

Tracking the Beast from the Synagogue to the Vatican

Solving the Mystery of BABYLON THE GREAT

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Establishing Zionist Churches

Chapter 27

In the 1800's **Zionist** Jews needed financial backing from the United States or their plan for a New Israel would fail. In the 1800's the United States was a predominately Christian Country. Any attempt to subjugate Palestine and reestablish Israel as a state in that region would be met with resistance from the then politically influential Christian quarter in the U.S. The Christians in the U.S. posed a political roadblock to funding the new state of Israel. The **Zionists** knew that they had to nullify the anticipated Christian resistance to their **Zionist** plan. They decided that the Christian theology in the Protestant churches must be changed to favor an Israeli state. They had ready theologians to perform this duty in their Jesuit auxiliary.

The Jesuits decided upon a plan to inject a theology into the Protestant churches whereby the Jews would be restored to their lost prominence via the rebuilding of the Jewish temple in Jerusalem. There would be a reinstatement of animal sacrifices and the ordinances of the Old Testament law. Christ would return and rule from the temple during a millennial reign. Thus, the Christians would look upon the reestablishment of the Jewish state of Israel in Palestine as a fulfillment of the prophecy. They, consequently, would not offer any political resistance but rather would be encouraged to support Israel.

The Catholic Church also wanted to steer the Protestant theology away from identifying the pope as the antichrist. The idea was to point the attention of Protestants to a future antichrist and away from the antichrist sitting on the throne in Rome. So the Jesuits tried to frame a new "Christian" eschatology that accomplished both concealing the antichrist and reestablishing the Jews to prominence in God's prophetic plan. The Jesuits and their fellow travelers cobbled together a disjointed patchwork of bible passages that served to lay the groundwork for this new futurist/**Zionist** theology.

Ultimately, this new theology was introduced in the seminary schools controlled by crypto-Jews. The witting and unwitting seminary graduates then introduced their new "Christian" theology into the Protestant churches throughout the world. This new theology is the basis for the *Left Behind* series of 16 religious novels, that have sold more than 65 million copies. *The Left Behind* series of books are also very popular movies that are heavily promoted in churches throughout the world.

Tens of millions of Christians were executed by the Roman Catholic Church during the dark ages because those brave witnesses for Christ believed that the pope was the antichrist. In fact, one of the foundational principles of the Protestant reformation was that the pope is the antichrist. This view is amply supported by the Holy Scriptures.

The belief that the pope is the antichrist was once a virtually unanimous belief among Protestant denominations. In fact, the Westminster Confession of Faith (Church of England) states: "There is no other Head of the Church but the Lord Jesus Christ, nor can the Pope of Rome, in any sense, be head thereof, but is that antichrist, that man of sin, and Son of

perdition, that exalteth himself in the Church against Christ and all that is called God.” Other Protestant confessions of faith identified the pope as the antichrist, including but not limited to the Morland Confession of 1508 and 1535 (Waldenses) and the Helvetic Confession of 1536 (Switzerland).⁸¹⁹ Today, those that hold such a belief are in the minority. In fact, nowadays it is viewed as radical and uncharitable for a Christian to say that the pope is the antichrist. How did such transformation take place among the Protestant denominations?

The change in the position of the Protestant denominations toward Rome was the direct result of a concerted campaign by agents of the Roman Catholic Church. One of the methods used by the Roman Catholic theologians was to relegate much of the book of Revelation to some future time. In 1590 a Roman Catholic Jesuit priest Francisco Ribera, in his 500 page commentary on the book of Revelation, placed the events of most of the book of Revelation in a period in the future just prior to the end of the world. He claimed that the antichrist would be an individual who would not be manifested until very near the end of the world. He wrote that the antichrist would rebuild Jerusalem, abolish Christianity, deny Christ, persecute the church, and dominate the world for three and half years.

Another Jesuit, Cardinal Robert Bellarmine, promoted Ribera's teachings. Bellarmine was one of the most influential cardinals of his time. In 1930 he was canonized by the Vatican as a saint and “Doctor of the Church.” This Catholic interpretation of the book of Revelation did not become accepted in the Protestant denominations until a book titled *The Coming of the Messiah in Glory and Majesty* was published in 1812, 11 years after the death of its author.⁸²⁵ The author of that book was another Jesuit by the name of Emanuel de Lacunza.

William Kimball in his book *Rapture, A Question of Timing*, reveals that de Lacunza wrote the book under the pen name of Rabbi Juan Josaphat Ben Ezra. Kimball attributes the pen name to a motive to conceal his identity, thus taking the heat off of Rome, and making his writings more palatable to the Protestant readers. It is as likely that in fact the pen name was not a pen name at all, but rather Lacunza's true identity as a Jewish Rabbi. It is possible that Lacunza was a crypto-Jew, who wrote the book under his true identity as a rabbi. One does not suddenly convert to Judaism and then become immediately so versed in that religion that one takes on the title “rabbi.” He must have had the learning of a Rabbi in order to write a book that contains knowledge of Judaism expected of a Rabbi.

It is notable that the book was not published by Lacunza himself, but by someone else eleven years after his death. Why would Lacunza go through such trouble and then not publish the book? Could it be that Lacunza was in a dilemma? The book was targeted to a Protestant audience, who would not accept a futurist theory from a Jesuit. So he knew he could not publish it under his true name. He had to publish under another name. Could it be that he had some concern about publishing the book, which would expose his true identity as a Jewish rabbi, and therefore he demurred on doing so? While that explains his actions, couldn't he have simply used some other non-Jewish pen-name? There is no authoritative answer to that mystery.

Lacunza's status as a rabbi is all the more believable when one considers the fact that he was a Jesuit and the **Jesuits are a crypto-Jewish secret society**. The first Jesuits were crypto-Jews. Ignatius Loyola himself was a crypto-Jew of the Occult Kabbalah. Jews were attracted to the Jesuit order and joined in large numbers. Ribera was a crypto-Jew. Lacunza would not be out of place as a Jewish Jesuit. Lacunza and Ribera being Jews would explain why they introduced the eschatological teaching of a return to the Jewish animal sacrifices. That doctrine gives the Jews primacy in God's plan and relegates Christians to a prophetic

parenthetical to be supplanted by the Jews during the supposed thousand year earthly reign of Christ.

Lacunza wrote that during a millennium after the tribulation the Jewish animal sacrifices would be reinstated along with the Eucharist (the mass) of the Catholic Church. Lacunza has followed after Jewish fables and replaced the commandments of God with the commandments of men. See Titus 1:13. "They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate." (Titus 1:16 AV)

Hebrews 8:1-10:39 makes explicitly clear that Christ fulfilled the requirements of the law by sacrificing himself once for sins for all time. If the blood of animals were sufficient to satisfy God there would be no need for him to come to the earth and sacrifice himself. "But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second." (Hebrews 8:6-7 AV)

So Christ was **once offered** to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation. (Hebrews 9:28 AV)

By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. (Hebrews 10:10-14 AV)

God would not have us return to the weak and beggarly elements of the Old Testament law. See Galatians 4:9-11. To teach such a thing is to blasphemously state that Christ's sacrifice was imperfect and insufficient, and that therefore there is a need to reinstate the animal sacrifices. The Old Testament law was to act as a schoolmaster until the promise of Christ. God would have no reason to reinstate something that was intended to be in place only until he came to offer his own body as a perfect sacrifice. In Christ there is neither Jew nor Gentile; we are all one by faith in Christ. He is not going to divide us once again into Jew and Gentile. His church is his body which cannot be divided. 1 Corinthians 1:13. For a kingdom divided against itself cannot stand. Mark 3:24.

