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## Prayer

Lord, help me to be a good employee. I know I can do more than I've done and perform at a much higher level. And if I give 100 percent of myself to my place of employment, I know I can help my employer make a better profit and become more efficient. Please forgive me for taking a salary for work that hasn't been done with a full commitment to excellence. Jesus, I want to change in this area of my life. I ask You to help me become conscientious about the way I perform at my job. May I always be Your light to shine no matter what I am doing, in Jesus' name. Amen.....

Sparkling Gems from the Greek.

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Matthew 24:36 (AMP)

36 But of that [exact] day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

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1 I LOVE You fervently and devotedly, O Lord, my Strength. 2 The Lord is my Rock, my Fortress, and my Deliverer; my God, my keen and firm Strength in Whom I will trust and take refuge, my Shield, and the Horn of my salvation, my High Tower. 3 I will call upon the Lord, Who is to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies. 4 The cords or bands of death surrounded me, and the streams of ungodliness and the torrents of ruin terrified me. 5 The cords of Sheol (the place of the dead) surrounded me; the snares of death confronted and came upon me. 6 In my distress [when seemingly closed in] I called upon the Lord and cried to my God; He heard my voice out of His temple (heavenly dwelling place), and my cry came before Him, into His [very] ears. 7 Then the earth quaked and rocked, the foundations also of the mountains trembled; they moved and were shaken because He was indignant and angry. 8 There went up smoke from His nostrils; and lightning out of His mouth devoured; coals were kindled by it. 9 He bowed the heavens also and came down; and thick darkness was under His feet. 10 And He rode upon a cherub [a storm] and flew [swiftly]; yes, He sped on with the wings of the wind. 11 He made darkness His secret hiding place; as His pavilion (His canopy) round about Him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies. 12 Out of the brightness before Him there broke forth through His thick clouds hailstones and coals of fire. 13 The Lord also thundered from the heavens, and the Most High uttered His voice, amid hailstones and coals of fire. 14 And He sent out His arrows and scattered them; and He flashed forth lightnings and put them to rout. 15 Then the beds of the sea appeared and the foundations of the world were laid bare at Your rebuke, O Lord, at the blast of the breath of Your nostrils. 16 He reached from on high, He took me; He drew me out of many waters. 17 He delivered me from my strong enemy and from those who hated and abhorred me, for they were too strong for me. 18 They confronted and came upon me in the day of my calamity, but the Lord was my stay and support. 19 He brought me forth also into a large place; He was delivering me because He was pleased with me and delighted in me. 20 The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness (my conscious integrity and sincerity with Him); according to the cleanness of my hands has He recompensed me. 21 For I have kept the ways of the Lord and have not wickedly departed from my God. 22 For all His ordinances were before me, and I put not away His statutes from me. 23 I was upright before Him and blameless with Him, ever [on guard] to keep myself free from my sin and guilt. 24 Therefore has the Lord recompensed me according to my righteousness (my uprightness and right standing with Him), according to the cleanness of my hands in His sight. 25 With the kind and merciful You will show Yourself kind and merciful, with an upright man You will show Yourself upright, 26 With the pure You will show Yourself pure, and with the perverse You will show Yourself contrary. 27 For You deliver an afflicted and humble people but will bring down those with haughty looks. 28 For You cause my lamp to be lighted and to shine; the Lord my God illumines my darkness. 29 For by You I can run through a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. 30 As for God, His way is perfect! The word of the Lord is tested and tried; He is a shield to all those who take refuge and put their trust in Him. 31 For who is God except the Lord? Or who is the Rock save our God, 32 The God who girds me with strength and makes my way perfect? 33 He makes my feet like hinds' feet [able to stand firmly or make progress on the dangerous heights of testing and trouble]; He sets me securely upon my high places. 34 He teaches my hands to war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze. 35 You have also given me the shield of Your salvation, and Your right hand has held me up; Your gentleness and condescension have made me great. 36 You have given plenty of room for my steps under me, that my feet would not slip. 37 I pursued my enemies and overtook them; neither did I turn again till they were consumed. 38 I smote them so that they were not able to rise; they fell wounded under my feet. 39 For You have girded me with strength for the battle; You have subdued under me and caused to bow down those who rose up against me. 40 You have also made my enemies turn their backs to me, that I might cut off those who hate me. 41 They cried [for help], but there was none to deliver—even unto the Lord, but He answered them not. 42 Then I beat them small as the dust before the wind; I emptied them out as the dirt and mire of the streets. 43 You have delivered me from the strivings of the people; You made me the head of the nations; a people I had not known served me. 44 As soon as they heard of me, they obeyed me; foreigners submitted themselves cringingly and yielded feigned obedience to me. 45 Foreigners lost heart and came trembling out of their caves or strongholds. 46 The Lord lives! Blessed be my Rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted, 47 The God Who avenges me and subdues peoples under me, 48 Who delivers me from my enemies; yes, You lift me up above those who rise up against me; You deliver me from the man of violence. 49 Therefore will I give thanks and extol You, O Lord, among the nations, and sing praises to Your name. 50 Great deliverances and triumphs gives He to His king; and He shows mercy and steadfast love to His anointed, to David and his offspring forever.

