



GONE . . . MISSING !



“Countless people are missing! Thousands! Maybe millions! Gone without a trace! How is this possible? Where have they gone to? They seem to have vanished into thin air. Why? Where? How? Will they come back. And will this tragedy be . . . repeated in the days ahead?”

This will be the cry, and the questioning by the people who have not gone missing. **There is a day coming when a whole lot of people will disappear.** But, my friend, be assured, there are answers!

To give you an idea of What will happen on that fateful day, I want to commence this subject with a **description in story form.**

THE COMING DISAPPEARANCE



ASHA'S face was pale and anguished as she entered the pilot's cabin of the 767. **"Captain,"** she blurted. **"They are not here!** We have searched the whole plane thoroughly. Hostess Nirmala and the old man - both have completely disappeared."

"Impossible! It's impossible for anyone to disappear from a plane unless a door or a panel has blown off! " the Pilot retorted. "You've been drinking."

"We have not been drinking!" Asha fumed. "And the old man's wife is hysterical. " "Then check the whole plane again!"

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STEPHEN and Paula watched their television - the news was being relayed by a familiar reader. "The Middle East peace process has seen a major breakthrough today as Dr.....

The sentence was cut short. Stephen stared at the screen the announcer's seat suddenly appeared empty. He had vanished. "Where is he?" someone in the studio called out. Then a great commotion broke out.

Stephen sat upright. "Paula, what gives?" he exclaimed. There was no answer. He glanced in his wife's direction. **"Paula where are you?"**

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RAJU waited impatiently for his train ticket. The attendant had accepted his money. The queue behind Raju became agitated. **"What's holding us up?"**

Raju shrugged angrily. "The fellow was there a couple of minutes ago. He seems to have disappeared."

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“Stop the car!” Sheila shrieked. **“Kevin, stop the car!”**

“What’s wrong?” Kevin asked, pulling to a halt.

“Where’s Shanta? She's not here. She’s gone!”

“What!” Kevin gasped, and slammed on the brakes. “How’s that? The doors are still locked!”

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The police sergeant rushed into his superior’s room.

“Sir, the prisoner has escaped.”

“What!” the officer exclaimed, jumping up, “Which one?”

“The robber - the one who has become religious over the last few weeks.”

“How has he escaped?”

“It’s a mystery, sir. His prison cell is still locked.”

“There must be an accomplice. Alert the force!”

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Mary wept as she caught sight of the coffin at the side of the grave. It carried the body of her father. He had been a godly church elder.

Her brother took her arm as they drew near to the front. The service was brief and the minister concluded with condolences to the bereaved family and friends.

As he closed, he invited those who wished, to have a last glimpse of the body of their departed loved one.

The lid of the casket was removed. The minister stared with alarm, **into an empty box** - there were only a few clothes in it.

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It was 7 p.m. when Grace reached home from work, “Mother,” she called, “I’m home.” There was no answer.

Grace could smell something burning. She followed her nose to the kitchen. Smoke was belching forth from a pot on the stove.

“Mother,” she cried loudly. **“Where are you?”**

There was no answer!

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Rajender rushed into the Rai's house. Bena was looking worried as she met him at the door. "Oh, Rajender!" she gasped, "I thought you were James he's very late. Have you seen him?"

"No, I haven't, Bena. But I was wondering if my wife was down here?"

"No, Rajender. I saw Esther this afternoon. She was going home to cook something special for you tonight!"

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Kurian turned the radio on. "Must listen to the news," he said to himself. "You don't know what may happen these days."

"This is All-India Radio. The News; read by Loti Ratnam. Mysterious events have taken place this after- noon. Reports from many cities of India tell of the mysterious disappearance of people from all over the country. There has been an alarming number of accidents, and it is believed that the accidents have been caused mostly by the disappearance of drivers from cars and other vehicles a note just handed to me says:

'Reports of missing people have been received from many other countries. There have been sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects in a number of places, and this has given rise to **speculation that an invasion of flying saucers may have kidnapped many unfortunate people**. Investigations are under way, and reports will be given regularly over these stations. People are urged to remain calm, and to notify a local police reporting room in cases of missing relatives' .