But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. **But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster**. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. **There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus**. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. (Galatians 3:23-29 AV)

The bible makes clear that the old covenant is to vanish, being replaced by the **new covenant of faith in Jesus Christ**. "In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away." (Hebrews 8:13 AV) Why would God reinstate something which he has said would **vanish away** and in which he has had no pleasure? "In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure."

(Hebrews 10:6 AV)

Christ made his one sacrifice on the cross whereby those that believe in him are made perfect, consequently there will be no more offering of any kind for sin, period.

But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For **by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified**. Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. **Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.**
(Hebrews 10:12-18 AV)

Christ has set us free from the law of sin and death in our flesh. Because of the weakness of the flesh it is not possible for us to obey God's holy law. God must change our hearts through spiritual rebirth so that we are able to walk not after the flesh but after the spirit. Our obedience to God's law does not earn salvation; it is a sign of salvation. We fulfill the righteousness of his law through the obedience of Jesus and his final sacrifice. Jesus' righteousness is imputed to those who are chosen for salvation to believe in him. "And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; But **for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead**; Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 4:22-5:1 AV) Those who try to use obedience to the law of God as a means to salvation are carnally minded, trying to earn salvation through the works of the flesh. The carnal minds that teach a return to the carnal sacrifices of the law are enmity against God.

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in **Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death**. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That **the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit**. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because **the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be**. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. (Romans 8:1-8 AV)

Jesus blotted out the ordinances that were against us and nailed them to the cross. The law was only a shadow of Christ; he is the fulfilment of the law. Having fulfilled the law, Christ will not reinstate it.

And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; **Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross**; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. **Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but**

the body is of Christ. (Colossians 2:13-17 AV)

The law of God was added after the promise given to Abraham. The law did not void the promise of God given to Abraham. The blessings of Abraham flow to all who believe in Jesus Christ. All who believe in Jesus are heirs of the promise given to Abraham. Galatians 3:23-29. That is, through faith in Christ one becomes the spiritual seed of Abraham. Obedience to God is the result of salvation not the cause of it. Just as with Abraham, who believed God and it was accounted to him as righteousness, so too all others who believe God; it is also accounted unto them as righteousness.

Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

Know ye therefore that **they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.** And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. **So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.** For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. **But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.** And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them. **Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.** Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though *it be* but a man's covenant, yet *if it be* confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto. Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. And this I say, *that* the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, **the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise:** but God gave *it* to Abraham by promise. **Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was** ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator. Now a mediator is not *a mediator* of one, but God is one. *Is* the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. **But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.** (Galatians 3:6-22 AV)

All the law and the prophets are summarized in two commandments.

Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. **On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.** (Matthew 22:36-40 AV)

Jesus set us free, by fulfilling the requirements of the law for us. *Matthew 5:17; John 8:32; Ephesians 2:15; Colossians 2:14.* Because we are set free does not mean we are free to sin. He gave us a new heart so that we are free to obey the law of God, which would otherwise have been an impossibility. We are commanded to love one another and love God; upon those two commandments hang all the requirements of the law. *Matthew 22:36-40.* "For,

brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.” (Galatians 5:13-14 AV) The royal law of God is that we should love our neighbors as we love ourselves. James 2:6. In fact, Jesus gave us a new commandment that goes further and tells us to what degree we are to love one another. Our obedience to this new commandment does not earn salvation, but our obedience is a sign that we are his disciples. “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.” (John 13:34-35 AV)

Righteousness is imputed to those who believe, it is not earned. The deeds of the law will never earn salvation. Salvation is a gift of God through faith in Jesus Christ. Ephesians 2:8-10.

Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; **Even the righteousness of God *which is by faith of Jesus Christ* unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:** Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. **Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law. *Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.*** Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law. (Romans 3:20-31 AV)

The true Jews are those that accept their Messiah, Jesus. The kingdom of God is a spiritual kingdom, it is not a kingdom based on race or tribe. Those who are chosen by God to believe in Jesus Christ are the spiritual Israel of God.

Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. **For they *are not all Israel, which are of Israel:*** Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, *are they* all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. That is, **They which are the children of the flesh, these *are not the children of God: but the children* of the promise are counted for the seed. (Romans 9:6-8 AV)**

For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But **he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision *is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.*** (Romans 2:28-29 AV)

Keeping commandments or being born into a certain tribe or nation is not relevant to one's entrance into God's kingdom. God's kingdom is made up of those whom he has chosen by his grace.

So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that

sheweth mercy. (Romans 9:16 AV)

Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth. (Romans 9:18 AV)

God has not cast away Israel. His Israel is made up of those whom he foreknew before the foundation of the world who would believe in Jesus unto salvation. Therefore, all Israel shall be saved.

God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. (Romans 11:2 AV) And so **all Israel shall be saved.** (Romans 11:26 AV)

Part and parcel of the belief in the renewed millennium sacrifices is the belief that there will be a rebuilding of the Jewish temple. Many believe that the supposed future temple will be rebuilt at the location of what is now known as the Wailing Wall. They believe that the Wailing Wall is a remnant of the western wall from the old temple. In fact, the wailing wall is not the western wall from the ancient Jewish temple, but in fact is the western wall of the Roman Fort Antonia.⁸³² Fort Antonia was a permanent Roman fort at the time of Jesus. Fort Antonia was 800 feet north of the temple and the southern wall of the fort was connected to the northern wall of the temple by double colonnades.

Jesus made it clear that the temple would be destroyed so thoroughly that "[t]here shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down." Matthew 24:1,2; Mark 13:1,2; Luke 19:43,44; 21:5,6. The Jews are all too happy to deceive the world into believing that Jesus was wrong. In fact, the prophecy of Jesus was fulfilled perfectly. The temple was completely destroyed down to the last stone, the remains that are left standing today are the remains of Fort Antonia, not the temple.

The Dome of the Rock is not as it is supposed the place where Mohamad ascended into heaven. The Dome of the Rock is a pagan Islamic shrine built over the Roman Praetorium, which was where Pilate sentenced Jesus.⁸³³ The *Praetorium* was inside Fort Antonia, not the Jewish temple.

Just as Christ repeated throughout his new testament, so I will repeat: God has abolished the distinction between Jew and Gentile. Romans 3:28-30; 10:11-13. His church has become one spiritual temple and household of God, with Christ being the chief cornerstone. There is no more need for a physical temple, which was merely a shadow of the greater spiritual temple, his church.

For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*; **Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances**; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. **For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.** Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; **In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.** (Ephesians 2:14-22 AV)

Why would the Catholic Church want to deceive the world to follow after the Jewish fable of the reinstatement of the temple sacrifices? We must look to scripture to find the answer. In 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4, God states that the man of sin, the antichrist, will exalt himself above all that is called God and sit in the temple of God and claim to be God.

Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, **and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.** (2 Thessalonians 2:1-4 AV)

What is the temple of God? Each saved Christian individually and all saved Christians corporately make up the temple of God.

Know ye not that **ye are the temple of God**, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for **the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.** (1 Corinthians 3:16-17 AV)

What? know ye not that **your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost** *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20 AV)

In whom all the **building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:** (Ephesians 2:21 AV)

The pope has claimed the authority and position of God Almighty. He claims to be the God who rules the universal (catholic) church of God. That is, he claims to rule as God in the temple of God, the church.

The Roman Pontiff judges all men, but is judged by no one. We declare, assert, define and pronounce: to be subject to the Roman Pontiff is to every human creature altogether necessary for salvation. . . . That which was spoken of Christ . . . 'Thou hast subdued all things under His feet,' may well seem verified in me. **I have the authority of the King of kings. I am all in all and above all, so that God, Himself and I, The Vicar of God, have but one consistory, and I am able to do almost all that God can do. What therefore, can you make of me but God.** *The Bull Sanctum*, November 18, 1302 (emphasis added).⁸³⁴

[W]e hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty. *Pope Leo XIII* (emphasis added).

In order to conceal the fact that the pope fulfills the prophecy in 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4 of the antichrist sitting in the temple of God, the pope had his minions, the Jesuits, promote the millennium temple fable so that the deceived will be looking for the antichrist in the distant future and not see the papal antichrist right beneath their noses. Those that accept this millennium temple, however, have rejected righteousness by faith in Jesus Christ and instead teach a rebuilding of the physical temple, where righteousness will be by the law.

This **Zionist/Catholic** millennium doctrine is a rejection of Christ, the Chief cornerstone of the spiritual temple of God. The rebuilding of the physical temple with physical stone is a rejection of the rock of salvation, Jesus Christ. "But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. Wherefore? Because **they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone**; As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed." (Romans 9:31-33 AV) Jesus Christ is the stone that has been rejected by the builders of this false religion; to them he is a rock of offense upon whom they will stumble to their ultimate demise. "For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect." (Romans 4:14 AV) Jesus is the rock of salvation. Psalms 62:6; 89:26; 95:1. Christians are spiritual stones that are incorporated into Jesus Christ to make a holy temple of the Lord.

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. **To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house**, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. **Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.** But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: (1 Peter 2:2-9 AV)

The pope is a usurper, who is against Christ and claims to take the place of Christ in his temple (the church).

The Spanish edition of Lacunza's book became so popular in England that an English version was published. The job of translating the English version was performed by Edward Irving. He completed the translation in 1826, but the book was not published until 1827. In 1830, a journal titled *The Morning Watch* published by Irving and his followers refined the futuristic interpretation and presented a theory that is popular in protestant denominations today known as the "pretribulation rapture." Irving was placed on trial by the Presbyterian Church in 1832 for permitting unauthorized utterances of tongues and prophecies in his London church. He was censored and officially removed as pastor. He then formed the Catholic Apostolic Church. In 1830 Irving wrote a tract wherein he suggested Jesus Christ possessed a fallen human nature. In 1833 he was tried for heresy and deposed from the ministry. Irving died on December 7, 1834 at the age of 42.

Robert Baxter, an associate of Edward Irving, wrote of his experience in Irving's church. Irving would often have meetings that involved subjective spiritual manifestations, such as speaking in tongues that purportedly revealed new doctrines and predicted future events. Baxter himself was the source of a variant of Irving's pretribulation rapture teaching; Baxter spontaneously uttered a doctrine that involved a mid-tribulation rapture. Baxter had so little control over his manifestation of tongues that in some instances he found it necessary to stuff a handkerchief in his mouth so as not to disturb his household. Baxter was mercifully

delivered from this power, which he identified as the power of Satan. Baxter later renounced his own utterances and warned of the cunning craftiness of Satan, who is able to appear as an angel of light in order to deceive the unwary. See 2 Corinthians 11:14-15.

Dispensationalists who believe in a pretribulation rapture try to disassociate the pretribulation rapture doctrine from Edward Irving because of his tainted reputation and his connection with the translation of the Lacunza's book.⁸⁴⁶ They prefer, rather, to attribute the pretribulation rapture origin to John Nelson Darby. Those that ascribe to the pretribulation rapture theory hold that there will be a resurrection of the Saints seven years prior to the return of Jesus Christ, but they call it a rapture in order to distinguish it from the resurrection that is so clearly prophesied in the Holy Bible. This rapture of the Saints is supposed to be the catalyst for the entry of the antichrist on the world scene. The appearance of the antichrist is supposed to take place during a seven-year tribulation period following the rapture of the saints, hence the term "pretribulation rapture." Darby was very familiar with Lacunza's book and wrote about it in 1829, just two years after the publication of Lacunza's book in English.

Irving and Lacunza constructed a theory and then sought biblical support for that theory (eisegesis), rather than reading the Bible for what it says (exegesis). The so-called biblical scholars who followed Irving and Lacunza adopted their eschatological doctrine of a pretribulation resurrection, but they used the unbiblical term, rapture, instead of resurrection. The term "rapture" is not found anywhere in the Holy Scriptures. It is in fact a derivation of the Latin *Raptus*. *Raptus* is a word that can be found in some of the passages in the Latin translation of the bible, which is known as the Latin Vulgate. *Raptus* is a mistranslation of the Greek word *harpazo*, which literally means "caught up." See 2 Corinthians 12:4 in the Latin Vulgate.

Many people believe that rapture is synonymous with resurrection, but that is not true. While rapture does include the idea of being taken away, it is very different from the resurrection promised by Jesus. Rapture means "the act of seizing and carrying off as prey or plunder . . . the act of carrying off a woman . . . rape." The root word for rapture is *rapt* which means "Rape (abduction or ravishing) The act or power of carrying forcibly away." Ravish means "[t]o seize and carry away by violence. . . . To have carnal knowledge with a woman by force and against her consent." Both rapture and rape share the same Latin root word, *raptus*.⁸⁵² *Raptus* means "a carrying off, abduction, rape." The Holy Scripture describes the church as the chaste bride of Christ who is with Christ at the wedding supper of the Lamb. (Revelation 19:7; 22:17; Matthew 22:1-14; 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:25-33) The wedding supper of the Lamb will take place at the resurrection of the saints when this world ends. By using the term rapture, these "scholars" are blasphemously describing that holy and glorious resurrection of the church as a rape!

John Bray alleged that Morgan Edwards was the first Protestant to write about a pretribulation rapture. Edwards' book in 1788, was published two years before Lacunza finished his unpublished draft manuscript of his book. However, close examination of Edwards' book raised a real issue about whether Edwards' book was truly about a pretribulation rapture. It is difficult to view Edwards' writings as promoting a pretribulation rapture, since according to McPherson, Edwards was a historian, who viewed the papacy as the seat of the antichrist. That being the case, how could his writings be viewed to support the position that the antichrist is yet to be revealed at some time after a future rapture? Dave McPherson makes a convincing case, which he supports by good textual evidence, that in fact Edwards did not write about a pretribulation rapture.