Other Scripture references for each specific book of Psalm....

Psalm 18:2 (AMP) The Lord is my Rock, my Fortress, and my Deliverer; my God, my keen and firm Strength in Whom I will trust and take refuge, my Shield, and the Horn of my salvation, my High Tower. Hebrews 2:13 (AMP) And again He says, My trust and assured reliance and confident hope shall be fixed in Him. And yet again, Here I am, I and the children whom God has given Me.

Psalm 18:3 (AMP) I will call upon the Lord, Who is to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies. Revelation 5:12 (AMP) Saying in a loud voice, Deserving is the Lamb, Who was sacrificed, to receive all the power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and majesty (glory, splendor) and blessing!

Psalm 18:49 (AMP) Therefore will I give thanks and extol You, O Lord, among the nations, and sing praises to Your name.

Romans 15:9 (AMP) And [also in order] that the Gentiles (nations) might glorify God for His mercy [not covenanted] to them. As it is written, Therefore I will praise You among the Gentiles and sing praises to Your name.

Psalm 18:50 (AMP) Great deliverances and triumphs gives He to His king; and He shows mercy and steadfast love to His anointed, to David and his offspring forever. 2 Samuel 22:2-51 (AMP) 2 He said: The Lord is my Rock [of escape from Saul] and my Fortress [in the wilderness] and my Deliverer; 3 My God, my Rock, in Him will I take refuge; my Shield and the Horn of my salvation; my Stronghold and my Refuge, my Savior—You save me from violence. 4 I call on the Lord, Who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. 5 For the waves of death enveloped me; the torrents of destruction made me afraid. 6 The cords of Sheol were entangling me; I encountered the snares of death. 7 In my distress I called upon the Lord; I cried to my God, and He heard my voice from His temple; my cry came into His ears. 8 Then the earth reeled and quaked, the foundations of the heavens trembled and shook because He was angry. 9 Smoke went up from His nostrils, and devouring fire from His mouth; coals were kindled by it. 10 He bowed the heavens and came down; thick darkness was under His feet. 11 He rode on a cherub and flew; He was seen upon the wings of the

