

*“...Then The End Will  
Come.” (Jesus in  
Matthew 24:14) Part I.*

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If you do not understand “terminal” in I Thessalonians 4:16,17, what part of “THE END” do you not understand from Jesus in Matthew 24:14. Fundamentalists do not like to preach on Jesus teachings about eschatology {last or end events of this old earth} in Matthew 24, because it is so simple and straightforward, not allowing them to weave their little Scoffield based fables on “rapture” and “one thousand years”. {Fundamentalists, at least the popular ones need sensationalism to build their own kingdom and make millions, and the well-to-do support them because they want to hold onto what they have accumulated in this false one thousand year kingdom on earth. Even as Henry Steele Commager, the great authority on American Studies, said, “Fundamentalism was started by rich California Millionaires”, so they were blessed to have a ready-made philosophy on eschatology generated years ago by Darby and Scoffield.} It is THE END of this old earth, and the beginning of the new earth.

*“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.” (Matthew 24:14)*

*1-1: The Apostles knew to ask the right question in the teaching session with Jesus there on Mount Olives, recognizing the simultaneous nature of the end of this old earth and the Second Coming of Christ, with the words, "And what will be the sign of Your coming, and the end of this age?" (Matthew 24:3)*

While the Apostle Paul, selected and called to do such and write most of the New Testament, chose two primary signs to identify the time of the Second Coming--the Falling Away and revelation of the man of sin, Jesus uses one here in Matthew 24:14 to describe the terminal end of this old earth.

**"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come."** (Matthew 24:14)

**NOTE:** Surely you know enough of missionary activity and evangelism throughout the world to know that by now in the history of this old earth, all peoples, tribes, and nations have heard in some form or fashion the Gospel of Christ; and to know that the Holy Spirit, who leads in this evangelism with quiet and persistent convictions on sin, righteousness, and judgment, has either been withdrawn from the earth or is about to be withdrawn from the earth.<sup>1</sup> Pentecostals, although agreed with fundamentalism to be among the dominant religious movements of the last decades, will never know the difference when the Spirit is withdrawn, so effectively have they cultivated the faking of the tongues and other signs of the presence of the Spirit.

1. Paul and other Apostles already had the book of Matthew with these teachings of Jesus on last things, and with the sign of the Gospel to every nation as the end sign, so that Paul could be the chosen vessel to make clear two other signs that had to come before the Second Coming.

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1. What the sociology of this old earth history will see is a big spike in sin, of unrighteousness, and of a lack of concern or fear of God's judgment, for example in how many American citizens commonly take the name of God in vain, even having an acronym to describe it, that of OMG; with their indifference to God's judgment being shown by callousness to "for God will not hold him guiltless that takes His name in vain."

**NOTE:** Most books written by Paul came out of the need to deal with a problem in the early Christian churches, who of course, already knew about the book of Matthew. The problem of II Thessalonians was that some thought they had missed the Second Coming of Christ. You see, this church at Thessalonica and the other churches of first century Christianity, had read carefully--goodness their pastors and elders had read publicly and preached from it--the terminal and "the end" nature of the Second Coming. But had "they been left behind", the same kind of false fear generated by the fundamentalists Tim LeHaye. {At least, he wrote in fiction so that it is fiction based false fables and postulates of a "rapture" before the Second Coming and "one thousand years" on earth for Christians only. You see, church members do not want to go through final tribulation; and fundamentalists in the nature of "they will not endure sound doctrine" (II Timothy 4:4,5) and the "heaping up of Bible teachers and preachers with itching ears", also church members purpose driven more by their own desires than by the Spirit of Christ, have given church members what they really want, and think they need, in preparation for the end events of eschatology.

Paul adds to "the end" sign of Jesus, two other signs: (1) the Falling Away of most Christians from God, Christ, and the Bible {Paul really wrote a whole book of Hebrews to explain, with the priesthood of Jesus, the nature, inevitability, and causes of the Falling Away}; and (2) the precipitous end event of the supreme servant or servants of Satan, the man of sin or son of perdition.

**"Let no one deceive you {yes, even today and in America there are respected preachers and evangelists that would deceive you, the why of which we must discuss later} by any means {today they do have many subtle and spectacular means such as charts, invented words like "rapture" and "one thousand years", and statements of sensationalism}; for THAT DAY {obviously the One Day of the LORD God of the universe presented often in the Old Testament and the One Day of the Lord Jesus Christ, alias the Second Coming, presented in the New Testament}...THAT DAY will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition." (II Thessalonians 2:3)**

2. Whatever you do or do not know and understand about the last events of this old earth's history, you can count on the surety of these 3 signs of the Second Coming and end of this old earth.

(1). The Gospel of the kingdom is preached to every nation with the guidance of the Holy Spirit convicting the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; and this is a witness to the world, so that all hear and know the truth before God makes a final judgment on them. Well, in reality the judgment has already been made; and each citizen on the world before the end just walks under that predetermined judgment for good or bad.