In any event, there is no evidence that the modern pretribulation rapture teaching in the Protestant churches is traceable to Edwards. McPherson also disputes whether Lacunza wrote about a pretribulation rapture. The significance of Lacunza, however is that fact that he wrote of a future antichrist and that Jewish animal sacrifices would be reinstated in conjunction with the Eucharist (the mass) of the Catholic Church. The effect of his eschatology was to conceal the antichrist sitting in the Vatican and raise the Jews to the position of preeminence. The historical record reveals a rapture trail leading directly to Lacunza (a/k/a Rabbi Juan Josaphat Ben Ezra.). Certainly, there were differences as the unscriptural rapture theory evolved, but those differences do not let Lacunza off the hook.

All one need do is to read the preface to the 2000 reprint of Lacunza's book to understand the significance of the book to the Catholic and **Zionist** cause. The preface states "Lacunza's contribution to present day evangelicalism was to reassert the restoration of the Jews in the end- times, the two-fold coming of the Lord; the millennial reign." While Johathan Tillin in the preface describes Lacunza's view as posttribulation (his position on that is disputable), the key is that he also describes Lacunza as a "futurist." That is, Lacunza puts the antichrist in a future period and takes the eyes of Christians off the Vatican. The dedication by Irving is even more revealing, for it tells us what is the real force behind the promotion of the pretribulation rapture thought of Lacunza's book. Irving in his dedication to the book states that he translated the book because it demonstrates the erroneousness of the almost universal opinion that Christ will not come until the end of the Millennium. Irving clearly viewed Lacunza as a premillennialist and apparently it was the foundation for his own premillennial/pretribulation rapture doctrine, which he wrote of only four years later.

In reading Lacunza's book it is clear that he was of the view that there will be several resurrections (the first of which later was termed "rapture" by other theologians). Lacunza stated that "St. Paul, who doubtless knew better, gives us clearly to understand that there will be time, over and above, because between the resurrection of the saints and the end, he places great events, which require time and no little of it to bring them about." What are those events between the resurrection of the saints and the end? Could this be the germ that Irving latched onto to come up with his theory that later became known as the pretribulation rapture?

Another point made by Lacunza is "that the evacuation of all rule, authority and power, with every thing else which we read in the text, must come to pass, not before, but after the resurrection of the saints who are Christ's, consequently after the coming of Christ." Again, we have the "evacuation of all rule, authority and power," after the first resurrection. Could that be the precursor of Irving's tribulation period? Lacunza further states: "Unless you would consent to use the utmost violence, you must allow that it is here manifestly spoken of persons alive and sojourning, of whom when the Lord shall come, some shall be lifted up on high, and others not: some shall be taken, because they shall be worthy of this assumption, and others not worthy, are therefore left." Could that be the basis for Irving's doctrine which later became known as the rapture? Lacunza concludes:

The instruments or documents which we have presented in this dissertation, if they be seriously considered and combined with one another, appear more than sufficient to prove that God hath promised in his word, to raise many other saints besides those already raised, before the general resurrection; consequently, the idea of the resurrection of the flesh, in one company and at one time, in a moment, in the twinkling of any eye, is an idea which is so far from being just, that it appeareth absolutely indefensible.⁸⁶²

It is notable that Lacunza cites to the Catechism of Cardinal Bellarmine, the very Jesuit Cardinal who promoted fellow Jesuit Ribera's futurist writings that helped conceal the pope's status as the antichrist. It is further worthy to note that Bellarmine was also the head theologian for the Vatican in charge of reviewing and censoring the Talmud prior to authorizing its publication. Bellarmine thus had very close contacts and interaction with Jewish theologians during his tenure as Cardinal.

While Lacunza's writing was rather cryptic and subject to differing interpretations, which is typical of the writing style of most Jewish rabbis, the seeds for the pretribulation rapture seem to have been sown in his book. The best evidence that Lacunza's book was the seminal writing behind the pretribulation doctrine is that within four years of translating Lacunza's book into English, Irving first published his views on what later became known as the pretribulation rapture.

Dave MacPherson, in his book *The Incredible Cover-Up*, traced the origin of the pretribulation rapture doctrine to a woman named Margaret McDonald. Both a delegation of representatives from Edward Irving's church and a man named John Nelson Darby allegedly attended charismatic revival meetings in the McDonald home where Margaret McDonald saw visions and uttered prophetic revelations that were thought by some to be the foundations of the pretribulation rapture doctrine. Darby was a member of a group known as the Plymouth Brethren. William Kimball states in his book *Rapture, a Question of Timing* that soon after the McDonald visions both Irving and Darby became fervent advocates of this new pretribulation rapture teaching. That suggests that Darby obtained his pretribulation view from McDonald.

John Bray, however, in his book *The Origin of the Pretribulation Teaching* states that he discovered 1827 writings of John Darby wherein Darby discussed the pretribulation rapture. Coincidentally, that was the same year in which the English translation of Jesuit Priest Emanuel de Lacunza's book was published, and it would have been three years before the McDonald revelations. In addition, John Bray points out that although McDonald's revelations were of a rapture, they were not of a pretribulation rapture.⁸⁶⁶ In John Darby's later 1829 writings he acknowledged being aware of both Irving's and Lacunza's teachings. The timing of Darby's first writings of a pretribulation rapture in 1827, the publication year for Irving's translation of Lacunza's book, certainly suggests that he learned of that doctrine from the writings of Lacunza. In any case, it is generally acknowledged that Darby was most responsible for popularizing the doctrine. In fact, early on the doctrine was known as Darbyism.

In addition to Darby's theological link to Lacunza and Irving, there is evidence that Rome had a continuing influence over Darby. In 1871 Darby published his own English translation of the bible. The Darby translation was based on the corrupt Alexandrian manuscripts used by the Catholic Church. One sees Satan's handiwork throughout Darby's translation. Darby omits Matthew 23:14 and Acts 8:37. In Luke 2:33 the Darby translation calls Joseph Jesus' father, when in fact Jesus is the Son of God. See Luke 1:35; Matthew 1:23. Darby's translation of 1 Corinthians 15:45 describes Adam as "becoming a living soul" rather than being "made a living soul," which fits rather nicely with the devilish theory of evolution. In Mark 1:1-3 the Darby translation erroneously refers to a quote from Malachi 3:1 as being from Isaiah. Darby removed from Revelations 1:11 Jesus' statement that "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last." The above listed errors and omissions by Darby are just the tip of the proverbial iceberg. It is sad that so many follow the teachings of a man who dared to tamper with God's holy words. God has placed a curse on anyone who adds to or subtracts from his words.

For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book. (Revelation 22:18-19 AV)

Darby toured the United States seven times between 1862 and 1877. During his travels to the United States he promoted his system of prophetic interpretation. Cyrus Ingerson Scofield wholeheartedly embraced Darby's doctrine. Scofield learned Darby's teachings from Dr. James H. Brookes, who was the pastor of the Compton Avenue Presbyterian Church in St. Louis and a follower of Darby's teachings. Scofield put explanatory notes, which included Darby's dispensational system, in his famous Scofield Reference Bible. The Scofield Reference Bible was published in 1909 and has since then sold more than three million copies. Including explanatory notes in the Holy Bible was unusual for the time and contrary to the practice of the Bible societies whose motto was "without note or comment."