wind. 12 He made darkness His canopy around Him, gathering of waters, thick clouds of the skies. 13 Out of the brightness before Him coals of fire flamed forth. 14 The Lord thundered from heaven, and the Most High uttered His voice. 15 He sent out arrows and scattered them; lightning confused and troubled them. 16 The channels of the sea were visible, the foundations of the world were uncovered at the rebuke of the Lord, at the blast of the breath of His nostrils. 17 He sent from above, He took me; He drew me out of great waters. 18 He delivered me from my strong enemy, from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me. 19 They came upon me in the day of my calamity, but the Lord was my stay. 20 He brought me forth into a large place; He delivered me because He delighted in me. 21 The Lord rewarded me according to my uprightness with Him; He compensated and benefited me according to the cleanness of my hands. 22 For I have kept the ways of the Lord, and have not wickedly departed from my God. 23 For all His ordinances were before me; and from His statutes I did not turn aside. 24 I was also blameless before Him and kept myself from guilt and iniquity. 25 Therefore the Lord has recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to my cleanness in His [holy] sight. 26 Toward the loving and loyal You will show Yourself loving and loyal, and with the upright and blameless You will show Yourself upright and blameless. 27 To the pure You will show Yourself pure, and to the willful You will show Yourself willful. 28 And the afflicted people You will deliver, but Your eyes are upon the haughty, whom You will bring down. 29 For You, O Lord, are my Lamp; the Lord lightens my darkness. 30 For by You I run through a troop; by my God I leap over a wall. 31 As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the Lord is tried. He is a Shield to all those who trust and take refuge in Him. 32 For who is God but the Lord? And who is a Rock except our God? 33 God is my strong Fortress; He guides the blameless in His way and sets him free. 34 He makes my feet like the hinds' [firm and able]; He sets me secure and confident upon the heights. 35 He trains my hands for war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze. 36 You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; and Your condescension and gentleness have made me great. 37 You have enlarged my steps under me, so that my feet have not slipped. 38 I have pursued my enemies and destroyed them; and I did not turn back until they were consumed. 39 I consumed them and thrust them through, so that they did not arise; they fell at my feet. 40 For You girded me with strength for the battle; those who rose up against me You subdued under me. 41 You have made my enemies turn their backs to me, that I might cut off those who hate me. 42 They looked, but there was none to save—even to the Lord, but He did not answer them. 43 Then I beat them small as the dust of the earth; I crushed them as the mire of the street and scattered them abroad. 44 You also have delivered me from strife with my people; You kept me as the head of the nations. People whom I had not known served me. 45 Foreigners yielded feigned obedience to me; as soon as they heard of me, they became obedient to me. 46 Foreigners faded away; they came limping and trembling from their strongholds. 47 The Lord lives; blessed be my Rock, and exalted be God, the Rock of my salvation. 48 It is God Who executes vengeance for me and Who brought down [and disciplined] the peoples under me, 49 Who brought me out from my enemies. You also lifted me up above those who rose up against me; You delivered me from the violent man. 50 For this I will give thanks and extol You, O Lord, among the nations; I will sing praises to Your name. 51 He is a Tower of salvation and great deliverance to His king, and shows loving-kindness to His anointed, to David and his offspring forever.

### Psalm 18

The eighteenth psalm has a long title to it. It is to chief musician. It is a psalm of David, the servant of Jehovah, who spake unto Jehovah the words of this song in the day that Jehovah delivered him from the hand of all of his enemies and from the hand of Saul. And he said,

I will love thee, O LORD, my strength (Psa 18:1).

So that is all an introduction to the psalm, which is written in the Hebrew, just the introduction to the psalm. This evidently is the time when he was pursued and he escaped the hand of Saul and went down to Achish, because he speaks about dwelling, in the latter part, of dwelling among the heathen and all, and no doubt it was as he had fled from Saul to the Philistines so that Saul would not pursue him any more. And so now safe from the pursuit of Saul, having been delivered by the hand of God from Saul.

"I will love thee, O Lord my strength."

The LORD is my rock, and my fortress (Psa 18:2),

He had been actually been running in that rocky wilderness area around the Dead Sea, Engedi, and those rocky cliffs, hiding in those caves and using the rocks as a place of defense and as a fortress. "The Lord is my rock and my fortress,"

and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; he is my buckler, the horn of my salvation, and my high tower (Psa 18:2).

All of these are defensive weapons of war. God is all of it. He is my defender. He keeps me. He is my high tower. He is my buckler. He is my strength.

I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: and so shall I be saved from my enemies. For the sorrows of death encircled me, the floods of ungodly men (Psa 18:3-4)

All of the troops of Saul, he came out with several thousand men pursuing David. And David looked over there and saw all these guys and he knew they were after my hide. And they had encircled David. He was trapped. "The sorrows of death encircled me."

The sorrows of hell encircled me about: the snares of death prevented to me. And in my distress I called upon the LORD, I cried unto my God: and he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even unto his ears (Psa 18:5-6).

Now, out of His temple. The temple was not yet built in Jerusalem, but he is talking about God's temple in heaven.

Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also the hills moved and were shaken, because of his anger. There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: and coals were kindled by it. And he bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness was under his feet. And he rode upon a cherub [one of those angelic beings], and did fly: and he did fly upon the wings of the wind (Psa 18:7-10).