**"He who believes in Him is not condemned, but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (John 3:18)**

(2). The present Falling Away of approximately the last 20-40 years from God, Christ, and the Bible, consisting of the 5 stages of II Timothy 4:4,5: (a) intolerance toward sound doctrine among church leaders and church members; (b) church member motivation by wants and desires, the purpose driven desires of church members replace the purpose driven Spirit of Christ; (c) the heaping up of arrogant Bible teachers and preachers of the "itching ears" type, often personal dreams and visions especially as in the pentecostal movement taking the place of the Revelation of the Bible, a Falling Away process that has the two aspects of heaping out of local churches the preachers of sound doctrine and the heaping in of those who agree with church members and satisfy their wants; (d) the tragic and inevitable turning away from truth<sup>2</sup>, the brink of which is that on which the church in America stands today; and (3) finally, the being turned into fables. There are certain groups like the Catholics, Mormons, and Muslims, and others that long ago passed into this fifth stage of the Falling Away ahead of the rest of the world, also Darby and Scofield.

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2. Almost in the same category of "the mystery of the rising tide of sin and lawlessness" of II Thessalonians 2:7, is the mystery of how the intolerance toward sound doctrines of eschatology got so far ahead of intolerance to other sound doctrines of the Bible, going as far back as Darby and Scofield; but of course made famous by: (1) the Bible correspondence courses by Scofield, the pastor of the First Congregationalists Church in Dallas; (2) the fundamentalists adoption of the Scofield Reference Bible as their standard; and (3) the continuing promotion of the Scofield Reference Bible by a Scofield Reference Bible Association in Memphis, Tennessee.

(3). Living Christians visual on the man of sin, the son of perdition, which seems more and more to be a prototype man in the light of the current events in the Middle East where so many Arab/Muslim enemies of Jerusalem and the Jews surround Jerusalem and the camp of the saints. All the prototype man has to do in order to fulfill the long history of the man of sin from Daniel to the New Testament is: (1) be a man of war; (2) stand in the temple claiming to be God; and (3) acting in history as though he is a god.

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*1-2: It is a shame that as the Gospel of the Kingdom to every nation spreads now as never before, those with the ear of the world through TV, can not offer more sound doctrine, especially on the end time doctrines. There is a lot of fire and emotion, but unfortunately not accompanied by sound doctrine; and even more enthusiasm for the money of the world, churches refusing to pay for their own evangelism. {The reality is that they are as much in this world-wide evangelism for their own gain and status, more than for any other reason of motivation; and that as part of the Falling Away, this has become more and more acceptable among Christians.*

**Such a serious accusation against world-wide evangelism in the name of Christ and the Gospel today, must be justified with Scriptural support. What is wrong with what evangelists are preaching on eschatology {last or end time things}? And consistent with Scripture, we practice the admonition "not to judge according to appearance, but judge righteous judgement"!**

1. Like the so-called prophet or evangelists from California who predicted the end of the world, with a specific date in May, which did not become true; there are hundreds of such fundamentalists and pentecostals who base Predictions, not on the Revelation of the Bible, but on their own dreams, visions, and what they call personal words from God Himself.

**NOTE: You can always tell those kinds of preachers, that is if you really want to know the truth on the matter, by whether they have the condemned attitude of I Corinthians 14:36, which by the way always comes**

with gibberish as the speaking on tongues whereas in the Bible it is other known languages--designed to facility communication instead of confusion, and the total subject of I Corinthians 14: that attitude being either that (1) the Word of God came to them only, or (2) that they, their church or denomination originated the Word of God.

"Or did the word of God comes originally from you? Or was it you only that it reached? If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord." (I Corinthians 14:36,37)

NOTE: Sometimes it is difficult to tell what groups are doing more damage to the sound doctrines of the Bible, whether it is those who have no respect at all for the Bible as the Word of God, therefore substituting their own "commandments of men for the doctrines of God"; or those who try to supplement with words like "God told me" or "God said to me" their personal so-called revelations for the solid and known Revelations of God in the 66 books of the Bible. In either case, the end effect is the same: a decrease in the sound doctrines of the Bible known among Christians and the lost, and an increase in the intolerance toward sound doctrine, alias "they will not endure sound doctrine".

2. Such false predictions of the end of the world have so much attention, and even fear, that the world must be reminded, like Moses wrote years ago about Prophets and Prophecy:

"And if you say in your heart, 'How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?'--when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him." (Deuteronomy 18:21,22)

The translation in the New International Commentary on Deuteronomy 18:22 is helpful for more understanding, essentially saying that (1) if it is not true, some very familiar with the Bible on eschatology can recognize it as false the minute it is spoken, and (2) if it does not come to pass; then do not give that much credence or especially "dread" to what was prophesied.

