

*Sound Doctrines*  
*{Exegesis} on Second*  
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Sound Doctrine is Exegesis of Bible Teachings, and Sound Doctrine on the Second Coming, with the related before and after events, would be exegesis of Bible teachings on the Second Coming. Like when I first started preaching over fifty years ago and studied the book on homiletics **{often called the science of preaching, or the art of preaching}** by Andrew Blackwood, PREACHING FROM THE BIBLE, the immediate reaction was "what else is there to preach from"; but we know better as Blackwood explains at the beginning of the book. In fact, you would have to say that twice as many Bible teachers and preachers preach from sources other than the Bible, than those who preach and teach from the Bible as the Word of God. And then at least half, or more, of them does so as a book of wisdom more than the Word of God, inspired only in the sense of greater than Shakespeare or Linus. A good example is the education of Ministers, of course the chief source of preaching and teaching, where (1) very few Seminary students come to Seminary with any solid training in Bible, and (2) once there, subjects like church administration, homiletics, and systematic theology **{theology is quite different from Bible in that it puts as much weight with the history of what men have said and taught on Bible more than the Bible itself, which is also a way to describe a study of the Bible itself in commentaries like in Carroll and commentaries, especially of the historical criticism type where the interpreters of the past become more important than the actual conservative message of God to us in the Bible dominate over real Bible study, a good example of such a conservative approach today is THE NEW INTER-**

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**NATIONAL COMMENTARY** which was all Seminary was when Carroll started SWBTS by teaching through the notes of his AN INTERPRETATION OF THE ENGLISH BIBLE. While this Bible Study continues centered around the doctrine of the second coming, in the final analysis it is the Principle and Principles **{hermeneutics}** of the Exegesis of Bible leading to Sound Doctrine that will be most important to you. In the Bible questions most often received by SunGrist\_Bible at [www.biblecombibleman.com](http://www.biblecombibleman.com) and the two supplemental websites **{[www.sungristbible.com](http://www.sungristbible.com) and [www.understandbible.googlepages.com](http://www.understandbible.googlepages.com)}**, "sound doctrine", what is and how we get it, is among the most popular questions of those most interested in Bible. Since it should be obvious that Bible teachings on eschatology are the most likely to be victims of a dominance of isogesis **{reading meaning into the Bible for preconceived notions and wants}** over exegesis, it is only fair that these Bible teachings on "last things" afford a challenging opportunity to overcome wild and weird imaginations on last things. Also few places does Satan so effectively promote "the lie" among church members, Christians, and those enthused about the Bible as he does on eschatology.

### 30-1: Sound Doctrine {Exegesis on Bible Teachings} on the Second Coming.

1. The books of SunGrist\_Bible written over the last 10 years have come full circle, starting with a look at 10 major doctrines of the Bible in the Ebook SOME SOUNDS OF SOUND DOCTRINE **{doctrine here used more in the sense of Christian Faith or Teachings like in Jude 3, "the faith once for all delivered to the saints"}**, and all the way through the promotion of Bible understanding in the 8 volumes of the LEARN CHRIST commentaries, and efforts to apply Bible teachings in 7 other volumes to contemporary Christian and church life, and now in the last of those seven, after REPORTS TO AND FOR BELIEVING, where the bottom line is "Fear and Faith" and HIDEOUT FOR BAD HABITS, where the bottom line is "Rescue Sound Doctrine" to here in "Den of Thieves" where the bottom line after the last chapter where hopefully the reader sees some of the "Leaky Barriers to Strong Delusion", we conclude this chapter with the most outstanding example of Sound Doctrine, an exegesis of Bible teachings, on the Second Coming. **{Of the 10 major doctrines that started this whole SunGrist\_Bible ministry rolling, two on eschatology were among them, "The Day of the LORD and Lord" and "The Falling Away", and which are still two of the most generalized conclusions of eschatology in the Bible, of course both of which include the Second Coming: indeed the Day of the LORD of the OT with the diminished light of sun, moon, and stars becomes the Day of Christ in the NT, and the Falling Away is the great end time event before the Day of the LORD and**

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**Lord and the Second Come.}** Hopefully you will get the Second Coming as the period to last things; for even as "the end" is the outstanding characteristics of real Bible exegesis on eschatology, and as contrasted to so much from the fundamentalists, Pentecostals, and special revelationists that keeps adding things in front of the Second Coming to one way or another put it off **{and yes while in the same breath and at the same time as talking about the "eminence" of the Second Coming}**, so also is the Second Coming the terminal event of this earth age, just before the destruction of the earth by fire and the ushering in by God of a new earth under new heavens with a New Jerusalem lowered down from heaven where God will dwell with a new people of God forever.

2. "Coming of Christ" in the Bible. Second Coming is not a phrase from the Bible, however if we look in a good concordance for "coming of Christ" centered around the word "coming", we find at least 16 Bible references, most of which are what we would think of as the major teachings in the Bible on the Second Coming.

(1). Matthew 24:3, "what is the sign of **your coming** and the end"--when you talk about the Second Coming of Christ it should always be in terms of the very "end" of things in this earth age and the start of the New Earth; and it is from "the end", found often in the Bible and always helpful to determine last events of this earth age with the ushering in of the new "Life Beyond", to use words from the book on "last things" by Ray Summers, that we in turn get our two favorite words for Bible doctrines on "eschatology" or "last things". Always we should start with the sequence of last events from the teachings of Jesus in Matthew 24, come back often to check ourselves, and primarily use these clear teachings of Jesus as a basis for the rest of our Eschatology. **{How much less weirdness and weird things would we hear about on last things if only these itching ears Bible teachers had held to the clear teachings of Jesus in Matthew 24 instead of going off on the imaginative tangents of Scofield and beyond. It would seem many times, and partly because of the negligence on the subject on the part of many of us other conservatives, that quite often Bible teachers come to the book of Revelation as if it was a whole new and separate book of the Bible, separating all their theology and Bible from the rest of the Bible, and ignoring the very fundamental principle of hermeneutics that you "compare scripture with scripture."}** It is from Jesus and Matthew that we start this brief study of the sound doctrine of the Bible on Last Things of this Earth Age, and derive a major sequence of the signs and events before, during, and after the Second Coming.