And all of this is very beautiful poetic and picturesque speech. Of course, this was a song written in Hebrew type of poetry. Very descriptive and very beautiful indeed.

In verse 16 he said,

He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters. He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me. They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay. He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me. The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he has recompensed me (Psa 18:16-20).

Verse 25,

With the merciful you will show yourself merciful; with the upright man, you will show yourself upright; with the pure you will show yourself pure; with the forward you will show yourself forward. For thou wilt save the afflicted people; but will bring down the high looks. For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness. For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall. As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all of those that trust in him. For who is God save Jehovah? And who is a rock save our God? It is God that girded me with strength, and maketh my way perfect. He maketh my feet like hinds' feet, and setteth me upon my high places. He teaches my hands to war, so that the bow of steel is broken by my arms. Thou hast also given me the shield of my salvation: and thy right hand hath held me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great (Psa 18:25-35).

Interesting phrase, "Thy gentleness hath made me great." And he goes on and tells how the Lord had subdued his enemies that were rising up against him. And then he, in verse 43,

Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; you have made me the head of the heathen (Psa 18:43):

He had actually gone been down in Ziklag, in the area of the Philistines, and he was the head of the city of Ziklag, and of people whom I have not known shall serve me (Psa 18:43).

Now this, of course, David was speaking of himself, but it became prophetic of Jesus and the gospel going unto the Gentiles.

The LORD liveth; blessed be my Rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted (Psa 18:46).

(Through The Bible c 2000 Series; Chuck Smith; Bible commentaries,1979-1986)

"The Final Curtain" Chuck Smith; 4. Escape

Our world is in a death-dive. We have peaked, and now we're plunging rapidly to the end. Moral rot and decay have so corrupted the planks of our society that they will soon crumble and fall. The only hope for escape is for Jesus Christ to snatch His followers out of this mad fatal plunge.

The rest of the world will have seven years before the end. The first three and a half years will be a period of unprecedented peace and prosperity. But during the second three and a half years, we will see God's wrath poured out upon this earth. Jesus describes this judgment to come as a time of tribulation such as the world has never seen or will ever see again (Matthew 24:21). So, how do you become a follower of Jesus Christ and escape the impending destruction?

God's Main Message

God's main message to us can be summed up in the word "repent." If we repent, then God will forgive us our sins. But what does it mean to repent? It doesn't mean just to be sorry, because you can be sorry for the things you've done and yet go right on doing them. To repent means to have a total change of heart and mind toward God. It means humbly turning away from the shallow and empty things in which we have tried to find fulfillment and to turning toward the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. This change of heart towards God will give you the power to turn from your wrong and sinful lifestyle. When you experience the goodness of God, you will also experience a genuine desire to change from your sins of the past. You will experience a brand-new quality of life the Bible calls godliness.

In Revelation 9 we are given this frightful scenario; a terrible horde of two hundred million satanic creatures will be loosed from the area of the river Euphrates in Iraq to bring mass destruction upon the earth. By this insidious force, one-third of the world's population will be destroyed. The idea of a spiritually inspired invasion force becomes more significant in light of the fact that Islamic religious leaders, who can boast of 750 million followers worldwide, are constantly threatening a Jihad (holy war) against their enemies, which they identify as the non-Islamic world in general and Israel in particular. Whatever its source, an incredible portrait of destruction is clearly predicted to come upon mankind.

**Why?**

Why will there be such awful judgment upon the earth? Why such horrible tribulation? Because people have been guilty of forsaking the laws of God. Sin has its own inevitable consequence: death.

God has revealed to us the way to a meaningful life. He says, "If you'll follow My rules, you'll be happy and prosperous" (Deuteronomy 30:15-16). But man has hardened his heart, rejected God, and gone after his own way. God describes for us the conditions in the world that this rejection brings, conditions that will bring judgment.

The Bible says that the people left on the earth in the last days "repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols... neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts" (Revelation 9:21).

This picture of the character of mankind is sobering to say the least. What will people be like at the time of the end? First of all, people will be worshipping devils. God wants us to seek His guidance and His wisdom. He wants to bring direction to our lives. But today people are not seeking the counsel of God. Instead they are turning to mediums and New Age channelers for guidance. They seek the advice of psychics, fortune tellers, Ouija boards, and horoscopes. They are worshipping devils rather than God.