“when the prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, and the word is not true or doe snot come to pass, that is a word that the Lord has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it in presumption. You shall not dread him.”

**NOTE:** Sometimes it seems that what really what makes a denomination is those peculiar and unsound doctrines they support.

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*1-3: That brings us to two other signs before the Second Coming given by Jesus in the Matthew 24 teachings on the Mount of Olives to His disciples: (1) “Then many false prophets shall rise up and deceive many”; and (2) “And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.” (Matthew 24:11,12)*

1. While human nature always dictates that it is not my pastor that is a false prophet, or my evangelist, just like it is not my school or state or community that is in trouble, if you listened to all the Christians in America you would have to decide that right now in America there are only a few, if any, false prophets.
2. While we are often lead by the false literalism of the fundamentalists, or out of our own personal desires as motivations, or intolerance toward sound doctrine, and above all “the heaping up of Bible teachers with itching ears” chose to do is forget or skip over the Bible fact that these false prophets, lo and behold some of which are in our local churches and denominations,<sup>3</sup> “shall rise up and deceive many”.

Now, with their control of the SBC, the fundamentalists can no longer blame these falsely called moderates **{in the process fundamentalists have slain thousands of careers and reputations}**, for THE RISING UP OF FALSE

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3. The fundamentalists before they took over control of the SBC approximately 25 years ago were able to blame the so-called moderates {many of them like Winfred Moore of Amarillo and Bert Dominy of SWBTS were more conservation on the Bible than their accusers like Criswell, Adrian Rogers, and Charles Stanley} of a lack of literalism and certainly as a group of “liberals”, the equivalent of false prophets in their own little minds. Someday if we ever get an objective and intellectually honest historian in the SBC, you will see that the real cause of the split into 3 denominations and the warfare that caused it was over the sacredness of the Scofield Notes on eschatology.

PROPHETS AND THE DECEPTION OF MANY. What the SBC is daily becoming, namely dying and dead, now rests on their own shoulders!

3. The end result of all this deception from the fundamentalists leaders is that "as sin and lawlessness has abounded" with America's part in the Falling Away, the "love of many {southern baptists} has waxed cold"; and the pitiful aspect is not of the Falling Away itself, but the failure of southern baptists to even see the reality of the Falling Away itself.

a. Fundamentalists deny or ignore the Falling Away itself. You will not hear them preach or teach on it, because the churches and the church leaders are also leaders in the Falling Away. My goodness, they are the only ones who have something to fall away from; those of the world certainly do not have any godly convictions from which to fall away.

b. Fundamentalists false claim a "rapture" before the Second Coming to rescue their church members from the Falling Away and Final Tribulation. Although many of them believe this false claim, it can not happen because all similar events like "our gathering" are reserved for the very end. Surely millionaires and self-righteous would enjoy a special gathering for themselves before the end, and apart from all the dead in Christ, and then a thousand years of prosperity on earth enjoying all their earthly possessions; but it just will not, according to the realities of Scripture, happen!

**NOTE:** Just stop to think about, how can there even be the falling away Paul teaches in II Thessalonians if there are not Christians left on earth to fall away. And how can there be any more dead to die again later at some fictitious time sequence, if all the dead in Christ have already been gathered up from the four corners of the earth just before "our gathering" of living Christians.

*1-4: Perhaps "Terminal" is a better word for you if you do not understand "the end of this age."*

The whole context of I Thessalonians 4:16,17 is TERMINAL, the very end event of the history of this old earth; and how in the world Swaggart and the fundamentalists under the influence of Scofield can read into this Scripture events of history on this old earth, except for a new earth, is beyond all Scriptural reason.

**"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trump of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord." (I Thessalonians 4:16,17)**

1. The Lord Jesus Christ Himself descending from heaven is obviously the Second Coming of Christ, a terminal event for this old earth except in the eschatological philosophies of Scofield.
2. All Christians of all history that have died are the first to be raised from the dead, and this is also obviously a TERMINAL event of history and of this old earth.
3. Those that are alive and remain at the Second Coming of Christ, along with the dead in Christ who have preceded us briefly will then "live with the Lord Jesus Christ forever, this is also TERMINAL for the old earth and the old life, and the beginning of a new life of a new people on the new earth.
4. We, in all intellectual honesty and on the proper exegesis of Scripture **{hermeneutics}** must point out 6 failures in fundamentalists interpretation of Scripture that caused them to ignore and oppose such solid and sound teachers on Bible eschatology as Ray Summers **{WORTHY IS THE LAMB}** and McDowell **{THE MEANING AND MESSAGE OF REVELATION}**.
  - a. They manifested the group bad attitude of I Corinthians 14: (1) the Word of God in the form of Scofield notes on eschatology came to them only, this within itself is quite a work of art since it was originated by a Congregationalist

minister in Dallas; and (2) the Word of God in the form of these same notes came out of their Bible Baptist churches and little seminaries.

b. They failed to practice the ASPI, the authorized semi-public interpretation of Scripture as advised in II Peter 1:20,21, keeping their eschatological and other interpretations under control by comparison with other easier to understand Scriptures.