" A shudder went through Kurian. As soon as the news report was finished, he switched off the radio. He grabbed his phone and dialed his parents on his smart phone. He breathed heavily into the mouthpiece, wishing it would answer. But it didn't.

"My God," he sighed. **"It can't be!"**

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Mrs. Mohanty was out of breath as she pushed her weight against the door bell at Pastor Jonathan Masih's residence. She waited impatiently for a few seconds, and then pushed the bell again. After what seemed an age, the door slowly opened, and Pastor Masih smiled at her.



"Oh, thank God, Pastor! You're still here! I was afraid that you might have gone too." "Gone? No, no, my dear gone where?" "Pastor, haven't you heard the news?"

"News? No. I've been working diligently all day on my message about the new world religion."

"Pastor there's thousands of people missing."

"Missing? Impossible!"

"It's true. It's on the T.V. I thought it might have been the the... what do they call it? The Rap...?"

"The Rapture? haw, haw," the pastor laughed. "Haw, haw. See, Mrs. Mohanty, **we** are still here. How would God leave us behind? Haw, haw, haw."

"Then where could they have gone?"

"There must be some explanation. Don't worry too much."

"How awful. I was so afraid... **Where is Mrs. Masih?"**

"I don't know. She hasn't come home yet.... She's never this late though she must have been delayed somewhere ...

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"By 10 p.m., Rajender Singh was near to collapse because of anxiety, and pacing the house, and the street. There was no sign of Esther. Asha, his daughter, filled with fear, had raced off to find her boyfriend, leaving Rajender alone.

He kept tuned in to the TV. Every news report was worse than the one before.

By 10 pm the newsreader's voice was animated. "This has been a **day of tragedies**," he cried. "Not only have tens of thousands of people disappeared from all around the globe, but a great number of accidents have occurred.

The roads of some cities are littered with wrecked vehicles; and yet, the strange thing is that many of the cars have been found empty. Several plane crashes, and a number of train accidents have occurred.

"The Prime Minister has called for calm, so that we may face this emergency together.

"The one good news of the day," the reader continued, "is that there has been a breakthrough in the Middle East peace process. In Geneva, **Dr. Arttur Xerxes** has been acclaimed for his role in bringing about a treaty that has now been signed by Israel and most of the Arab nations.

"The leaders of Europe, the United States, Russia, as well as the United Nations have pledged to back a **Middle East peace treaty** which will last for an initial seven years. The Secretary-General of the United Nations has applauded Dr Arttur Xerxes, and says the treaty would guarantee peace in West Asia, and the world. This will lead to a **New World Order**.

"Dr. Xerxes has been heralded as the Foremost Planetary Citizen, and he will address the United Nations in just under one hour from now. Direct broadcasts may be heard over this network, at 12 o'clock tonight."

The normal radio and TV programs were cancelled, and All-India Radio and all TV channels continued the commentary on the events of the day.

An orgy of violence had broken out in many cities, and a pall of anxiety was pervading homes everywhere. The streets were filled, even late in the night, with cars and other vehicles rushing to and fro, as people tried to check up on their relatives. The reckless panic of many people has led to countless multiple

pile-ups on the highways. It was as if a **new, crazed “force”** had suddenly been “unleashed” in the world.

At about 11:30, Rajender Singh’s phone rang, He jumped at it. It was his son, ringing from Brussels.

“Dad,” he said, “I’ve been trying for hours to get you. Communications are jammed everywhere. Be sure to listen to the UN broadcast tonight Dr. Xerxes. He’s revealed at last, I believe he’s **the expected “Master.”** The new order is beginning....Tell Mum to listen also!”

There was a break in the conversation. Rajender was silent.

“Dad,” Rajiv called, “Are you there?”

“Yes.”

“Are you alright.”

“No, I’m not.”

“Why, what’s wrong?”



“Your mother ...”

“Is she not well?”

“She’s gone.”

“Where?” “I don’t know **She’s missing! Disappeared.”**

“What!” Rajiv exclaimed. “Can’t be! No! No! Dad, we warned her about becoming involved with those Bible preachers! Anyway, don’t be too anxious! She will be ok. Dr. Xerxes will announce...”

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The phone connection was suddenly cut off. Rajender sank into his chair, and buried his head in his hands.