The Scofield bible was funded and nurtured by World **Zionist** leaders who saw the Christian churches in America as an obstacle to their plan for the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine. These **Zionists** initiated a program to infiltrate and change the Christian doctrines of those churches. Two of the tools used to accomplish this goal were Cyrus I. Scofield and a venerable, world respected European book publisher: The Oxford University Press.

The scheme was to alter the Christian gospel and corrupt the church with a pro-**Zionist** subculture. "Scofield's role was to re-write the King James Version of the Bible by inserting **Zionist**-friendly notes in the margins, between verses and chapters, and on the bottoms of the pages." In 1909, the Oxford University Press published and implemented a large advertising budget to promote the Scofield Reference Bible.

The Scofield Reference Bible was a subterfuge designed to create a subculture around a new worship icon, the modern State of Israel. The new state of Israel did not yet exist, but the well-funded **Zionists** already had it on their drawing boards.

"Since the death of its original author and namesake, The Scofield Reference Bible has gone through several editions. Massive pro-**Zionist** notes were added to the 1967 edition, and some of Scofield's most significant notes from the original editions were removed where they apparently failed to further **Zionist** aims fast enough. Yet this edition retains the title, "The New Scofield Reference Bible, Holy Bible, Editor C.I. Scofield." It's anti-Arab, **Zionist** "Christian" subculture theology has fostered unyielding "Christian" support for the State of Israel and its barbaric subjugation of the native Palestinians.

Who was C.I. Scofield? Scofield was a young con-artist who engaged in a continual pattern of fraud and deception both before and after his alleged 1879 conversion. Scofield was a partner with John J. Ingalls, a Jewish lawyer, in a railroad scam which led to Scofield being sentenced to prison for criminal forgery.

"Upon his release from prison, Scofield deserted his first wife, Leonteen Carry Scofield, and his two daughters Abigail and Helen, and he took as his mistress a young girl from the St. Louis Flower Mission. He later abandoned her for Helen van Ward, whom he eventually married."

Scotfield had developed connections with a subgroup of the Illuminati, known as the Secret Six. He was taken under the wing of Samuel Untermyer, an ardent **Zionist** who later became Chairman of the American Jewish Committee and President of the American League of Jewish Patriots. "Untermyer introduced Scotfield to numerous **Zionist** and socialist leaders, including Samuel Gompers, Fiorello LaGuardia, Abraham Straus, Bernard Baruch and Jacob Schiff." These powerful figures financed Scotfield's research trips to Oxford and arranged the publication and distribution of his reference bible. He who pays the piper calls the tune.

In 1892 Scotfield fraudulently claimed to have a Doctorate of Divinity and began calling himself "Doctor Scotfield."⁸⁸¹ In fact, Scotfield did not have a doctorate degree from any Seminary or University or for that matter any degree of any kind from any college. Below is an excerpt from an article titled "Cyrus I. Scotfield in the Role of a Congregational Minister" which appeared on August 27, 1881 in the Topeka newspaper, *The Daily Capital*:

"The last personal knowledge that Kansans have had of this peer among scalawags, was when about four years ago, after a series of forgeries and confidence games he left the state and a destitute family and took refuge in Canada.

For a time he kept undercover, nothing being heard of him until within the past two years when he turned up in St. Louis, where he had a wealthy widowed sister living who has generally come to the front and squared up Cyrus' little follies and foibles by paying good round sums of money.

Within the past year, however, Cyrus committed a series of St. Louis forgeries that could not be settled so easily, and the erratic young gentleman was compelled to linger in the St. Louis jail for a period of six months.

Among the many malicious acts that characterized his career, was one peculiarly atrocious, that has come under our personal notice. Shortly after he left Kansas, leaving his wife and two children dependent upon the bounty of his wife's mother, he wrote his wife that he could invest some \$1,300 of her mother's money, all she had, in a manner that would return big interest.

After some correspondence he forwarded them a mortgage, signed and executed by one Chas. Best, purporting to convey valuable property in St. Louis. Upon this, the money was sent to him. Afterwards the mortgages were found to be base forgeries, no such person as Charles Best being in existence, and the property conveyed in the mortgage fictitious."

Scotfield abandoned his wife and children and refused to support them. At that time it was difficult for a woman to work and support herself and her children. 1 Timothy 5:8 states: "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."

When his first wife, Leontine, originally filed for divorce in July 1881, she listed the following reasons: "(he had)...absented himself from his said wife and children, and had not been with them but abandoned them with the intention of not returning to them again... has been guilty of gross neglect of duty and has failed to support this plaintiff or her said children, or to contribute thereto, and has made no provision for them for food, clothing or a home, or in any

manner performed his duty in the support of said family although he was able to do so.” At that time Scofield was the pastor of Hyde Park Congregational Church in St. Louis. The divorce decree was granted in 1883, with the court finding that Scofield “was not a fit person to have custody of the children.”

Scofield’s life was marked at every turn by duplicity. J.M. Canfield revealed that Scofield as a pastor concealed his abandonment of his family by telling the congregation prior to his divorce that he was single. In 1912, Scofield sent false biographical information to a publisher for an entry in *Who’s Who in America*. Among the many lies and fabrications, Scofield falsely claimed that he was decorated for valor during the civil war. D. Jean Rushing discovered that in fact Scofield was a Confederate deserter. Having been married twice and being a demonstrably covetous and greedy con artist, Scofield did not qualify to be a church leader, let alone a respected commentator of God’s word: “A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;” (1 Timothy 3:2-4)

While Scofield used the King James text he indicated in his 1909 bible introduction that he viewed with favor the work of Brooke Foss Westcott and Fenton John Anthony Hort, who were two popular compilers of the corrupted Alexandrian Greek text. Westcott and Hort were nominal Protestants, but they were defacto Roman Catholics. In addition, Westcott and Hort were both necromancers who were members of an occult club called the “Ghostly Guild.” Throughout Scofield’s bible he placed marginal notes that attacked the inerrancy of the Received Text of the Holy Scripture and indicated his preference for the corrupt Alexandrian manuscripts used by the Catholic Church.

The **Zionists** who funded and directed the Scofield bible knew exactly what they were doing. Their strategy has born the sour fruit today whereby the ersatz (**substitute**) “Christian” churches not only offer no resistance to **Zionist** aims, but they in fact promote **Zionism**. Amazing as it sounds the Satanic **Zionist** conspiracy against Christ and Christians is actually a cornerstone of many ersatz (**substitute**) “Christian” churches. One example is Calvary Chapel founded by Chuck Smith.

Calvary Chapel has become one of the largest and most influential religious organizations in the world. Calvary Chapel of Costa Mesa, California, where Smith is senior pastor, is a mega-church with a membership of approximately 20,000 people. According to a 2003 article in *Forbes* magazine, Calvary Chapel, Costa Mesa is the third largest non-Catholic church in the United States. In addition, he has a regular radio program, “The Word for Today,” which includes edited messages from Smith’s sermons at Calvary Chapel, Costa Mesa.. The television version of *The Word for Today* is seen nationwide on the blasphemous Trinity Broadcasting Network.