(2). "So shall the coming of the Son of Man" Be of Matthew 24:27,37, and 39.

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(3). They of Christ "At His Coming" of I Corinthians 15:23.

(4). The "Are You At His Coming" of I Thessalonians 2:10.

**NOTE:** At first as we think of eschatology as centered naturally around the Second Coming of Christ, we forget both where to look in the Bible, and even how to find it in a good concordance, that is until we look up the word "coming"; and then after we start rolling on all we can reference and remember and discuss with others, then we are fascinated with both how often it is found in the Bible of 66 books, and then how consistent the message is throughout all the 27 books of the NT and beyond to all of the Bible, especially as we include in our Bible study, as God intended, the Day of the LORD and Lord.

By the way, although somewhat parenthetical, let me give you right now the bottom line of the Bible and eschatology in a passage of Scripture often overlooked.

### 30-2: The Bottom Line of Eschatology and the Bible, I Corinthians 15:23-28.

Here is the sequence in I Corinthians 15:23-28 of the bottom line of Bible and eschatology: (1) Christ's Coming (15:23); (2) "Then comes the end" (15:24a) {you see many of the millennium and fundamentalists persuasion out of their isogesis support from Darby and Scofield just will not let the end be the end, will not let the simplicity of Scripture be the simplicity of Scripture}; (3) The end comes at the same time Christ delivers the kingdom to God the Father (15:24b) {many of the practitioners of isogesis do not like to admit that the kingdom started on earth with the rule of Christ in the hearts of men, like Christ said, and therefore usually flinch when hearing that Christ will have this kingdom in His possession already, and complete, to deliver to God the Father at His Second Coming--you see, the gathering of the dead in Christ from the four corners of the earth with the dead in Christ that Christ brings with Him ARE THE KINGDOM}; (4) almost simultaneously with the deliverance (15:24c) of the total kingdom to God, after the gathering is "an end to all rule and all authority and power", done at the last great Battle of Armageddon {let us summarize what we know happens already in that One Day of the LORD and Lord, first Christ makes an end of all other kingdoms, rules, and authorities and then second delivers what is left to God the Father}; (5) granted Christ has been reigning over His kingdom, that part on earth and all in heaven, since the Ascension; for not only "must He reign till He has put all enemies under His feet," (15:25) {why do you

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think we were taught by Christ to pray, "thy kingdom come"}, that is fully come since it already exist here on earth in the heart of the real of God's people, of course with more in the hearts of those who live in heaven and Hades, "thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven", for Christ already reigns in heaven over His own people, and according to Revelation 20:6 living and reigning with him for the whole period after their death, martyrs also "live and reign with Christ for one thousand years"...

**NOTE:** While millennium is not a biblical word, "one thousand years" is found in the Bible 9 times. The glaring folly of isogesis is that Scofield and fundamentalists have forced on the "one thousand years" of the Bible a very worldly concept of the millennium.

(6) death, the last enemy will be destroyed (15:26) when at the second coming of Christ as "the dead in Christ rise first" and as He brings with Him and the angels all those (a) martyrs of the first resurrection and (b) other Christians who have died and remain on another level of heaven without their resurrection bodies, only their souls or spirits--and of course this destruction of death speaks of the second resurrection where those other than martyrs {those beheaded for Christ, those of a bloody and violent death} get their resurrection bodies, often called full sanctification or glorification, the ultimate completion of salvation; (7) Paul quotes Psalm 8:6, where "He", Christ, "has put all things under His feet" (15:27) to explain that God the Father is the one exception to being under the feet and reign and kingdom of Christ; and (8) "that God may be all in all" (15:28).

And that is the bottom line of Bible and eschatology: that God the Father may "be all in all."

**30-3: Millennium is not Biblical, but "one thousand years" is in the Bible 9 times.**

Millennium is not real and Biblical, but was invented out of desperation by to protect property and the wealthy and men of worldly status by the practitioners of isogesis like Scofield, a former lawyer and divorcee and later of the Congregationalists church in Dallas that somehow through Bible correspondence courses on the Scofield Notes achieved sway and influence over Baptists fundamentalists {first Southern Baptists then with a split off Bible Baptists and then approximately 25 years ago by political means took over control of the SBC, but always fuedamentalists or fundamentalists}, and promoted by any that have become victims of the NOTES of the Scofield Reference Bible. {Did you

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note that in Memphis Tennessee is a society or association, any way a group and/or business, that does nothing but promote the Scofield Reference Bible, and you thought only the Missionary Baptists and the KJV of Paul did that!}

1. "one thousand years" phrase of II Peter 3:8.

God gave this thought that "with the Lord one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day" not in order that such perverts as Darby and Scofield could construct a millennium on top of it in order to put many complicated events in front of the Second Coming and the End, but rather to engender patience that (1) God is not slack concerning His promises, and (2) and that the judgment of that One Day of the LORD and Lord will come just as surely as the Flood once destroyed the whole earth by water; and (3) not so that scoffers and revisionist of Bible history and exegesis might also "out of their own lusts" build a whole systematic theology of eschatology around a fictitious millennium of a thousand years reign of Christ on earth, a time of peace and harmony that they get by confusing with this theoretical millennium the Old Testament Scriptures on the New Earth.