“What’s happening?” he cried. He felt dizzy - then he heard a rushing noise sweep through the house. His chair began to shake. The lights went out. The

whole room began to shudder. It lasted for some 30 seconds. Rajender clung to his chair in sheer terror. He could hardly pull himself to his feet.

“Earthquake ...” he groaned.

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Rajender staggered out into the street. People from the neighbour’s homes were huddled in groups, jabbering with shock and fear. Down the street, one group was wailing.

A neighbour identified Rajender in the eerie darkness.

“How’s your family, Raj ender? Anyone hurt?”

“Don’t know. I was alone in the house.”

“What about your wife?”

“I don’t know where she is.”

“She didn’t come home?”

“No. . . I’m scared she is one of those who have disappeared.”

“Can’t be, Rajender! Things like that don’t happen to ordinary folk like us. She’ll come back, for sure. Don’t think the worst.”

“Is your family okay, David?”

“Yes, but maybe we had better go up the street in case any help is needed.”

“Sorry,” Rajender said. “I haven’t got the strength.”

But before he could find a place to sit, a strange noise zoomed towards them, and the whole street began to shake. People began screaming, **as buildings started to collapse.**

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In New Delhi, Kurian hunched in front of the TV. The news coming through told of tragedy after tragedy. And yet, interspersed amongst the tragic reports, there was the lauding of the 7-year peace treaty, and **“the hope”** that Dr. Arttur Xerxes was presenting to the world.

The news of the major earthquake which struck Bombay that night brought terror into Kurian’s heart. His parents were living there - but he had not been able to contact them, although he had kept calling. Where were they? Had they been hurt or killed in the earthquake? Or had they also disappeared with so many others?

Kurian feared the dreaded possibility that the **Great Tribulation** was beginning. He had heard about it since childhood. His parents had warned him of it, and had urged him to be ready for **the return of Jesus Christ**.

And more recently, after it was announced that “the Master — the Christ of all religions,” was soon to be revealed on radio and television networks worldwide, Kurian’s parents had written to him again, warning of the coming **Antichrist**.

The question in Kurian’s mind was, “**Is Dr. Arttur Whatever-his-name-is, the Antichrist**, who would become a ruthless world dictator?”

Kurian had always kept telling himself, and his parents, that it was all supposition. Nothing of the sort would happen.

But now Kurian was intent on hearing the midnight broadcast. He was one of the several billion people all around the world who were tuned in **to hear and see Dr. Xerxes**. The message was being instantly translated into hundreds of languages. In India the broadcast would be heard in all main languages.



On the dot of midnight, the radio and television announced: “This is the **United Nations**, broadcasting to all nations. Ladies and Gentlemen; the Secretary-General, Mr Koshi Haman:”

“Fellow Citizens of Planet Earth. It , , has been a most momentous day in the history of our Planet. It has been one of both tragedy and triumph.

“While an alarming number of calamities have been striking the world, and many people are reported as missing, a new spirit of confidence has been created through the tremendous breakthrough in the Middle East peace process. We, the **planetary citizens** of the world are now at a stage - for the first time in human history - where we can truly call each other, “**brothers.**”

“We are now able to march forward together and to create a truly durable and benevolent **new world order**. This glorious prospect has become possible through the divine qualities, the spiritual intelligence, and the dynamic leadership of one great man of destiny.

“For centuries, the world has awaited such a man. Today we welcome him; we acclaim him, for it is his presence in our midst that has saved the world from a nuclear holocaust. And we believe he will also save us from our many other troubles. Fellow-citizens, I present to you, **DR. ARTTUR XERXES.**”

Television cameras zoomed in on the man who had so suddenly come into prominence. Dr. Xerxes stood on the dais of the United Nations General Assembly.

“Citizens of Planet Earth,” he said, “I greet you in the name of Peace. You are brothers and fellow-citizens of a great civilization - one that will truly become far greater in the days ahead.

“In view of the power invested in me - a servant of the Most High, and a servant of all humanity, I assure you that the time has arrived for man to drink of the waters of Aquarius, and to experience life in abundance - a life of peace, joy, equality, and security.

“Together, we can build a new world where war is a thing of the past, where exploitation is unnecessary, where children do not starve, and where the natural resources of the planet are not squandered selfishly, and where the beauties of our planet are experienced and enjoyed by all.