**NOTE: The plain truth is that Scripture is of no private interpretation whether that private group include Scofield or fundamentalists. It is another way to say that Scripture is self-interpretative.**

c. Their bad attitude on love of Christian brothers, in the false name of literal on Scriptures, allowed them to slay reputations and careers like men at Southwestern Seminary and so-called moderate pastors much better men of God than themselves, men like Bert Dominy at Southwestern, Summers and Bernard Ramm at Baylor, McDowell at Southern Seminary, and Winfred Moore at Amarillo.

**NOTE: Only the judgment day will show the full extent in the sight of God of this destruction of fundamentalists in the SBC, while they in turn built up their own careers and reputations. How can we ever forget approximately 25 years ago as Bill Moyer interview W.A. Criswell, then the acknowledged leader of the fundamentalists, was asked about the warfare between fundamentalists and "moderates", replying: "We are going to keep fighting until one side or the other wins."**

Brother, I don't care who it is or how respected they were among southern baptists, and especially fundamentalists, that is a lack of love and a spirit of warfare among Christian brethren.

d. Bless their little pea-picking hearts, as they ignored men like Dominy, Summers, McDowell, and Moore on Scripture, and in the heat of the battle to interpret Scripture and write and preach sermons, they bought the whole Scofield philosophy--hook, line, and sinker--on eschatology. The prime failure in total Scriptural interpretation was to ignore the reality that what bound Satan was the coming of the Holy Spirit in great power and glory, starting the

"last days" and "the thousand years"; and what releases Satan during the Falling Away, the "little while" of Revelation, is the withdrawal of the Holy Spirit from earth predicted in II Thessalonians 2:7.

e. There was a lot of jealousy among the small Bible Baptists churches and denomination against the larger and more prosperous Southern Baptist Churches: Stanley, Criswell, and Rogers formerly of fundamentalists churches and training moved into larger southern baptist churches. You know the old story, "The spirit within us lusteth to envy" (James 4:5)

f. A certain denominational cockiness and peculiarity about the Security of the Believer and rapid evangelism which allowed them to ignore both the significance of the Parable of the Seed and Sower--in particular the seed receive with joy then which the "cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches chokes out", and a less than 9 month new birth which Jesus clearly taught to Nicodemus. This is just plain taking Scripture out of the total context of the Bible, especially the New Testament, with a hunt and peck, "go everywhere preaching", proof text method they have chosen to trophy as "literalism"! **{This so-called literalism has within itself been a successful, group propaganda campaign which has led to control of the SBC.}**

**NOTE: They should at some point, if any of them or their students have been overcome by the intellectual honesty from Elton Trueblood, try to reconcile their non-literal isogesis of "rapture" and "one thousand years" instead of the "a" and "the" thousand years of Revelation. Also reconcile their philosophy of eschatology from Scofield with the binding of Satan with the appearance on earth of the Holy Spirit in great power, and convicting the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment--which obviously restricted the work of Satan; likewise the release of Satan as the Holy Spirit is withdrawn from earth.**

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*1-5: Now into all these simple and straightforward historical events of I Thessalonians 4:16,17 why should fundamentalists try to read into this complex additional events like: (1) a rapture which is not even a Bible word, it is Latin for "the catching up into the air"; and (2) one*

*thousand years<sup>4</sup> on earth before these Terminal events of the Second Coming.*

The simplicity of the Second Coming , and by the way the words of I Thessalonians 4:16,17, with first the resurrection of the dead caught up into the air, and then with "we who are alive and remain...caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air" , and the forever of eternity and the new earth is just so terminal that EXPERTS can not leave it alone. In all sincerity, these EXPERTS {x is for unknown and spert is a drip under pressure} must be asked time and time again, "What part of terminal do you not understand?" Goodness, according to the Bible time and time again, and apart from the Scofield notes on eschatology that you will read as additions at the bottom, the Second Coming is the same as the ONE DAY OF THE LORD and Lord; and all is over for the history of this old earth at that time.

**NOTE: You know, TERMINAL for the old earth, is the only concept that I can think of to describe the total intent of Scripture on the Second Coming. And pardon me if in order to counter these non-biblical words and concepts like "rapture" and "one thousand years", I also invent by exegesis, not isogesis, another word, the word TERMINAL; and the Bible concept that this is terminal for the old earth and the beginning of the new earth.**

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4. By the way, "one thousand years" is not even Biblical. Read the only usages of it in Revelation 20:1-6, except for Peter's "one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day": in the Bible record of all usages it is always A thousand years and THE thousand years and never one thousand years. One thousand years is a figment of Scofield's imagination--what can you expect for a divorced lawyer that then goes to the First Congregationalists Church of Dallas and starts a correspondence course on the infamous Scofield NOTES of eschatology. A thousand years and the thousand years is a place marker for an extremely long period of time, greater than one day and less than the two thousand years of real history since the Ascension of Christ back to heaven.