The New Age Movement with its growing popularity has brought the phenomenon of channeling," where supposed wise people of the past give their secrets and wisdom to present-day seekers. This is similar to the practices of the oracles of ancient times. In essence it is no more than demons promulgating their doctrines through mediums, dressed up and made acceptable to modern consumers.

In some of the public school systems in the United States, children are taught how to contact their spirit guides and receive help from the wise little man who lives in a house in their mind.

Many of the popular rock groups are encouraging children to find fulfillment through satanism. Clearly the prediction of widespread worship of demonic spirits is coming to pass.

Not only will they worship devils, but the people of the last days will also worship idols. Everyone bows his knee to some object of worship, some ideal, some principle, some goal, some ambition, or some thing. Every man must worship; this is an innate need. If he doesn't worship God, then he must and will find a substitute. In Deuteronomy 4:19, the Bible speaks of man literally being driven to worship. It is an inescapable part of our nature.

Many Christian college students are ridiculed by their secular professors because of their belief in Jesus Christ. Professors make Christians one of their favorite targets, mocking and laughing at those who believe in God. Students are told that man is self-sufficient, with no need for an outdated crutch like faith in God. But then the professor goes home and worships an idol in his backyard! Maybe it's a boat, a sports car, or a garden he's cultivating. Many of these same professors are using drugs or are involved in the New Age Movement. They flock to Sai Baba or other gurus who claim to have made the transition into the godhood. Every man has his idol.

Men in the last days will not repent of their murders and sorceries. In the abortion clinics of the United States today, condoned and in many cases financed by the government and defended by the courts, millions of babies are being murdered each year. God cannot ignore this wanton disregard for life and will surely bring the United States into judgment for it. Perhaps this judgment is already beginning. Once disorganized street gangs have now become well-financed and well-equipped purveyors of drugs and violence. We now find addiction and wanton, senseless murder becoming commonplace in every major city in America.

Scripture also tells us that the people of the last days will refuse to repent of their sorceries. "Sorceries" in the original Greek is *pharmakia*, which means "the use of narcotics for thrill or enchantment." Look at the increasingly widespread use of drugs throughout the world today. Marijuana and cocaine are as easily obtained by the youth as candy. These are both personality-changing drugs. The insidious thing about their use is the effect on the brain of the user. These drugs seem to attack the centers of rational judgment so that the user is deceived into believing he is not addicted. An objective observer can see the alteration of personality and loss of good judgment quite easily. The person who is under the influence cannot assess that he is making poor decisions. He hasn't the capability to realize that his ability to make rational choices has been impaired, and is thus trapped. New research reveals that these drugs destroy a chemical in the brain that inhibits the ability to ever resist the drug again.

"Neither did they repent of their fornication." As we look around the world today, we see the lowering and ultimate eradication of any decent standard of morality. It seems that almost every mass medium of communication is being used to destroy the moral principles that our society and its people once possessed. Immorality has become so pervasive and accepted that people talk freely of their live-in partners as if the practice was beyond question.

One young lady who was about to get married went to a minister for counseling. The minister asked her, "Have you been living with your fiancé?"

She said, "Of course not!"

He replied, "How do you know whether or not you want to marry him? You should live with him for a few months." He then had the audacity to charge her twenty-five dollars for his advice! This minister wears a robe and collar that distinguishes him as a clergyman. He's a minister all right, but not of Jesus Christ.

The Lord said that final judgment is coming for a variety of reasons. One is the condition of open fornication. It is difficult in this day and age, with all the pressure to the contrary from society, to keep pure. But the Word of God says that we must flee the fleshly lusts that war against men's souls (I Peter 2:11). God's laws have not changed. God's rules have not been altered. They're still the same today, and with good reason. God clearly sees the destruction, disease, and human misery that result from a life dedicated to hedonistic pleasure. People are precious to God. It breaks His heart to see the tremendous amount of suffering caused by fornication.