“Today the **powers of darkness** have thrown their weight against the new order, seeking to create a spirit of fear and confusion. But such powers, I assure you, will be defeated. Knowing they have already been condemned, they have attempted to assert themselves in a final resistance to the **new world** that you and I are called to create.

“I offer my sincere, brotherly condolences to all who have been bereaved this day. I pray to God that His peace will surround you. And I ask you not to give up hope, and not to be afraid. The powers that are working against us will be destroyed by the superior power that is residing in every one of us.” Kurian’s eyes were glued to the TV as Dr. Xerxes continued his message, promising

hope, solutions, and a new world. His words appealed to Kurian, who sat **mesmerized by the charismatic personality of this illuminated “man.”**

“How could this man be the Antichrist?

“ Kurian asked himself.

“Antichrist will be evil, according to what they say. But this man is he’s **too good.**”



THE COMING WORLDWIDE RAPTURE

This short story above gives glimpses into the climatic event that is scheduled to happen in the near future. Millions of people are going to disappear. Tragedies are going to strike the earth; and a world dictator, who at first will seem to be a “saviour,” **will come** onto the world stage.

As much as I would love to continue writing the above scenario as a novel, I must now turn to the evidence, and show you the hard facts that have caused me to write this booklet.

Some people may say I’m simply writing **fiction**. But I assure you **that there is a coming event when millions of people will disappear**. This event is called **“The Rapture,” and it is not fictitious!**

You have probably heard of cases of people who have **gone missing**. Some people have simply “disappeared”; some have been abducted, kidnapped, or murdered; others have disappeared due to a calamity, and some people have made a decision to “run away and hide” — to get away from intolerable circumstances — and have “disappeared.”

When you read the statistics of missing persons, it is quite disturbing. And you may have heard accounts of people being abducted by UFOs — “flying saucers” — which seem to be real, but could be fictitious. But the event that I want to tell you about, is called, “The Rapture” and it is **not fiction**. It has not happened yet, but **it is ahead**.

And the following information I share here, with you, I emphasize, is not based on what anyone may have imagined; but it is based on the prophetic passages in the **Holy Bible**.



(Let me add here, dear reader, that I have no motive Whatever in Writing this message except to share the Biblical revelation of what is ahead, with you!)

Some readers may ask

“CAN WE RELY ON WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS?”

Yes! Absolutely! The Bible is the most sifted, analyzed, and minutely examined manuscript in the World.

The Bible is an ancient historical book that has survived thousands of years, in spite of the concerted efforts of Whole empires to destroy it.

Many highly learned men have examined the Bible with the intention of proving it false. They have failed, but through their diligent study of the Book, they have been convinced of its accuracy and its message, and they have been **converted to its defence**.

The Bible’s greatest defence is in its internal content. The message of the Bible speaks into the hearts and minds of sincere readers, and it has brought **light** and **salvation** to hundreds of millions of people around the globe.

From the original Hebrew and Greek scriptures, the Bible has been copied and translated into more than 2,500 languages — it's the most translated book in the world. And Work is going on to translate the message into the rest of the world’s languages.

As well as being an **historical book**, the Bible is a highly **prophetic revelation**. About **one third of the Bible** consists of prophetic writings. Hundreds of the prophecies have been fulfilled in precise detail over the centuries. Many are being fulfilled right now, While a large number of prophecies are to be fulfilled in the “end times.”

More than 200 Old Testament prophecies regarding the Messiah were fulfilled in the **life of Y'shua** the Messiah (Jesus Christ). And many prophecies that Jesus Himself spoke, including those about His own suffering, death and resurrection, were fulfilled exactly.

And more than **300 prophecies in the Old and New Testaments**, that tell of **Messiah's second coming** are now lining up for fulfilment. The Bible is very much a **spiritual message** — it is far more than a book of interesting stories, historical events and teachings. It's **God's message**, and it **breathes life** into the sincere soul who reads and believes. While the Scriptures are quite understandable in a first reading, there are parts that are deeper and that need closer attention. A study of the depths of the teachings are amazing and rewarding. The **teaching** in this small booklet I am writing, is based on that **reliable, life-breathing book, The Bible**. Now let's look at how the Bible answers the question

WHAT IS "THE RAPTURE"?

