reward awaits the faithful.

“...Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)