**NOTE:** When you nail down the Scriptures on New Earth and New Heavens with God's New Israel of the Old Testament, especially of Isaiah, they will cast out these fictions of millennium as a thousand year reign of Christ on earth, the establishment of a temporal kingdom like He refused to do the first time. Yes, we have a lot of seekers of a materialistic kingdom today who like in the days of Christ wanted an immediate reign of Christ on earth. No, the next and full reign of Christ will be after the Second Coming with the establishment of the New Earth with at the center the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21). You see, just one chapter and a few real verses can straighten out a whole lot of false exegesis.

### 30-4: Historical Sequence of Signs in Matthew 24 and Luke 21.

1. Matthew 24:3, "what is the sign of your coming and the end".

As you talk about the Second Coming of Christ it should always be in terms of the very "end" of things in this earth age and the start of the New Earth; and it is from "the end", found often in the Bible and always helpful to determine last events of this earth age with the ushering in of the new "Life Beyond", to use words from the book on "last things" by Ray Summers, that we in turn get our two favorite words for Bible doctrines on "eschatology" or "last things".

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2. The Beginning of Sorrows with 6 major signs. These simple signs are given as a preview of history about which Christians should not get excited. Jesus is in effect teaching that you will always have these things, and they indeed continue and overlap with the later sequences, with you: false Christs, wars and rumors of wars {yes, we know those have continued past the beginning of sorrows right up until today, and indeed the last great battle of Armageddon as the Muslim army led by the Man of Sin {perhaps Osama Bin Ladin, or Hisballah, or Iran, or Gaza} comes against Jerusalem and the Camp of the Saints, causing Christ on the "great white horse" (Revelation 19:11) to intervene by coming again, nation against nation, famines, pestilences, and earthquakes.

**NOTE:** With the persecution many Christians are hated and killed by Jews and Romans, and many "will be offended" (24:10), which is translated "stumble and fall away" in the Amplified Version, another sign that the Falling Away has happened throughout history on a lesser scale in spite of the two great Falling Aways, great because they were so extensive in numbers among God's own people. Some of the "to believe" type just do not make it into the second step of salvation to the "for believing", some can not take any amount of opposition or take the "cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and other things".

3. Great Tribulation with [1] the "heaping up of itching ears Bible teachers and preachers" (II Timothy 3:3,4), here in Matthew 24:11 initiated by Jesus as "many false prophets that will deceive many" {and by the way just like the begin-

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ning of sorrows where many are deceived, which continues into the Great Tribulation period so likewise these signs continue right up to the end, intensify, and in many cases we are just talking about the intensity of the signs more than their existence in each period of last things history, and [2] the Falling Away {always like in the wilderness and in Hebrews there has been a measure of Falling Away, "beware brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief" (Hebrews 3:12), once again it is the intensity that defines the unique characteristic of each period identified by Jesus, with of course, the two great and largest Falling Aways of the Bible being all God's people except approximately 7 in the wilderness and all God's people now except about 7,000--a shockingly low number but in the wilderness there were only a few over 20 and in Sodom and Gomorrah 10 could be found, and during the Flood only 7 righteous}: if God had not shortened it no flesh would have survived, which we know from Bible and Scripture to be the first few centuries of Christianity which the Roman Caesars and the Jewish religious leaders attempted to suppress this movement of Christ, a time of much blood and beheading that qualified martyrs, just like today, "to live and reign with Christ for one thousand years" {this one thousand years is important but is found only 9 times in the Bible, the most important of which is the first in II Peter where "one thousand years is to God as one day and one day as a thousand years", a clue that we should get use to the variable nature of 1000 especially since some martyrs of today will only live and reign with Christ for a few hundred years, if that long, all the others are in Revelation 20--we should allow the first usage in II Peter to establish the nature as a variable between 1 and 1,000, not Scofield NOTES added after all the revelations of the Bible were complete}.

4. From End of the Beginning Period to the End: Four Signs for the period of history between the Great Tribulation {persecution} and the Final Tribulation {natural disasters and the mental anguish of strong delusion}: [1] the heaping up of false teachers and prophets, [2] the Falling Away--"because sin will abound the love of many will wax cold" (24:12) on a more minor scale like about mid-history in the "latter times" failures of the Roman Catholics of I Timothy--"seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, forbidding marriage, and commanding to abstain from good meats"--[3] endurance of some Christians all the way to the end (Matthew 24:13), and [4] gospel of the kingdom preached to every nation, "then will the end come". {If you do not see this overlap in all of Matthew 24, that is not in a neat historical sequence of time, you will see it in Matthew 24:13 with the obvious "end", and then in the next verse switching back to a more immediate prediction in the destruction of the temple and Jerusalem,

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the abomination of desolation of Daniel, in verse 24:14, which we now to have happened in 70 A. D. by the Roman army under General Titus. {This was when not one stone was left upon another of Herod's temple that the disciples admired to Jesus, and the subject that started the whole conversation on the end and the Second Coming. A lot of our problems today with Scofieldites is that they put off and deny the end, even when it is so clear in Scripture about the End as the Bible often uses that very word. The End is the End: it is the end of this earth age and the beginning of the New Earth Age that will last eternally, and where in the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21) God will dwell on the new earth with men forever.}

**NOTE:** If you do not see this overlap of signs and periods, an overlap in sequential history, not only will you be confused when you come to read 24:29, "Immediately after the tribulation of those days", with a failure to distinguish between "those days" of the Great and then of the Final Tribulation, but you will also be thoroughly confused when you come to the book of Revelation. Nail down these overlapping periods clearly from Jesus in Matthew 24, then you will be ready in the context of the whole Bible (and remember the Day of the LORD and Lord of both Testaments), to spiritually discern the book of Revelation without Scofield and without imaginative {fiction based on fiction as in Tim LeHaye} weirdness.