The word "Rapture" is not found in the English Bible. But "rapture" is a very suitable word to describe the coming rapturous event. The word Rapture comes from the Latin word *rapere*, and it relates to the expression "**caught up**" in 1 Thessalonians 4:17.

This is not a new teaching or imagination. Let's look at the teaching of Y'shua the Messiah (Jesus Christ). He said to His disciples:

"Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's House are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you, for I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again and receive you to Myself**, so that you also may be where I am. " (John 14:1-3)

This "coming again" is amplified in another prophecy where Paul explains that not all believers are going to die, but all believers will be caught up into the realm called Heaven, in **transformed** bodies. Paul writes;

"We do not want you to be uninformed, brethren . . . The Master, Jesus Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. Then the dead in Christ - those

who died in union with the Messiah - shall rise first. **Then we, the living believers who remain, will simultaneously be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Master in the air.** And so we will be with the Master forever. Therefore comfort and encourage one another with these Words." (I Thessalonians 4:13-18).



So it is clear, **the catching up of living believers takes place at the same time as the resurrection of believers who have already died.** This is the rapturous event. (I'll discuss what is meant by "believers" shortly.)

HOW CAN THIS HAPPEN?

But the question you may be asking right now is, "How can that happen; how can people be literally caught up in the clouds without suffocating?"

Well, let's look first at this account of how Jesus was caught up into heaven.

"When He (Jesus) had spoken these things, while they watched, **He was caught up**, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they were looking intently into the sky as He went up, they saw two men in white clothing standing beside them; and they said:

"Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into the sky? **This same Jesus**, who has been taken up from you into Heaven, **will come back in just the same way** as you have seen Him go into Heaven'." (Acts 1:9-11)

The ascension of Jesus, which occurred 40 days after His resurrection, was a prototype of the rapture of His people. Jesus ascended in His **resurrection** body. Likewise believers will be caught up on the appointed day, in newly transformed, or "resurrection bodies."

THE MYSTERY REVEALED

Paul, to whom God revealed many deep spiritual truths, explains:

“Listen! I tell you **a mystery, a secret truth**; we who are true followers of *Jesus Christ*, will not all fall asleep, (*that is - die*); **but we will all be changed**, transformed - in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for **the trumpet will sound**, the dead *in Christ* will be raised incorruptible and imperishable, and **we, also, will be changed - transformed.**

“For this corruptible, *the perishable part of us*, must put on incorruption, and this mortal *part of us - that is capable of dying*, must put on immortality.”

(I Corinthians 15:51-54. Amplified)

Paul was not using figurative, allegorical or poetical language in this explanation. He had already said, “We do **not** want you to be uninformed.” He wanted to make it clear and literal.

The instantly-transformed bodies of believers enables them to be caught up into the clouds, to meet the Master, and then to enter into the heavenly city with Him.

Many scriptures tell about the Return of the Messiah, and they reveal that this Second Coming comprises several main events —

- * the **Rapture** of Believers,
- * the **Great Tribulation** which brings about the **judgment of the nations**,
- * the **Descent of Christ** (the Messiah), to establish the **Kingdom of God on Earth** - a 1,000-year reign of the Messiah in righteousness,
- * the **Destruction of Satan**, the Prince of Darkness and the forces of evil.

A FEW OF THE PROPHECIES CONCERNING THE RETURN OF CHRIST

Jesus, speaking from heaven said:

“Look! **I am coming quickly**, and My reward is with Me, to give to everyone according to what he has done.” (Revelation 22:12)

“If you will not wake up, **I will come like a thief**, and you will have no idea as to the hour I will come upon you.” (Revelation 3:3)

“The sign of **the Son of Man, Jesus, will appear in the sky**, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see **the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky** with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a loud trumpet call and they will gather together His chosen people from the four winds, even from one end of the heavens to the other.” (Matthew 24:30-31)

“Then will they see **the Son of Man coming** in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these things begin to take place, straighten yourselves and lift up your heads, because **your redemption is drawing near.**” (Luke 21:27-28)

Paul exhorts believers to

“... live sensible upright and godly lives in this present age, awaiting and looking for the blessed hope - **the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour, Y'shua the Messiah.**” (Titus 2:12-13)

“Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied ‘Behold, **the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of His holy ones, to execute judgment upon all**, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him’.” (Jude 14-15)

So for all people today, there is either

TRAGIC NEWS or GOOD NEWS !