"Nor of their thefts." A young man was working on his doctorate in the science department of a famous university. He said that practically every bit of equipment in the science lab was stolen property. When he refused to do his project on stolen equipment, his fellow students laughed at him. They said he'd never complete his doctorate unless he was willing to steal some kind of equipment to perform his experiments.

We've come to a place where we easily justify thievery. Today it's very common to steal from the job. So-called "white collar" crime is reaching epidemic proportions. The rationale is often, "They're not paying me enough. I deserve more, so I'll supplement my income." We may see it as a small indiscretion, but God sees it as open sin. For these things comes the wrath of God upon the earth.

Perhaps the most shocking aspect of this prophecy is the reaction of the people who must endure this terror. In spite of the invasion of the demonic horde and the fact that one-third of all people on earth are massacred, the two-thirds that remain do not repent of their sins. It makes one wonder just what it takes to bring a man to repentance, to turn him from his sins and back to God. Rarely do judgments bring a person to repentance. As a general rule, judgment only hardens an individual's heart against God, as with the case of Pharaoh in the story of Moses.

It is the goodness of God that brings a man to repentance (Romans 2:4). Though so many of us have been guilty of worshiping devils, guilty of having idols, guilty of murder, drugs, fornication, or thievery, God still loves us. He loves us so much that He sent His only begotten Son to take the responsibility of the guilt of every wrong thing that we have ever done. Jesus Christ died on the cross in our place so that he could wash us clean from guilt forever.

But so many say, "I'll wait until I see God's judgments come upon this earth; then I'll turn to God for mercy." Allow me to speak to you personally. If you don't repent now as the result of the goodness and mercy of God, why would you repent during the time of God's judgments? If the goodness of God doesn't bring you into His family, His judgments are not likely to do it.

Repentance must be the work of God within your life. No person can bring you to repentance. Someone might bring you to sorrow. I might make you feel very sorry, but I can't make you repent. You must allow God to speak to you and touch your heart. Only godly sorrow leads to repentance.

Stop and reflect. Whatever you may be getting out of your experiences of worshiping devils or idols, committing fornication, or taking drugs, is it worth the sacrifice of your soul? Why not turn your life over to Jesus Christ? He has a much better plan for your life today and a glorious eternal future in His Kingdom tomorrow! What true profit is it if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul?

Take a moment in the quiet of your heart to give your life to Jesus. Acknowledge the fact that Jesus, God in human flesh, died on the cross for your sins. Humbly ask Him for the forgiveness and eternal life He so freely offers. I encourage you to do this now, lest you wake up some morning and find the church gone and yourself still here only to face the wrath of God as He opens the final curtain.

## Glossary

### Abomination of Desolation

In the middle of what is called the Great Tribulation, the Antichrist will erect an image of himself in the Holy of Holies of the Jewish Temple that will be rebuilt in Jerusalem. The Antichrist will claim that he is God and call the people to worship him. This is called the Abomination of Desolation spoken of in II Thessalonians 2:1-10.

### The Antichrist

The term Antichrist is referred to as the "Beast" (Revelation 19:20), "Son of Perdition," "Man of Sin," or "Lawless One" (II Thessalonians 2:1-9). More than any man in history he will be in league with the Devil and do his bidding during the days just prior to the second coming of Jesus Christ to set up His kingdom on earth. He will be defeated by our Lord when He returns.

### Babylonian Empire

The Babylonian Empire is the first of four prophetically significant world empires that are focused on in a prophetic dream and vision covered in the Book of Daniel.

Church or the Bride of Christ; These two terms can be used synonymously to describe all who have received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior (Revelation 21:9).

The Common Market (European Union or EU); The Common Market or the European Union is an association of certain European nations that many believe will eventually become the final world empire, or the revived and reconstituted Roman Empire. These two terms can be used synonymously to describe all who have received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior (Revelation 21:9).

**The Day of the Lord**

The Day of the Lord is a phrase often used in reference to a period beginning with Great Tribulation and ending after the Millennial reign of Christ on the earth (I Thessalonians 5:1-4, II Peter 3:1-10).

**Disciples;** Jesus said a disciple is one who follows Him and is identified by the fruit of the Spirit which is love.

**Eastern Bloc;** The Eastern Bloc countries are the countries that at one time lined up politically and militarily with the former Soviet Union.