Calvary Chapel also owns and operates their own radio station (KWVE). Calvary Chapel has a Bible College offering an Associate’s Degree in Theology, and a Bachelor’s degree in Biblical Studies. They own a 47-acre campus in Murietta Hot Springs, California. They also own a castle in Austria. In addition, Calvary Chapel ministries include: Calvary Chapel Music, Calvary Chapel Satellite Network International, Calvary Chapel Conference Center, Calvary Chapel Christian Camp, Maranatha Christian Academy, and Calvary Chapel High School. There are over 850 affiliated Calvary Chapels all over the globe, including approximately 700 in the United States. Some of the affiliated Calvary Chapels in the United States are mega-

churches in their own right with memberships of more than 5,000 people. *Forbes* magazine lists Calvary Chapel of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, an affiliate of Calvary Chapel, as the ninth largest non-Catholic church in the United States, with an average attendance of 17,000.

In this author's previous book titled, *The Anti-Gospel*, I revealed that the initial funding for Calvary Chapel came from the Illuminati. The Illuminati is a powerful Jewish secret society. We see the same **Zionist** forces behind Smith as were behind Scofield. Smith and his "ministry" are part of a conspiracy for **Zionist** conquest of Palestine and indeed the world. Smith's **Zionist** plans parallel the **Zionist** plans of the Illuminati, which is not surprising in light of the Illuminati funding for Smith. An investigative team from *The Executive Intelligence Review* discovered a group called the "American Jerusalem Temple Foundation," which was an early source of "massive amounts of money from American-based Darbyite Christian fundamentalists" that were poured into "Jerusalem operations, aimed, ultimately, at blowing up the Muslim holy sites at the Temple Mount, and building the Third Temple."

In the middle of this planned bloodfest we find Chuck Smith, pastor of Calvary Chapel. *The Executive Intelligence Review* discovered the following:

At the core of the Gnostic "dispensational premillennarianism," advocated by Nineteenth-Century Anglican clergyman John Nelson Darby, is the belief that the extermination of the Jews, in a final battle of Armageddon, brought on by the rebuilding of Solomon's Temple, is the Biblical precondition for the second coming of the Messiah and the Rapture. **Pastor Chuck Smith, Dolphin's mentor at the Calvary Baptist Church, when asked by EIR whether he had any compunctions about unleashing a holy war that would lead to the possible extermination of millions of Jews and Muslims, replied, "Frankly, no, because it is all part of Biblical prophesy."**

Smith was also full of praise for the Jewish zealots of the Temple Mount Faithful, and their founder, Goldfoot: "Do you want a real radical?" he asked. "Try Stanley Goldfoot. He's a wonder. His plan for the Temple Mount is to take sticks of dynamite and some M-16s and blow the Dome of the Rock and Al-Aqsa Mosques and just lay claim to the site."⁸⁹⁵

Who is Stanley Goldfoot, upon whom Chuck Smith heaps such praise? He is a psychopathic mass murderer and internationally recognized terrorist! He has admitted he helped plan the 1946 dynamite bombing of the King David Hotel that killed approximately 100 Christian, Jewish, and Muslim civilians. Goldfoot has also admitted that he planned and directed the execution of the United Nations mediator, Count Folke Bernadotte, in Jerusalem, in the fall of 1948.

Chuck Smith is so impressed with Goldfoot that he invited that killer to lecture in his Calvary Chapel! Smith has also financed Goldfoot's **Zionist** activities! The Hebrew University of Jerusalem explains:

Chuck Smith, a noted minister and evangelist whose Calvary Chapel in Costa Mesa, California, has been one of the largest and most dynamic Charismatic churches in America, invited Goldfoot to lecture in his church, and his followers helped to finance Goldfoot's activity.

Smith secured financial support for exploration of the exact site of the Temple. An associate of Smith, Lambert Dolphin, a California physicist and archeologist and leader of the "Science

and Archeology Team,” took it upon himself to explore the Temple Mount. An ardent premillennialist who believed that the building of the Temple was essential to the realization of messianic hopes.

Can we regard Chuck Smith as a true minister of the Gospel when he praises and financially supports a terrorist killer? Why would he do such a thing? Because both he and Goldfoot are **Zionists**, who want to bring Palestine under the complete control of Israel. One of the key goals of the **Zionist** Illuminati is to rule the world. Jewish control of Palestine is one step toward that **Zionist** goal.

Another **Zionist** shill was Jerry Falwell. In 1979, Israel gave Falwell a gift of a Learjet. Falwell put the Learjet to good use spreading the dispensational theology that includes a requirement of the Jews to return to Israel as part of God’s plan for Christ to return. His purpose was to influence the American Christian audience to favor Israel. Sean McBride explains how it worked:

When Israel bombed Iraq’s Osirak nuclear reactor in 1981, Begin made his first telephone call to Falwell, asking him to explain to the Christian public the reasons for the bombing. Only later did he call [President] Reagan.

Notice that Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin called Falwell before calling the President of the United States. That should give the reader some idea of the political importance of the “Christian” **Zionist** movement to Israel.

Falwell is now dead, but Israel has many arrows in its **Zionist** quiver. John Hagee is one of those deadly projectiles. Thomas L. McFadden of the American Free Press explains:

John Hagee, the megachurch televangelist, is approaching the Washington, D.C. area again, ready to land in his private jet on July 20. An army of politicians and wide-eyed believers will follow this professed “man of God” who outdoes, in a sinister way, televangelists Pat Robertson and the late Jerry Falwell combined. Although Falwell did receive a Lear jet from the Israeli government in 1979, he never had an 8,000-acre luxury ranch loaded with mansions, hotels, barns and a private landing strip. But Hagee, the “corpulent con man,” as he is popularly known, does.

This Texas pirate is running a large number of organizations all geared toward spreading the word of the coming rapture and promoting war for Israel.

Cornerstone Church in San Antonio and John Hagee Ministries telecast his national radio and television ministry, carried in America on 160 TV stations, 50 radio stations and eight networks and are heard or seen weekly in 99 million homes. He is the founder of Christians United for Israel (CUFI).

Hagee spreads misery, destruction and greed wherever his Lear jet lands. He is pumping part of the cash he fleeces from the flock into the illegal settlements in the counterfeit state of Israel, while the child murderers there are aiming to dispose of the remainder of the Christians and Muslims in Palestinian villages with phosphorous bombs received free from America.

Regardless, just like for food, obese Hagee has a bottomless appetite for dead American kids as well, endlessly pushing for a war on Iran to satisfy his **Zionist**

masters and strange followers who jump up and down like so many steroid-loaded basketball players waving their Israeli flags while the cash is collected. He is burning both ends of the candle manufacturing “moral support” for the endless flow of limbless and lifeless bodies that are flown and wheeled back to America to their parents from Iraq and Afghanistan.

But this is not enough for Hagee. At the last Washington conference he said: “[I]t is time for America to embrace the words of Sen. Joseph Lieberman and consider a military pre-emptive strike against Iran to prevent a nuclear holocaust in Israel.” Actually jetsetter Hagee and his gang were lobbying Congress for the territorial expansion of Israel and a genocidal American nuclear strike on Iran. These well-financed people seem to be living from holocaust to holocaust just for the excitement of it.

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Hagee is also a frequent guest of Israel. He met Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu just recently, a day before Vice President Joe Biden arrived and was humiliated by the Israeli leader.