5. Final Tribulation is actually a sub-period of the Four Signs period between the Beginning to End period, say about the last 40 years of earth People who want it simple where you can divide and sequence only by periods and years, have trouble with the overlap between the signs of the Great Tribulation of the first few centuries and the Final Tribulation of our generation where it is more a persecution from nature as the whole universe begins to crumble, disintegrate, and burn as things like hurricanes and earthquakes, all natural calamities increase in intensity; and it is [1] the heaping up of false Bible teachers and preachers and [2] the Falling Away that are more outstanding in the final tribulation than in the Great Tribulation. However, you will find that Jesus in His teachings while on earth did just like in the Old Testament as through "the Spirit of Christ" he led OT Prophets to predict calamities of both more immediate and final nature.

6. False Christs and False Prophets: is what you will find mentioned most often, far beyond the natural calamities with "fire, blood, and vapor of smoke" (Acts 2:19 and Joel 2:28-32), in Jesus discussion on last things; and in Matthew 24:24 the "great signs and wonders" are combined with these false leaders **{a short for the final Man of Sin and his false prophet of the last great battle and**

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who with all unbelievers are cast from Death and Hades into the eternal lake of fire and brimstone (Revelation 21:10,13-15)}

**NOTE:** The subject of these "false Christs and false prophets" will be the prime subject of the next Section as it is illustrated that it is a continuous theme of Jesus throughout the Matthew 24 and Luke 21 teachings, an overlap in periods of history and signs, and one that final marks with the most outstanding characteristic of that period, the Falling Away.

7. AFTER the Final Tribulation, as both man made signs--the "great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect" of Matthew 24:24 and the God made signs of Acts 2:19--"God will show signs and wonders in the heavens above and the earth beneath, fire and blood and vapor of smoke"; then we will have on earth the finality of the great and famous Day of the LORD and Lord spoke of in both Testaments, and most often in terms of the diminished light of the sun, moon, and stars. You see all these God made and sent signs of earthquakes and hurricanes, which Paul likes to call "the groaning" of the whole creation and Peter as the birth pangs for the new earth, and which Jesus said would start in the period of the beginning of sorrows and continue through Great and Final Tribulation, increasing to the point of Final Tribulation and utter destruction in fire on the Day of the LORD and Lord. {You should always know that the Day of the LORD is nothing new, old in the OT, and an understanding in Bible of the Second Coming of Jesus as part of it came later, but always it was a time of ultimate judgment and justice of God. A time for God to make everything right!}

8. To understand the "Immediately after" of Matthew 24:29, you need more of what Jesus actually taught on this occasion as recorded in the parallel of Luke 21:9 where He starts the last things teachings with "do not be terrified" about the wars and rumors of wars, "for these things must come first, but the end will not come immediately"; then you have the many signs and the overlapping periods and phases on all of Matthew 24 with a continuation of (1) what must come first in Luke 21:9 and (2) what will come immediately after of Matthew 24:9. And you might think of this overlap of time and signs as first a beginning of the first sorrows and then a continuation of the second batch of sorrows and third, but still the first sorrows but increased in intensity.

9. By the way Luke 21:24 also provides some more unique insight for us on last times, since most often we think of Paul as originating in Romans the concept of the Fullness of Gentiles, that period of history after God rejected most of the

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Jews as His people and of which the U. S. has been such a large part in the spreading of the Gospel to every nation which will bring in the end, but about which Jesus spoke right here as "And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles is fulfilled", obvious the same as the Fullness of the Gentiles of Romans. Now, obviously we see the Jews in possession of Jerusalem again; however, where the mistake is made is in thinking that after the Fullness of Gentiles, much of Israel or all of Israel as in the case of Carroll's commentary on Revelation is saved in one day. {Daniel and Zechariah clearly tell us of how and when, and how many of the Jews will be saved and no longer saved; and while we are aware of the Romans' statement "All Israel will be saved", we know this to be the new Israel of Jews and Gentiles; and while the implication of Romans in the verse about "the fullness of the Gentiles" is complete, the total Bible evidence is that what will happen after is more the New Jerusalem of the New Earth than for any revival of Palestine. Many of these groups on Israel just want your money and some notoriety.}

10. The Rapture--when Christians are caught up in the air to meet Christ (I Thessalonians 4:16,17)--is clearly taught in the Word of God of Luke 21:25-28 immediately after the signs of the Day of the LORD and Lord and the Second Coming: [1] the signs in the heavens of diminished light from sun, moon, and stars {always the signs of the Day of the LORD and Lord}; [2] the sign of much tension and distress between nations; [3] the perplexity of the seas and waves rolling in like in hurricanes and tropical storms; [4] as the very laws and powers of the heavens are shaken over a period of time, men start to have heart attacks from sheer fear (21:26); [5] the whole world will see Christ, the Son of Man, ....

**30-5: "Take heed that no one deceives you" (Matthew 24:4).**

The very first words out of the mouth of Christ as He settles down with some deep teachings on last things, and in answer to the disciples' question, "what will be the sign of Your Coming and the end of the age?" is this caution about the deception of history to follow on last things teachings.