**Euphrates River**

The Euphrates is a Middle Eastern river that is first mentioned as one of the four rivers running through the Garden of Eden. It is referred to many times throughout the Old Testament and then finally in the Book of Revelation where it is also referred to as the great river Euphrates."

**European Economic Community**

At present there is a relationship between the various countries of Western Europe that is mostly economic in nature. It has already been determined that member nations will share a common currency. Hence it is called the European Economic Community.

**Gabriel**

Gabriel is one of two archangels mentioned in the Scriptures. He was the angel that appeared to both Mary and Joseph to announce the birth of Jesus, the Jewish Messiah and Savior of the world.

**Iniquity;** Iniquity is a synonym for sin.

**The Medo-Persian Empire**

The Medo-Persian Empire (i.e., the empire of the Medes and Persians) is the second of four prophetically significant world empires covered in the Book of Daniel.

**Messiah;** The word Messiah, means "anointed one," "Savior," or "Deliverer."

**The Most Holy Place**

The Jewish Temple had both the holy place where only the priests were allowed to enter and the Most Holy place (or Holy of Holies) where the high priest would go once a year to offer a sacrifice for the sins of the nation Israel. During the Great Tribulation the Antichrist will desecrate the temple.

**The Rapture**

The Rapture refers to the event when the church is "caught up to meet the Lord in the air" (I Thessalonians 4:13-18). It is also referred to in John 14:3 when our Lord says to His disciples "I will come again to receive you to myself."

**The Second Coming of Jesus Christ;** Jesus often promised that He would someday return. The second coming of Christ will occur at the end of the seven years of the Great Tribulation.

**Seventieth "week" of Daniel;** The word week as used in Daniel 9:27 literally just means seven. This particular seven refers to a seven year period which will culminate at the end of this present age.

**Solomon's Temple**

Solomon's Temple is the temple that the Lord authorized Solomon to build "for Him" to carry out the requirements of worship and service to God and sacrifices for the sins of the people. It will one day be rebuilt and will be the location where the Antichrist will commit the Abomination of Desolation.

**Son of Perdition (see Antichrist)**

**Transgression;** Transgression is a term used in Scripture as a synonym for sin or breaking God's law.

**Tribulation/Great Tribulation**

The Tribulation (sometimes called the Great Tribulation) refers to a seven year period after the rapture of the church and just prior to the return of Christ to set up His kingdom (Matthew 24:14-30).

## How to Become a Christian

First of all you must recognize that you are a sinner. Realize that you have missed the mark. This is true of each of us. We have deliberately crossed the line not once, but many times. The Bible says, "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). This is a hard admission for many to make, but if we are not willing to hear the bad news, we cannot appreciate and respond to the good news.

Second, we must realize that Jesus Christ died on the cross for us. Because of sin, God had to take drastic measures to reach us. So He came to this earth and walked here as a man. But Jesus was more than just a good man. He was the God-man - God incarnate - and that is why His death on the cross is so significant.

At the cross, God Himself - in the person of Jesus Christ - took our place and bore our sins. He paid for them and purchased our redemption.

Third, we must repent of our sin. God has commanded men everywhere to repent. Acts 3:19 states, "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord." What does this word repent mean? It means to change direction - to hang a U-turn on the road of life. It means to stop living the kind of life we led previously and start living the kind of life outlined in the pages of the Bible. Now we must change and be willing to make a break with the past.

Fourth, we must receive Jesus Christ into our hearts and lives. Being a Christian is having God Himself take residence in our lives. John 1:12 tells us, "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God." We must receive Him. Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in..." (Revelation 3:20). Each one of us must individually decide to open the door. How do we open it? Through prayer.

If you have never asked Jesus Christ to come into your life, you can do it right now. Here is a suggested prayer you might even pray.

Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and I am sorry for my sin. I turn and repent of my sins right now. Thank You for dying on the cross for me and paying the price for my sin. Please come into my heart and life right now. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit and help me to be Your disciple. Thank You for forgiving me and coming into my life. Thank You that I am now a child of Yours and that I am going to heaven. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

When you pray that prayer God will respond. You have made the right decision - the decision that will impact how you spend eternity. Now you will go to heaven, and in the meantime, find peace and the answers to your spiritual questions.

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