We can already hear of much tragic news around the world today, but so far, that is just a foretaste. The Lord Jesus said:

“There will be **GREAT TRIBULATION**, such as has **never occurred** since the beginning of the world until now; and there will be **nothing like it again.**” (Matthew 24:21)

But the **GOOD NEWS** is for those who have received Jesus as their Saviour, and have entrusted their lives and future to Him. The Saviour tells these people — those who **believe in Him**:

“Because you have believed and kept the word of My endurance, **I also will keep you from “the hour” of trial which is about to come upon the whole world**, to try those who live on the earth.” (Revelation 3:10)

Yes, **the Master will save His people** from the coming Tribulation holocaust, **by escorting them to the Heavenly place** that He has prepared for them. “In My Father’s House are many mansions.”

The apostle Peter speaks of the living assurance a believer has:

It’s “**an inheritance** which can never perish, cannot be corrupted or fade away, and that is **kept safe in heaven for you.**” (1 Peter 1:4)

Now to the question....

“WHAT DO WE MEAN BY “BELIEVER”?



A believer means, of course, one who believes. But someone who believes that **on Mars there are elephants that can fly**, does not fit into the Bible definition

of believer. And to believe does not simply mean to believe there is “a God out there somewhere.”

A **true believer** believes that **Y’shua, Jesus, is the one and only Saviour, the Son of the Almighty God, who came to earth to seek and to save the lost, and who, to that end, gave His life as a ransom to save all who call on His Name.**

As the Scripture says:

“In the beginning Was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word Was God. He was with God in the beginning before all time. All things came into being through Him; and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being

“**The Word became flesh** (incarnate, human), and dwelt among us. He came to His own, but His own did not receive Him. But to all who have received Him, to those who **believe in His Name, Y’shua/Jesus**, He gave the right to become **children of God.**” (John 1: 1-3,14,11-12)

“For there is **one God, (Yahweh), and one mediator between God and men - the Man, Y’shua the Messiah (Jesus Christ)**, who gave Himself as **a RANSOM for us all.**” (1 Timothy 2:5-6)

Apostle Paul says:

“For the revelation I received, I passed on to you as of the first importance, that **the Messiah died for our sins on the cross**, according to the Scriptures, and that **He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day** according to the Scriptures.” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)



“For YHWH, the Almighty **God so loved the world, that He gave His one-and-only eternal Son, so that Whoever believes in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.** For God did not send the Son into the

world to judge and condemn the world; but so **that the world might be saved through Him.** “ (John 3;16-17)

“What must I do to be saved?” “Believe in the Master, Y'shua the Messiah and you will be saved.” (Acts 16:31)

“If you confess with your mouth Y'shua as LORD, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, **you will be saved**; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he **confesses**, resulting in salvation. For the Scripture says, whoever **believes in Him** will not be disappointed.” (Romans 10:9-11)

TO BELIEVE then, is to believe in your heart and mind, that **Jesus is Saviour and Lord**; that you **trust** in Him, **receive** Him, and **own Him** as your own. **You embrace Him and give your life to Him, and follow Him.**

The result of this response is that **you are saved** — **your sins are forgiven** and you become **a child of God**; you receive **a new life — an everlasting spiritual life** — **which means a “passport” to Heaven** — and the **promise** that the Saviour will **welcome you** into His Presence, either at the Rapture, or through death, whichever comes first.

ONE DIED THAT MANY MIGHT LIVE?

Another question you may ask is, How could **one Man** (Jesus) die for the sins of the **whole world — billions of people?** The answer is in the reality that **Jesus was the Righteous One**, who gave His sinless life as a **ransom** for all mankind (1 Timothy 2:5-6).

His cruel death on the cross was the price paid to satisfy the **righteousness and justice of the holy God** -- for “the wages of sin is death.” (Romans 6:23).