1. The very subject of last things by Jesus starts with the subject of "deception".

### THE QUESTION OF ESCHATOLOGY:

**"Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately {it was time for the private teaching of disciples on doctrine of eschatology}, saying, 'Tell us, when will these things be? {of course, the starting refer-**

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ence of their history or eschatology was the destruction of the Temple, Jesus mentioned in Matthew 24:1,2 as they admired the construction of Herod's temple} And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" (Matthew 24:3)

**THE ANSWER OF JESUS ON ESCHATOLOGY:** (yes, eschatology like Millennium and even Second Coming are not words of the Bible, but "coming" of Christ is and so also is "the end"!)

"And Jesus answered and said to them "Take heed that none deceives you. For many will come in My name {in the name of Christ and of Christianity and even the Bible}, saying "I am the Christ, and will deceive many." (Matthew 24:4)

2. All of the eschatology discussion of Matthew 24 about the end and the Second Coming, time and time again in Matthew 24 and Luke 21, come back to this warning against deception.

(1). Deception is part of the Great Tribulation (Matthew 24:10,11) of the first few centuries of Christianity as not only it is a great time of killing of Christians, delivering up to the Roman government and imprisonment, the hating of Christians, but the deception grows in the early church as (a) Christians are offended--once again the Amplified calls it stumbling and falling away, (b) Christians betray each other, and (c) Christians out of the desperation of social and other pressures of government even come to hate each other. Is that not the ultimate in the deception among churches and Christians?

(2). "Many" (Matthew 24:11) false prophets, just like "many" Christians and church members offended in the previous verse, will "rise up" {again it reminds one of the "heaping up" of the Falling Away of II Timothy 4:3,4}, so also "many" will be deceive by this common sign of both the Great and the Final Tribulation. Should it be any secret that both Great and Final Tribulation should suddenly be discussed at once, though spread apart by thousands of years of history; for tribulation is tribulation and it has deception to it whether it was in the first few centuries or the last few years. And when you suddenly come to this introduction to all history after the beginning of sorrows, that of Matthew 24:9-12, and bingo you find yourself at the end of history in 24:13--with "But he who endures to the end shall be saved", then you know that you have made both a sweep of all history from the beginnings to the end, but you have looked at the commonality between Great and Final Tribula-

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tions. {Never forget that while the tribulation was primarily physical persecution from other people in the Great Tribulation, it is going to be in the Final Tribulation a persecution from the elements of the universe as it crumbles around all residents, Christian or otherwise.}

**30-6: End of Beginning of Sorrows to the End , Overlap of Matthew 24:9-14.**

What overlaps is not the period of history but the signs. Even as signs such as earthquakes and wars are routine in the period of the beginning of sorrows, and perhaps we should not even consider it as a period of history but of a grouping of signs, continue through Great and Final Tribulation right up to the "End of time", so also some form {signs} of deception and tribulation continue through the Great and Final Tribulations. Suddenly with Matthew 24:9-14, you have jumped from the Great Tribulation after the beginning of sorrow, by the way a period that also continues to the end of time with the signs of earthquakes, wars, and pestilences, to the end times with Final Tribulations with (1) a pat on the back for the Christians who make it through the deception of the Falling Away in 24:13 and (2) the guarantee that "the end will come" as the Gospel of the kingdom is preached to every nation, of course correlating roughly to the time of the Fullness of the Gentiles.

It would be convenient to understand last things if in Matthew 24:1, it stated the date of history with the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple as 70 A.D., then with the Second Coming of 24:3 and the End with a date of say, 2013 {of course a supposition for the end} A.D.--quite a jump in two verses and not at all sequential in the time of history; then with the beginning of sorrows of 24:5-8 a dating of say "30 A.D to 2013; and lastly in 24:9-14 a dating of Great and Final Tribulation as from approximately 100 A.D. to 2013 which again we have a sequence of signs all the way from some definite point in history determined by the kind and extent of tribulation to the End. But Jesus does not sequence it that way, nor did the Old Testament Prophets on eschatology, nor did the Apostle John in the writing of the book of Revelation. It might desire to develop the mental concept of teachings on eschatology as running more in parallel to the end. Like think of these three points below, as running in parallel although we have the finite limitation of sequencing from a to c through b.

- a. From destruction of the temple to the End, Matthew 24:1-3.
- b. From the beginning of the signs of sorrows to the End, Matthew 24:4-8.

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c. From the Great Tribulation and through the Final Tribulation to the End, Matthew 24:9-14.

**NOTE:** You might want to think of it as three distinct chances of signs for world citizen to get it right before the End, in spite of repeated, oft, and differing persecutions.

**30-7: Why Fundamentalists churches can Ignore the Falling Away?**

**NOTE:** While once it seemed permissible to ignore the fundamentalists on eschatology as innocent victims of the Scofield Reference Bible {so helpful in many cases but detrimental on "last things", who starting young as preachers and teachers of the Bible and with the immediate need to speak on last things naturally turned to the Scofield NOTES, and through the years have become victims of their own sermons and class notes--they can not throw them away as many have heard them, and they still have the need to use them; however, now as it becomes appararent that such beliefs on eschatology stand in the way of sound doctrine and sound Bible exegesis on the Falling Away and the Second Coming, it is no longer possible to be quite. We can love the men and yet abhor their 10% of False teachings and preachings on last things.

It is so easy for churches and church leaders of the fundamentalists persuasion to ignore the Falling Away, because they have postulated this extra-biblical concept of the Rapture {not a Bible word} to replace the finally {the end of this world age} of the Second Coming. What this does for them is three fold: (1) it prevents them from accepting any responsibility, at least in their own minds, for the Falling Away, since, at least in the terminal phases, they are taken out of this world, they think, by this fictitious Rapture that they use to replace obvious Scriptures on the Second Coming like I Thessalonians 4:13-18 {which we will come to momentarily}; (2) they are able, and would you not also if you are still living at the time, to be among those who do not have to go through the final tribulation as the universe reaches toward the terminal phases of crumbling; and (3) they become instant experts on this brand of eschatology because what sincere reader of the Bible by themselves would ever just from reading scriptures like I Thessalonians 4:13-18 be able to get this fantastic and imaginative sequence like Dr. Jeremiah presented from the pulpit last Sunday: (1) First Coming, (2) Rapture, (3) 7 years, (4) Second Coming, (5) the Millennium, and (6) The End with the New Heavens over the New Earth.