*The necessary Scriptures to do some justice to this subject of THE END expanded so large that it was necessary to divide the message into two parts. This is the Second Part, and takes you all the way to the end of the end of Daniel.*

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*1-6. Perhaps the famous ONE DAY of the LORD of the Old Testament and the famous ONE Day of the Lord Jesus Christ of the New Testament, by the way the same end day or terminal day, is better for you if you have trouble understanding “the end” or Terminal?*

Here in a nutshell, made to be simple in the Bible, is what is going to happen on that final, terminal ONE DAY OF THE LORD AND Lord Jesus Christ.

1. The 2 prior events of the (1) Falling Away and (2) a visual on the man of sin, recorded in the subject matter of II Thessalonians, begin to climax as the “little time” (Revelation 20:3) starts, precipitated by the withdrawal of the Holy Spirit from earth (II Thessalonians 2:7) which releases Satan from bondage. These are prior events, not the ONE day, and are clearly demanded by the Word of God context of II Thessalonians. For example:

**“Now brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ {what part of this as the Second Coming of Christ can not be understood} and our gathering together to Him {Bible words are not rapture, but “our gathering together to Him; and it would be far preferable to call it “OUR GATHERING” than to invent some rapture.}, we ask you {and preachers today concerned about all this false deceit about the timing of the Second Coming,**

would again ask you of more sober mind and more noble motivations}, not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter....”

**NOTE:** Christians are being troubled today by the deceit that they are not presently in the Falling Away, and that they will not have to go through final tribulation with these false concepts of “rapture” and “one thousand years”.

“...as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. Let no one deceive you by any means {any preacher or evangelists or pastor of respected reputation, status, and popularity is not to be the means to deceive you on the sequence of events of the Second Coming of Christ}; for THAT DAY will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition...” (II Thessalonians 2:1-3)

2. Satan and the man of sin bring their world-wide, and deceived, army against Jerusalem and the camp of the Saints; so that this is the precipitous event of the history of this old earth, where Christ in that ONE DAY of the Second Coming also destroys with the host of heaven this army.
3. Also on this ONE Day, God and Christ destroy the old earth by fire as predicted by Peter, “the elements will melt with a fervent heart”. By the way the reason for OUR GATHERING is to get all dead Christians and all alive Christians out of the way for the total destruction of the whole earth.
4. Then there is the creation of the new earth for the new people of God.
5. God lowers the new Jerusalem down from heaven to sit on Mount Zion.

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*1-7: Except for the confusion of the Scofield Notes on Eschatology {last things} and the turmoil caused by fundamentalists, what is so*

*hard about that, to see the events of the Second Coming as all in ONE DAY.*

1. In ONE Day Christ appears in the clouds of heaven and draws all the dead in Christ and those who are still alive and remain on earth at the great OUR GATHERING.
2. With the dead in Christ and live Christians out of the way, off the earth; and in that same One Day Christ can finish His destruction of both the one great army coming against Jerusalem and the camp of the saints, and that of the total earth by fire.
3. On this same ONE great Day of the LORD and Lord, God through Christ like in original creation, will create one new earth with one new people of Jews and Gentiles.
4. On this same One great Day, God can lower the New Jerusalem of 1500 miles, by 1500 miles, by 1500 miles by 1500 miles down from heaven to Mount Zion.

**NOTE:** There is a prophetic prediction of encouragement that one day Assyrian {now Iraqi}, Egypt, and Canaan will both have a major highway that runs between them and speak the same language. Surely we must see that as part of the very large New Jerusalem which will easily compass the distance between these countries, with New Jerusalem centered on Mount Zion, and the Mediterranean gone as "there is no more sea".

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*1-8: Would that it were possible to be more gracious to these fundamentalists; however no matter how respected by a select group of people or denomination, it is just not possible to tamper with the Word of God in the manner of these fundamentalists without some protests from real conservatives! It is not easy on eschatology, and there is no quick and easy method of interpretation like with Scofield Notes; and it*

*is possible to try to be gracious by admitting three common problems on interpretation of eschatology.*

1. In the famous Matthew 24 of Jesus on Mount Olives, there is the pattern--same as in Old Testament prophecies--to begin at a certain historical event and go all the way to the end with the Second Coming of Christ; then to repeat that again and again, usually started with "then"; so that the lawyer Scofield was confused looking in Matthew 24 and the book of Revelation for a sequence that started at the beginning and went all the way to the end.