Hagee also receives extraordinary coverage from the U.S. media, publicity that could not be purchased for tens of millions of dollars. He even appeared as a guest writer for The Washington Post in January 2009 under the title: “My Hopes and Concerns for Obama.”

This is a major PR drive to extend the useful life of the “Holocaust” and to serve the **Zionist** agenda in the United States. There are hundreds of millions of dollars donated by these Israel-worshippers.⁹⁰⁴

I am not suggesting that all who hold to the pretribulation rapture doctrine are agents of **Zionists** or the Roman Catholic Church. Many in Smith’s Calvary Chapel, Hagee’s Cornerstone Church, and similar **Zionist** churches throughout the world have simply been deceived. Let us, like the noble Bereans, check the pretribulation rapture teachings against the scriptures. See Acts 17:11. Those that hold to the pretribulation rapture teaching cite 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 in support of their doctrine.⁹⁰⁵

Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: *for that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth *will let*, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: *Even him*, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them

strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. (2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 AV)

If one looks at those passages it is clear that they refer to the resurrection of believers at the end of the world. Looking at verse one we see that the topic that is being addressed by the Apostle Paul is "the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" and "our gathering together unto him." The apostle Paul was telling the Thessalonians that "that day" would not come until there is a falling away first. Notice that Paul refers to "that day," which indicates that the coming of our Lord and our gathering together unto him are to happen contemporaneously. The first thing that happens is the falling away. Then, the man of sin, the son of perdition is revealed. Verse four indicates that this man of sin will exalt himself above God. Clearly, this is a reference to the antichrist. So we know that the antichrist will be revealed before the coming of Jesus Christ and the resurrection of the Saints. The pretribulation rapturists reverse this sequence and hold that Jesus will return secretly and rapture the saints, and then after the rapture the antichrist will be revealed.

The pretribulation rapturists hold that the person in verse seven who lets (restrains) the antichrist is the Holy Spirit who resides in the body of believers. They teach that when the rapture takes place the Holy Spirit will be taken out of the world and the antichrist will then be revealed.⁹⁰⁶ If you look at those passages in 2 Thessalonians 2 the apostle Paul was telling the Thessalonians that "that day" would not come until there is a falling away first. Then, the man of sin, the son of perdition is revealed. Verse four indicates that this man of sin will exalt himself above God. Clearly, this is a reference to the antichrist. So we know that the antichrist will be revealed before the coming of Jesus Christ and the resurrection of the Saints. If, however, he that letteth is the Holy Spirit that means that verse 3 contradicts verses 6-8. If the Holy Spirit is he that letteth, preventing the antichrist from being revealed and his being taken out of the way is the resurrection (rapture) of the saints and it happens first "then" the antichrist is revealed, that is the reverse of the sequence in verse 3. That contradicts verse 3 which states that the resurrection (rapture) shall not come except there be a falling away first and the man of sin is revealed. In fact, he that letteth is the Roman Emperor, who was replaced by the pope as Pontiffex Maximus (Supreme Pontiff), the ruler of all religions. The pope is the antichrist.

Furthermore, the position that the Holy Spirit will be removed from the earth through the rapture of the saints contradicts the promise that Jesus made. Jesus stated in Matthew 28:20 that he would be with us always even unto the end of the world. Jesus is with us through the Holy Spirit. We know from 1 John's 5:7 that "there are three that bear record in heaven, the father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one." (1 John 5:7) So we see that Jesus and the Holy Spirit are one. If you remove the Holy Spirit from the world then Jesus is removed and he cannot then be with us unto the end of the world.

Jesus makes it even clearer in the Gospel of Matthew that the Holy Spirit will abide with us forever: "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, **that he may abide with you for ever.**" (John 14:16 AV) Who is the comforter that Jesus was referring to? In John 14:26 Jesus states that the comforter is the Holy Spirit. If the Holy Spirit is removed from the world through the rapture and the rapture is followed by a seven year tribulation period, how could Jesus keep his promise that the Holy Spirit will be with us forever? The answer is simple; there will not be a pretribulation rapture but a resurrection and that resurrection will be at the end of the world when Christ returns. The pretribulation rapture is not supported by Scripture and in fact is contrary to Scripture.

One of the tenets of the pretribulation rapture teaching is that once the believers in Christ are raptured out of the world there will only be unbelievers left behind. The unbelievers will then go through the seven year period of tribulation during which the antichrist will make his appearance.⁹⁰⁷ The problem with that sequence is that it is contrary to the sequence of events as explained by Jesus.

Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. **Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.** (Matthew 13:24-30 AV) (emphasis added)

Jesus states in his parable in Matthew 13:24-30 that kingdom of heaven is like a man who sows good seed this field but an enemy sows tares. The man allows the tares and the wheat to grow up together until the harvest. It is not until the harvest that the tares and the wheat are gathered. The wheat is not gathered some time before the tares. The tares are gathered "first" and burned, then to wheat is gathered into the barn. We see from the parable that the tares are gathered first and then the wheat, just the reverse of the pretribulation rapture teaching. One might say "that is just a parable, you can make that mean anything you wish." Jesus himself, however, explained later in Matthew the meaning of that parable.

Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. (Matthew 13:36-43 AV)

Notice that Jesus states that both the tares and the wheat are to be left alone to grow up together until the end of the world. He does not say that the wheat should be plucked out ahead of time and the tares will be left behind. He states that he will wait until the end of the world and then his angels will "first" gather out of the field the tares (the children of the wicked one) and they will be bound and cast into a furnace of fire where there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. It is after the gathering of the tares that the children of God are gathered together. They are gathered at the end of the world not during some rapture years earlier.

The pretribulation rapturists will cite Revelation 20:5-6 to support their argument that their will be a rapture and then some time later a second resurrection. Revelation 20:5-6 does mention a first resurrection, which suggests that there is a second resurrection. Indeed, there is a second resurrection, but that is not a physical resurrection as some have supposed, it is a

spiritual resurrection. The pretribulation rapturists ignore Revelation 20:4, where John says: "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: **and I saw the souls** of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God." Notice he saw the "souls" of the saved, he did not see their bodies. They had been spiritually resurrected (the first resurrection) but not yet bodily resurrected. Before one is born again, he is dead in trespasses and sins. The Holy Spirit quickens the believer and he is made alive, he is spiritually resurrected from the dead. The spiritual rebirth by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ is the first resurrection mentioned in Revelation 20:4-6. The second resurrection is the resurrection of the bodies of the believers at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins. (Ephesians 2:1 AV)

Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) **And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:** (Ephesians 2:5-6 AV)

And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; (Colossians 2:13 AV)

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. (Colossians 3:1 AV)

The pretribulation rapturists believe that Jesus will not return until the end of the seven year tribulation. They make a distinction between the resurrection at Jesus' second coming and the rapture. It would be easy to determine the exact date of Jesus' second coming by simply noting the date of the rapture and adding seven years. The problem is that Jesus stated that the day and hour of his second coming and the end of the world cannot be determined in advance. He stated that only God the Father knows the day and the hour of his return and the end of the world. He stated that day will be similar to the great flood. People were eating and drinking and marrying when suddenly and unexpectedly flood came upon the world.