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Sorry for this personal attack on such fundamentalists of the pre-millennium persuasion, but they leave you no choice since this weird and extra-biblical beliefs have come from no other objective source except their imaginations, and with their misleading and half-truth charts and graphs. It has always been a mystery why such fundamentalists have gotten so emotional when, without any scriptural quote or justification, have laid out this fantastic sequence of last events. Without emotions and graphs and charts they have nothing, and if you catch them out on their feet with a last things discussion where they have no chart or graph, emotion and imagination is all that is left. Of course, like fundamentalists throughout American history, they always have that fighting spirit--remember it was one of their leaders, We. A. Criswell, who told Bill Moyer about the fundamentalists fight to gain control of the SBC, that they would keep fighting until one side or the other wins. They did; they destroyed careers and reputations of so called "moderates" **{the implications were always that they were liberals of all things on the literal interpretation of the Scripture, which really meant on the Scofield Notes}** from pulpits and Seminaries; and political with this admirable aggression, which is a shame could not have been put to work for the cause of Christ, took control approximately 25 years ago of the Southern Baptist Convention. Much of the fighting still goes on, primarily between eastern southern baptist and Texas Baptists, between fundamentalists and Baylor, and Southwestern Seminary and fundamentalists. Like a rattlesnake they are quiet now that they are in control, until disturbed; then woe be unto the person who has the courage to cross them on pre-millennium beliefs.

Are there good fundamentalists and bad fundamentalists? No doubt, but just like Mormonism until you get down into a deep and serious study of their real history and especially the false doctrines of their four extra Bibles, you wonder how any Christian could retain support for such!

And now that the subject of Mormonism has been brought up, let us consider what Dr. Robert Jeffress said last Sunday about one each Demon being behind all the alternative religions in the world like Buddhism, Mormonism, and Muhammadanism **{all these isms, Dr. R. G. Lee use to say, that should be wasims}**; and consider since it is so hard to sufficiently explain the foothold that Scofield Notes on eschatology have gained in the Bible belt with the three reasons offered above **{escape from responsibility for the Falling Away, escape from the Final Tribulation of the universe crumbling, and more status as leaders with the expert answers that none would gain from real Bible study}**, that just like a Demon, perhaps Satan himself, sits on top of the Temple at Tabernacle Square in Salt Lake City, Utah, so also a Demon was influential as Scofield, a

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divorced lawyer called as pastor of the First Congregationalists church in Dallas, spread through correspondence courses on the famous Scofield Notes throughout the Bible belt. Even as you can not explain the spread and influence of Mormonism, with all the fantastic stories and claims and weird doctrines and Bible, apart from the supernatural help of Satan and his fallen angels, so also you can never explain apart from the same supernatural help the spread of such "isogesis" of the Bible, with half-truth, that the Scofield Notes have reeked their havoc among backwoods preachers of Tennessee and Texas.

And to many of us real Southern Baptists and real conservatives on the Bible, these fictitious fundamentalists beliefs on eschatology have seemed sort of trivial until we have recently come to the point of realized: (1) that this is an escape mechanism to ignore Bible teachings and doctrines on the Falling Away; and (2) to ignore the real eminence of the Falling Away {like a little girl of his church said to Dr. Jeremiah, you know "out of the mouth of babes" and "a little child shall lead them", how do you talk about that Jesus could come again at any time and then you add all these things of history that still need to happen?

It is sort of scary that these weird beliefs remained for so long neatly tucked away in their Scofield Reference Bibles and in their NOTES for classrooms until recently. While it is justification for taking responsibility for the Falling Away in their own church and churches and a carrot of hope offered to church members to escape the final tribulation as all the signs of such build up in the world news, it just seems that we must also consider that such "half-truth" and "lies" and denial of the real truth of the Bible is part of the "strong delusion" from God Himself of II Thessalonians 2:9-12. And it is really scary since it is an indication that (1) the Holy Spirit has been withdrawn from earth without the Pentecostals or fundamentalists even knowing it or making any difference in the way they worship, (2) that Satan has been therefore released from bondage to do his dirtiest, (3) that we should be seeing a peak in lawlessness and sin in this world (perhaps the lawlessness of terrorism is much of that even

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While reluctant to give any credence at all to this lie about the Rapture, primarily out of respect for many good preachers and pastors of the fundamentalists persuasion, with faithfulness to the exegesis of Scriptures on the Second Coming, like I Thessalonians 4:13-18, that Jeremiah abused last Sunday, it is no longer possible to keep silence out of respect for these men.

Look at I Thessalonians 4:13-18 and tell me how if you read it, or do read it, you would get anything out of it except the full truth of the Second Coming! How else could you, as you will not find the word Rapture at all mentioned in the verses, nor will you find the word mentioned just like millennium in the total Bible. You must go to their graphs and charts and Scofield NOTES to find anything about this word and concept, this great half-truth of strong delusion.

"But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren {if you were left alone to read this Scripture by yourself and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, which you must as a Christian of the new birth do anyway, you would not be ignorant; nor have you been ignorant; but if you accept the graphs and charts and NOTES of Jeremiah and other devoted fundamentalists, you will get ignorant}, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope {these fundamentalists have lessened your hope like they did for the little girl by placing all kind of historical obstacles that must come before the hope}. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again {and indeed we do believe that, and as far as we know they have not tampered with this which makes them more practitioners of half-truth than of lies}, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus..."