**NOTE: The faithful exegesis of Matthew 24, with the simultaneous sequence from a historical event all the way to the end method of the Bible, can use this same outline of Jesus for the whole book of Revelation, and in fact for the total eschatology of the Bible. It is far better than the imposition on the Bible<sup>5</sup> of an artificial and false philosophy that involves dispensations, the reading of the messages to the 7 churches of Asia Minor as so kind of vague church history of the future, a rapture, 70 years here and one thousand years here, and on and on, so that we never get to the new earth.**

2. There is an adversity<sup>6</sup> among Christians and church members to see the two kinds of Calamities as sent by God, the calamities of the first kind like in the destruction of Jerusalem of Jeremiah with the 70 years of captivity; an the calamities of the second kind which are almost under automatic control through the "whole creation groaning" with earthquakes, hurricanes, droughts, wildfires, tornadoes, and the like, leading up to the total calamity of the destruction of the old earth.

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5. In hermeneutics, the science of biblical interpretation, this is called isogesis, or the reading of meaning into the Bible, contrasted to exegesis which is reading out the Bible meaning. As one wise Bible professor said, "Just let the Bible say what it wants to say." By the way what men like Ramm {certainly not Rimmer of the fundamentalists group} have done is to take rules of interpretation laid down in the Bible and make a list and explanation of them. It is earlier what was called the self-interpretation of the Bible. You will see it more clearly as you become aware of how with every quote of the Old Testament in the New Testament, there is also an explanation or interpretation.

6. It is really an intolerance toward sound doctrine of the Bible, starting with the Falling Away approximately 1968 and continuing as more Bible teachers are heaped up with itching ears.

3. In most prophetic predictions of the Old Testament, both a Day of God is mentioned of more immediate judgment, like in Joel, **{over 163 years ahead of time in Joel and over 1000 years in Deuteronomy}**; and then automatically running, almost noticeable if you do not carefully look for the language of eternity and forever, into the end of the time of this old earth.

**NOTE: So many itching ears Bible teachers fail to notice the transfer from immediate calamities to the final events, such as the lion laying down with the lamb, etc; and therefore look for many of these final events to happen on some postulated one thousand years on earth instead of: (1) in the eternity of the new earth; and (2) on the new earth.**

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*1-9: The Terminal "The End" from Daniel.*

Granted there is much in Daniel difficult to understand; however surely we can understand "The End" repeated 5 or 6 times in the last chapter **{chapter 12}** of Daniel: "...until the time of **the end**; many shall run to and fro **{a lot of world travel like today}**, and knowledge shall increase **{an information explosion like today with all these computers}**..." (12:4); "...and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be **finished {finished is like English for "The end" and French "alfin" for the end}** (12:7); "My lord, what shall be **the end** of these things?" (12:8); "And he said, 'Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of **the end**' (12:9); "But you, go your way till **the end**" (12:13a); and "for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at **the end** of the days." (12:13b)

1. Often since we have some troubles with Daniel in understanding all last things **{eschatology}**, and in spite of being told clearly in this concluding chapter of Daniel that some of the "words are closed up and sealed" until made clear by actual historical events at THE END, you definitely can understand clearly many last days events and primarily come to see the pattern of SWEEPS TO THE END that will help you with understanding of both Matthew 24 and the book of Revelation. **{5 sweeps to the end in Daniel, and for more details on these sweeps, you can read CUP OF WATER, available free as a PDF download on the [www.biblecombibleman.com](http://www.biblecombibleman.com) web site}**.

(1). Daniel Sweep #1 to the End, Daniel 7:9-13.

(a) God, the Ancient of Days, sitting in Judgment with His court and the power to execute; (b) The Man of Sin, or the Son of Perdition, respectively of the Greek and Roman Empire, like a parable, completely fulfilled in the end time Man of Sin **{now looking more and more like a prototype and typical man with all the Arab/Muslim leaders assembling their vast armies around Israel with the motivation to destroy Jews and Jerusalem}**; (c) Other kingdoms under the control and judgment of God and kings given a period of dominion according to the determination of God, the Ancient of Days **{surely you do not think that the rise and fall of just another kingdom called the United States is not under the control of the Ancient of Days}**; (d) Establishment **{not fulfillment}** of the Everlasting kingdom of Christ to ruler over all other kings and kingdoms, determined by the Ancient of Days but not truly realized on earth until the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ; and (e) The Second Coming of Christ to finalize the reign of Christ over all other kingdoms of this earth, and then deliverance to the Great Judge that God may be all in all.

(2). Daniel Sweep #2 to the End, Daniel 7:15-27.