But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. (Matthew 24:36-39 AV)

Another passage which is directly contrary to the pretribulation rapture teachings is 2 Peter 3:9-15. That passage states that the day of the Lord will come suddenly like a thief in the night. Peter admonishes the saints, therefore, to be "in holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God." Note when looking at the passage in 2 Peter that Peter was referring to the coming of the Lord at the end of the world; for he states that on that day the heavens shall pass away, the elements will melt with fervent heat, and the world be burned up. Why would Peter admonish the saints to look for the day of God during which the world will be destroyed if the saints are going to be raptured out of the world seven years prior thereto? The answer is simple; the saints will not be raptured seven years before the return of Christ, the saints will be resurrected on that day of the Lord when he

returns. On that day the world will be destroyed, but the saints look forward to that day, for it is the day of promise during which they will be resurrected and there will be "new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness." See Revelation 21:1; Matthew 13:43.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; (2 Peter 3:9-15 AV)

The pretribulation rapture advocates state that God has not chosen the church to be the object of his wrath, therefore, the church must be raptured out of the world prior to the tribulation period.⁹⁰⁸ It is true that God's church will never be the object of his wrath. See John 5:24; Romans 5:9, 8:1; 1 Thessalonians 1:10, 5:9. There is, however, a world of difference between God's wrath and the tribulations of this world. The following passages indicate that Christians will in fact suffer great persecution and tribulation in this world.

Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. (Matthew 24:9 AV)

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have **tribulation**: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. (John 16:33 AV)

Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much **tribulation** enter into the kingdom of God. (Acts 14:22 AV)

That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto. For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer **tribulation**; even as it came to pass, and ye know. (1 Thessalonians 3:3-4 AV)

If the church of Christ is to be raptured out of the world prior to the alleged seven year tribulation period why did Jesus pray that his church **not be taken out of the world**? "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil." (John 17:15 AV) Lest one argue that Jesus was only praying about his then living disciples, he made it clear that he was praying for all Christians. "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word." (John 17:20 AV) Is there any doubt that the prayers of Jesus will be answered?

Jesus did not state that he will rapture his church out of the world seven years before the last day, but to the contrary stated that he will raise up all those that the father has given him "at

the last day.” “And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.” (John 6:39 AV) Lest there be any confusion about what Jesus meant he clarified the point in the very next passage. “And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.” (John 6:40 AV) Notice he does not state that some will be raised up at an earlier time, but rather that he will **raise him up at the last day every one** which seeth the Son and believeth on him. There is no mention in Bible prophecy of more than one physical resurrection, and that physical resurrection will be at the **last day**, when **every Christian** will be raised to glory. Some will cite the passage at Revelation 20:5 where there is mention of a first resurrection, which suggests a second resurrection. The first resurrection mentioned in that passage is the spiritual resurrection of a Christian when he is born again, it is not the physical resurrection at the end of the world. When one is born again he is spiritually raised from the dead, made alive to be forever spiritually with Christ. “And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins.” (Ephesians 2:1 AV) “Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus.” (Ephesians 2:5-6 AV) In John 5:24-25 Jesus describes the spiritual resurrection and then in John 5:28-29 he describes a quite different physical resurrection; the spiritual resurrection is the first resurrection mentioned in Revelation 20:5.

At this glorious second resurrection those that are chosen for salvation will be changed in a twinkling of an eye and put on glorified eternal bodies. Those that hold to the pretribulation rapture teaching, however, believe that Christ will return several times, the first being a secret rapture. They extrapolate that because Christ is prophesied to return like a thief in the night that he will stealthily and quietly return. 1 Thessalonians 5:2 and 2 Peter 3:10 do state that the Lord will come as a thief in the night. Those passages, however, are simply pointing out the suddenness of the Lord's return, not that the Lord will act like a thief and sneak back to Earth. In fact, if one looks at 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 one sees that the return of Christ will be anything but sneaky. He will come with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and the trump of God.

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the **Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump 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: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 AV)

Those who have been chosen for salvation will be changed and given immortal spiritual bodies. Those saved by the grace of God will be like Christ and shine as the sun in the kingdom of God. See 1 John 3:2 and Matthew 13:43. “Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.” (Philippians 3:21 AV) “[A]s it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.” (1 Corinthians 2:9 AV) This, however, will not happen until the end of the world at the last trump of God.

But some *man* will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? *Thou fool*, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other *grain*: But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. All flesh is not the same flesh: but *there is one kind of* flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, *and* another of birds. *There are* also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the *glory* of the terrestrial is another. *There is* one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for *one* star differeth from *another* star in glory. So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* the Lord from heaven. As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but **we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.** So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, **Death is swallowed up in victory.** O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory? The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:35-57 AV)

The pretribulation rapture contrivance contradicts the Holy Scripture. The pretribulation rapturists teach that the resurrection described in 1 Corinthians 15:51-57 is in fact a description of the rapture prior to the tribulation period.⁹⁰⁹ They teach that Christ will sneak back for his saints seven years prior to him returning later a third time. That could not be the case, because 1 Corinthians 15:51-57 describes the resurrection of the saints at the end of the world, when Christ's saints put on eternal glorified bodies and "[d]eath is swallowed up in victory." "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." (1 Corinthians 15:26 AV) See also, Revelation 20:14. If the last enemy destroyed is death, then 1 Corinthians 15:35-57 must be referring to the end of this world. The futurists claim there is a seven year tribulation period following the rapture of the saints. According to them, death will still reign during this tribulation period, which means that death is not swallowed up in victory. Since death is in fact swallowed up in victory at the resurrection referred to in 1 Corinthian 15:51-57, then that passage could not be referring to a rapture which will be followed by a tribulation period. This is further confirmed by 1 Corinthians 15:23-24 which states: "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so **in Christ shall all be made alive.** But every man in his own order: **Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end,** when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power." (1 Corinthians 15:20-24 AV) Notice that the order is that first Christ then second they that are Christ's at his coming; there is no indication that there will be a sneaky rapture before

Christ's coming. This happens just before the end of the world. The next passage says "then" cometh the end. It does not say 7 years later cometh the end as some have "interpreted" it as saying. The passage does not say some of them that are Christ's, it says "they that are Christ's." Who are "they?" They are the "all" who shall be made alive. The Scripture is clear, the resurrection of the saints happens at Christ's coming at the end of the world. Later in verses 51-52, that truth is confirmed. "All" (not some) shall be changed. When shall the "all" be changed? In a moment, at the last trump (not in two installments). Those passages make clear that "all" shall be changed in one moment at one time at the last trump. When is the last trump? At the end of the world. See Matthew 24:31. Once again, we see that the pretribulation rapture teaching contradicts the express language of the prophecies in the Bible.

The false pretribulation doctrine has been nurtured by the militia of the Pope, the crypto-Jewish Jesuits. We see the hidden influence of the Jesuits starting with Emanuel de Lacunza and Francisco Ribera and continuing through Irving, Darby, Scofield, Graham, and Falwell. This futuristic interpretation of the bible prophecies was the perfect doctrine to use to hide from the world the fact that **the pope of Rome is the antichrist and the Judaism of today is the same corrupt Judaism that Jesus denounced. Sadly, many have swallowed this sophistry of the Zionist Jews and Rome hook, line, and sinker.**