Just a minute, doesn't even this last statement demand finality!

"For this we say to you by the word of the Lord {by the Word of God is much better than by way of graphs and charts and imaginations even when supported by Darby and Scofield}, that we who are alive and remain {so far and if it happens quickly that is us} until THE COMING OF THE LORD {the Second Coming, and nothing here about Rapture} will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God {sure sounds like the Second Coming to me, how about to you}. And the dead in Christ will rise first. {How terminal, like may at "The END" of Scripture!} 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." (II Thessalonians 4:13-17)

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How terminal those last words sound also!

Now, if you were in the shoes of Satan and his demons as they look at the signs of the times on the eminence of the Second Coming, you see they will not in their own minds put it off with deceptions on a Rapture and 7 more years before the Second Coming, and even then 365,000 more days past the One Day of the LORD and Lord until the END, what would you do to distort the comfort and message of II Thessalonians 4:13-18?

You can't deny it since there is so many obvious Scriptures on the Second Coming; and since you have already succeeded in having so much of the world deny your own existence {this is Satan talking and thinking and getting ready for the end}, and you know the inevitability of the lake of fire and brimstone, then your natural desire is to take as many as possible with you, offering half-truth which is always more effective than complete lies, to replace with the Second Coming this fictitious teaching of the Rapture and Millennium.

1. To Satan and the deceived, it is this postulated one thousand years of the Millennium {recall that one thousand years, 9 times, is Biblical, but not a millennium} that is more important than this postulated Rapture, and indeed it is their postulated Millennium that demands a Rapture. Since they will not admit that (1) the coming of the Holy Spirit in great power to earth on the first day of Pentecost after the Ascension is what bound Satan from doing his full dirty work to deceive many, and the withdrawal of the Holy Spirit from earth of II Thessalonians 2:6,7 is what looses Satan, they need this fictitious millennium to explain all the one thousand years events including (a) the binding and losing of Satan, and (b) the first resurrection as different from the second resurrection, how Christian martyrs will live and reign with Christ for a very long and variable time, even as required that the fact that such martyrs are living and dying today, then experiencing the full body resurrection of the first resurrection {remember, it is given to those for whom it has been prepared like the Apostles, John the Baptist, Enoch, Elijah, and the beheaded for Christ of today}; and (2) since the wealthy, like Commager stated the fundamentalists movement--and I am sure they had a lot to do in Dallas with the Scofield Notes and the current organization in Memphis to promote such--was started by a group of California millionaires, and you can do a lot with money...that is, this wealthy and well-to-do, perhaps the 10% that spend 50% of the American money and say in the 250,000 category, do not want to give up their possessions so that with one more thousand years on earth they can hold onto those

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possessions and status, they deceive themselves into thinking, for one more very long thousand years.

2. A postulated Rapture helps fundamentalists preachers ignore the Falling Away in their own church and churches. After all, if the Christians are taken up into the air, perhaps not for the full 40 years of the Falling Away but at least say the last 7 years when it really gets rough, then they do not become a part of the final problems of the Falling Away. Perhaps, they postulate, even though they might acknowledge a part in the first three stages of the Falling Away, partly because it is obvious that is presently happening in churches and that they are also obviously still here on earth--(1) the intolerance toward sound doctrine, (2) church membership and Christian life motivated more by "wants" and "desires" than the control of Christ and the Holy Spirit, and (3) the vast present "heaping up" of Bible teachers and preachers with "itching ears"--however, they postulate not to be a part of the last two of the five stages of Falling Away development: (1) turning away from the truth, and (2) turning into fables.

Yet the very postulation of such half-truths and false doctrines as Rapture and Millennium proves that they two have already become victims of a turning away from truth and a turning into the fables of the Rapture and Millennium, with strong indications that they have been subjected by God Himself to "strong delusion".

**30-9: Look at your churches and you will see the Falling Away now.**

Perhaps the best answer to such strong delusions about the Second Coming, the fictitious rapture and the fictitious millennium, is simply to ask these fundamentalists to look at the world around them and in their churches for the signs.

1. Divorce among church members.
2. The taking of God name in vain overtly by church members and inevitable also by their unrighteousness.
3. The curses of a curse on Americans, the land and the people, that has come from God as it has replaced the blessings of a Blessing on this nation, due to the lack of effectual fervent prayer of church members and a lack of righteousness.
4. The replacement of the faith of Christ and the Bible with an American Democratic faith which (1) makes tolerance, by the way a specially defined kind of tolerance that allowed the Presbyterians a few years ago to vote whether to say

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Christ is the only way of salvation since it seems intolerant, more important than convictions based on the Bible; (2) respect for and emphasis on the majority over the minority; (3) a forbidding of discrimination based on "race, religion, and creed" as more important than the discrimination forbidden by Pastor James in the Bible based on "clothing, status, and money".

5. 61% of American church members and Christians believe in the Gospel of Prosperity which is a gospel of another kind than that of the Gospel Paul delivered, a Gospel that falls down to worship status and things and therefore other gods.

6. Special revelations have become the primary thrust of "itching ears" Bible teachers and preachers as they present not only the Gospel of Health and Prosperity, but provide special concepts, words, and revelations that promote seed-money for them, denying the long establish teachings and doctrines of I Corinthians 14 and continuing to practice the forbidden attitude of "did the Word of God come to you only or did it come out of you?"