(a) Daniel explained to King Belshazzar **{King of Babylon after Nebuchadnezzar and before Darius}** that the 4 beasts of his vision, like explanations from Jesus un parables, are 4 kings; (b) the focus of Daniel's interest is on the details about the "little horn", first descriptive phrase of the Old Testament for the man of sin, and most of this about his pompous speeches against the Ancient of Days; (c) the pompous little horn, the man of sin, in his fight against the saints is prevailing **{the Falling Away and the withdrawal of the Holy Spirit from earth make possible this "complete shattering of the holy people", equivalent of Jesus' "because sin shall abound, the love of many will be cold" and the equivalent of the 5 stages of the Falling Away from the Apostle Paul in II Timothy 4:4,5, the fifth stage of which is a complete turning away from truth with the subsequent fifth of "being turned into fables"}**; (d) the Ancient of Days judges **{historically intervenes}** in favor of the saints, and sends the Lord Jesus Christ, alias the Second Coming, to execute this Judgment; (e) the son of perdition will be a Revolutionary **{much like the Arab/Muslim with his Jihad}** who tries to change "times and laws" **{tries to turn around history and replace law, common law, and the 10 commands}**

with a Muslim law like in the Koran}, the saints are given into his hands of a time, times, and half a time; (f) The Court of God takes away the dominion of the man of sin and Satan, destroying it forever; and (g) greatness of the previous kingdoms on earth will be given over by the Most High God to the kingdom of Christ {by the way on the new earth and centered around the New Jerusalem lowered down from heaven on Mount Zion} where the saints will obey and serve God.

(3). Daniel's Third Sweep of History to the End, Daniel 8:1-28.

The vision by Daniel of the ram and goat, the interpretation of which was given by Gabriel himself: while most of it is about the kings of Persia, Greece, and Rome--now past history--there is more about the infamous man of sin, the "little horn" that spreads to the north, south, east, and west. This is the time Satan is released from bondage because the Holy Spirit is withdrawn from earth, the Muslim forces on earth joining with the fallen forces from heaven to wage a mighty war.

(4). The fourth Sweep, Daniel 9:1-27

Gabriel has arrived from heaven, sent by God, to answer Daniel's prayer, "what is going to happen to my people?" And the answer is once again a sweep all the way to the end of time on the old earth, of course with more detail. It is almost as if the radar sweep of history is closer, filling in more details of peaks and valleys: (1) 70 weeks, really meaning 70 years, of Captivity is to be the fate of Israel in Babylon as God through Jeremiah foretold for them; (2) From the restoration until the Messiah comes that will be cut off by God's people {the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ by Israel<sup>7</sup>}; (3) predictions of the destruction of the temple and the city of Jerusalem, the famous abomination of desolation that Jesus references in Matthew 24 from Daniel {Israel still had not learned their lesson of obedience by faith, so they rejected the very Son of God, except for approximately 100,000 of Jews converted in the first century}; (4) yes, like today there were prototypes during other periods of history of the man of sin, warming up to the final man of sin that leads the world army in the

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7. Sometimes it just seems like Israel was jealous of the Son of God.

attack on Jerusalem and the camp of the saints, this first century period of history it was another "man of fortresses", or war, the Roman General Titus<sup>8</sup> who destroyed the temple and Jerusalem in 75 A.D; (5) under the wings of desolation {what Paul would later call in II Thessalonians, the rising tide of the mystery of sin and lawlessness} the released Satan will empower the man of sin to lead a gigantic world-wide army against Jerusalem<sup>9</sup>; and (6) the consummation is poured out on the desolate at the end.

(5). Fifth Sweep to the End, Daniel 10-12.

Of course like with all sweeps to the end of Daniel and other eschatological writings like Matthew 24, Mark 13, and the book of Revelation, each sweep adds more details of the peaks and valleys of history. This 5th sweep takes 3 chapters of Daniel to cover. {If you have caught on to this pattern of God the Spirit in the writing of Scriptures, a pattern of sweeps all the way to the end, and each time with more detail, you can be rescued from the tendency of the Irish Roman Catholic priest, Darby, and the divorced former lawyer Scofield of the First Congregationalists Church in Dallas, to impose on the book of Revelation a straight sequence from beginning to end on the eschatology.<sup>10</sup>}. This marvelous section of Daniel and fifth sweep is where Daniel himself gets an encouraging vision of the Glorious Man. Of course, such things as the kings of Persia in chapter 10 is repeated with more detail, then the kings {emperors} of Rome start in chapter 11; the people who actually know God will carry out great exploits, obviously the predicted history of Acts; then the great tribulation of the first centuries happens (11:33) where "they shall fall by sword and flame, by captivity and plundering"; then into the final tribulation and the Falling Away where "some of those of understanding shall fall, to refine them, purify them<sup>11</sup>, and make them white, until the time of THE END" (11:35); and the man of sin makes his visual appearance in human history {of course, one

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8. General Titus later became a Roman Emperor and leading persecutor of Christians.

9. This is, of course, during the Falling Away. Two big historical factors are at work to "completely shatter the power of the holy people", Daniel 12:7: the withdrawal of the Holy Spirit from earth by God the Father, and the process of the Falling Away.

10. For example the weird efforts, completely bought by the ignorance of fundamentalists, to postulate a fiction of God working in dispensations of history.

of the only 2 signs mentioned by Paul in II Thessalonians as necessary before the Second Coming}.

"Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished, for what has been determined shall be done. He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all. But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver {look at that hideous golden Dome of a Moslem mosque on the holy land of Jerusalem} , with precious stones and pleasant things. Then he shall act against the strongest fortresses<sup>12</sup> with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, and advance its glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many and divide the land for gain." (Daniel 11:36-39)

**NOTE:** If you can not see in this the whole history of the Muslim movement, your eyes are cluttered by Darby, Scoffield, and famous fundamentalists preachers. Hardly do we stop to think that another god called "Allah", not the same as the God of the Bible evidenced by the actions of Muslims and the words of their own Scriptures, as blasphemy against the only real God of this Universe. Nor do we stop to consider the prosperity and expansion of Mohammedanism since its inception late in history during the 700's A.D. Largely Arabs descended from Ishmael, a son of Abraham, throughout this history and before have come to ignore: (1) the God of their fathers like Abraham; (2) ignore the desire of men; (3) have not respect for any god except Allah who really turns out to be Satan; and (4) their leaders {rulers or kings} magnify themselves like the present President of Iran, like Hisballah, like those of Gaza and the West Bank, and Saudi Arabia over all other gods<sup>13</sup>.

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11. Most of us did not understand it at the time as fundamentalists were riding over the backs of conservative Bible teachers and pastors to gain control the SBC, but Bert Dominy formerly of Southwestern Seminary and Baylor, would say with a positive approach that it was "a purging process". Does SunGrist Bible have the nerve to put the takeover of the SBC by the fundamentalists as a large factor in the Falling Away? Certainly! All the greed, and fighting, and lack of love certainly did not come from Christ and the spirit of love!

12. In our finite understanding of detail it is hard to tell from today's date of 2011 how far back this goes, obviously it must include the sweep of the known world that Mohammedanism made during the 700's.

Right now, the Muslim/Arabs rule over much of the total land and population of the world; and you are seeing a large revolution underway now as they overthrow sympathetic rulers to Western and Christian powers. Just look at how divided the land of God in Palestine has become in recent years with Gaza, and the West Bank, and Syria, and Hisballah in Lebanon, all peoples who desire the destruct on of Jerusalem and the United States. And you who are conservative on the Bible, especially southern Baptists not controlled in your thought like your denomination by fundamentalists, would immediately see in the ungodly and blasphemous Muslim movement, the influence of Satan and many collective men of sin {leaders of these Muslim/Arab} countries, were it not for the detrimental influence of fundamentalists with their weird teachings and philosophy of last things {eschatology}. Of course what has happened to Baptists and other conservatives is as they have allowed the extreme tolerance of other religions and gods to overcomes any remaining endurance toward sound doctrine. The religious of American are considered what other religions and countries think; what the intellectual and tolerant think of the American Democratic faith; the moral majority, if you would: however, very few are really worried about what the real God of this world, and the real determiner of the history of the world thinks!

**“And he {it is much closer to THE END when you consider the man of sin of II Thessalonians as a typical Muslim leader} shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his END, and no one will help him.” (Daniel 11:45)**

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*1-10: “Some of those of understanding shall fall” (Daniel 11:35)*

You who are in the present day process of ignoring or denying the historical reality of the Falling Away of God's people, not from churches and denominations, but from God, Christ, and the sound doctrine of the Bible, must just let the Bible say what it wants to say as above in Daniel 11:35.

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13. It is amazing how such bottom immoral people of murder and adultery and lack of respect for the real God and real Bible have convinced many of history that they are the real believers and Christians are the infidels. What you are seeing is the predicted success of Satan, released from bondage, and the a collective batch of men of sin.

1. The "understanding" of the godly and knowing starts in context back at 11:32 with "the people who know their god".

Satan and the man of sin corrupts by flattery the most religious people that have ever lived, and at the time of Christ, in the first century the Jewish leaders that even since Jeremiah have done "wickedly against the covenant" of God. However as we know from the history of Acts and of the first chapters of Revelation, there were in the first centuries some who knew their God and were strong, even with the leadership of Jesus through the Apostles carrying out "great exploits" {look at the missionary journeys and writing of the Apostle Paul}.

2. The rapid expansion of Christianity immediately after the Ascension of Christ, again the emphasis of the Bible, if you let it say what it wants to say is on the few "who understand".

**"And those of the people who understand shall instruct many..." (Daniel 11:33a)**

3. Yet this is the time of the great tribulation.

**"yet for many days they shall fall by sword and flame, by captivity and plundering" (Daniel 11:33b)**

**NOTE: We do the Scriptures injustice to confuse this Great Tribulation with the Final Tribulation that the church is about to pass into any year now!**

4. Yes, it is possible for some of those of understanding to FALL.

**"And some of those of understanding shall fall, to refine them, purify them, and make them white, UNTIL THE TIME OF THE END; because it is still for the appointed time." (Daniel 11:35)**

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