**NOTE:** Could it be that the obvious signs of the Falling Away in their own churches is leading such fundamentalists preachers as Dr. Jeremiah to, in desperation, reach out for the rescue of a Rapture and a Millennium; or to preserve their positions of leadership, the first places in the kingdom if you would, and of current popularity {always a bad sign during the Falling Away}, as the faithful of their own people both read the Bibles for themselves on the Second Coming, as they begin to wonder how these leaders let their churches and country get into such a big mess! Perhaps increasingly we hear of these false teachings on rapture and millennium as obvious signs of Falling Away, A Curse on our country, unrighteousness and a lack of effectual and fervent prayer--things now impossible to cover up and hide--stare in the face of all and become more apparent! In other words, if you can't preach all the Falling Away and the Second Coming from exegesis of the Bible, then preach and teach by isogesis and imagination and even strong delusion the rapture and the millennium.

7. American churches increasingly, large and small, like God's people of the Temple of Jeremiah, are becoming hideouts for the bad habits of II Timothy 4:1-9 with more and many ways to cover up, churches and church leaders becoming more competent in their excuses and maneuvers to cover up than government, the military, and big business. {Please see "Hideout

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for Bad Habits", the SunGrist\_Bible book on-line at [www.biblecombibleman.com/Hideout\\_for\\_Bad\\_Habits/](http://www.biblecombibleman.com/Hideout_for_Bad_Habits/) .}

8. Christians today like God's People of the Temple of Jeremiah and the Temple during Jesus' own day which He cleansed have made the churches which were originally and intended to be places of worship by God and man, from houses of prayer where once there was effectual and fervent prayer into a "Den of Thieves". {Please see "Den of Thieves", the SunGrist\_Bible book on-line at [www.biblecombibleman.com](http://www.biblecombibleman.com).}

9. Greed along with incompetence have been the natural outcome of the American dream, as much among church members and Christians as among those of the world, where the prime thrust and loyalty of life has been more for things and other gods than from Respect for the One Great God of the Universe, and the consequent inevitability of unrighteousness and a lack of effectual and fervent prayer that also inevitably once brought the blessings of the Blessing of God. {Please read "Fear and Faith" and "Respect for God" from REPORTS TO BELIEVE AND FOR BELIEVING, in the new Ebook by SunGrist\_Bible, and on-line at [www.biblecombibleman.com/Reports\\_for\\_Believing/](http://www.biblecombibleman.com/Reports_for_Believing/) .}

### 30-11: Graphs and Charts of Fundamentalists versus Bible Exegesis.

1. The Graph of a half-truth of Daniel on the Man of the Kingdoms as a substitute for the Bible truth that Christ set up the kingdom while on earth the first time and that the kingdom will be fully received on the New Earth after Christ comes again.

It is so obvious from the exegesis of certain Bible verses of Daniel that the kingdom of Christ, that kingdom which will last forever, was established during the Roman Empire period of world domination, alias during the time and teachings of Christ as the kingdom came to rule in the hearts of men; and yet with the graph of the King and kingdoms of Daniel before him, most based on Scriptural exegesis and some on the isogesis of imaginations like the ten toes {not in Daniel} they speculate a fictitious kingdom and materialistic kingdom of the fictitious millinnum to be established after the real Second Coming. What do they base it on, not the same Scripture that used to construct the graph in the first place, except for the ten toes which are also speculation that leads them to the nations of the European Community, but on the Graph; and that is the ultimate in isogesis.

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2. The sequential timeline graph that includes the rapture after the first coming, then 7 years, then the Second Coming, then the Millennium, and then the New Earth; and to replace Bible exegesis on Matthew 24 and the book of Revelation which runs parallel in overlaps, like with Jesus from the beginning of sorrows to the end, from the Great Tribulation of the First few centuries to the end, and from the beginning of the One Day of the LORD and Lord of the diminished light from sun, moon, and stars, to the End of the One Day.

While the graph of the sequence goes like this: first coming, to rapture, to 7 years, to Second Coming, to Millinnum to the New Earth; and really their only justification for a fictitious Rapture and fictitious Millinnum **{along with Scofield NOTES}**, the real sequence of Matthew 24, Luke 21, and the book of Revelation go from One Day of the LORD of the Old Testament, with the diminished light of the sun, moon, and stars, and the One Day of the Lord Jesus Christ, that "great and notable day of the Lord" of Acts 2 which establishes the beginning of the Last Days as the coming of the Holy Spirit and the end of the last days as the culmination in that One Day, part of that One Day, we must say the biggest part, is Second Coming of Christ, with the destruction of the Army at Armagaddeon and of the universe by fire, the gathering of saints and the lost for judgment and separation; and then the establishment of the new heavens and new earth with at the center the New Jerusalem lowered down from heaven where God and Christ will dwell on the new earth with the new humanity forever. You see this One Day of the LORD and Lord, so often taught in an exegeis of Scriptures both Old and New Testament, is also a terminal day of God, "the end" so famous in Scripture, and possibly in even one 12 or 24 hour day, or at least one final and short period of time called a day.

**30-10: More Deceptions from False Bible in Matthew 24 and Luke 21.**

**30-11: More "Coming of Christ" from the Bible.**

**30-12: The Principle of Two or More Witnesses, of Consistency of the Bible.**

**30-13: "The End", Eschatology or Last Things in the Bible.**

**30-14: Exegesis and Hermeneutics: the Bible is Self-Interpretative.**

**30-15: Day of the LORD and Lord in the Bible.**

1. Day of the LORD in the Old Testament.

2. Day of the Lord Jesus Christ in the New Testament.

**30-16: Obvious Curses of the Bible on the Isogesis of False Bible Teachers.**

**30-17: Biggies of the Bible on the Sound Doctrines of the Second Coming.**

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30-18: Some Bottom Line Bible Teachings on the Second Coming.