To help understand the value of the life of **Jesus the Messiah**: . . . Imagine, a **well-respected King** who was captured by **terrorists** who demanded the release of a **million of their imprisoned comrades in exchange** for the life of one man - **the king**. The king's government agreed — **because their king was so greatly valued.**

In this case, a MILLION were released to free ONE.

In another case, God gave **His one and only divine Son**, so that millions of us could be released from the bondage of Satan, and to begin a new life!

In this case, ONE died to release MILLIONS.

“All of us like sheep have gone astray. Each of us has turned to his own way, but **Yahweh has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him — Y'shua the Holy Sacrifice.**” (Isaiah 53:6)

So Y'shua, Jesus the Messiah, paid the price of our salvation, and “not only for ours, but also **for the sins of the whole world.**” (1 John 2:2)

And here is a **simple truth**, my dear reader: **the Messiah loved you so much, that He was willing to suffer to save you from the penalty of all your sins - so that He might save you from eternal darkness and remorse.**

God does not overlook your sins, or sweep them under a carpet. But as Christ has paid the full penalty for our sins on the cross, God is Willing to forgive and to cleanse your life, and to make you into a new person. But for all who reject God's free pardon, there is no forgiveness and no blessed future.

The **result** of sin is not merely **physical** death.

The ultimate penalty for all sinners who have not received the forgiveness of their sins, is eternal expulsion from the Presence of God. They are expelled into the distant recesses of the darkness of eternal hell. And that is not a place Where people enjoy anything!

IT'S SHEER HELL !!

But **the LORD does not want anyone to perish.** He wants everyone to come to repentance, to receive His pardon, and to live with Him in Heaven. But **every person's decision determines his eternal destination.**



**JESUS IS THE WAY,
THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE**

(John 14:6)

The blood of this “Lamb of God” was shed on the cross; and this means, **His life Was poured out for you**. His SACRIFICE and DEATH is the basis of His provision of LIFE for you.

“For when we were still weak, the Messiah at the right time died for the ungodly but God demonstrates His own love for us, in that **while we were still sinners, the Messiah died for us**,” (Romans 5:6, 8)

Yes, the love of Yahweh found a Way, both to **forgive** men their sins, and to **cleanse** them from every dark spot.

“... the blood of Y’shua, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.” (1 John 1:7)

“**The Messiah died for sins once and for all**, the Righteous on behalf of the unrighteous, **to bring us to God**. He was put to death in the body, but was **brought to life** by the Spirit.” (1 Peter 3:18)

The fact that **Jesus rose from the dead** is an essential part of faith in Him. **He is alive!** If He were still dead, we would be left With nothing more than the teachings of a dead prophet. No! **Our Saviour is alive for evermore!**

If salvation seems complicated, or too good to believe, **the first** thing to understand is

HOW CAN YOU HAVE YOUR SINS FORGIVEN?

- * Not by trying to **pay** for them.
- * Not by having an **argument** with God about them.
- * Not by **continuing** in them.
- * Not by **promising** to try to do better.
- * Not by endless **remorse** and tears.
- * Not by **praying to idols, to saints, or to Mary**.
- * Not by **enlisting others to help** you get your sins removed.

**NO! It’s by simply trusting Y’shua (Jesus)
to be your own personal Saviour.**

The Scripture emphasizes that forgiveness is through **faith in the Messiah**.

“Of Him (Y’shua) all the prophets bear witness that through **His Name**, every one who **believes in Him has received forgiveness of sins.**” (Acts 10:43)

(The opposite is also true — every one who does NOT believe in Him, does NOT receive forgiveness of sins.)

“Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this One, **forgiveness of sins** is proclaimed to you, and **through Him** everyone who **believes** is **declared righteous** - justified from all things, from which you could not be justified through the Law of Moses.” (Acts 13:38-39)

“... and you shall call His name **Y’shua (which means, Yahweh is Salvation)**, for He will save His people from their sins.” (Matthew 1:21)

King David knew the forgiveness that is available to sinners; and he experienced it:

“I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide. I said, **‘I will confess my transgressions to Yahweh’**; and You, yes, **You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**” (Psalm 32:5)

The **second thing** to understand is ..

YOU NEED TO BE RECONCILED TO GOD

As the apostle Paul Wrote:

“God was personally present in the Messiah **reconciling** the world to Himself, not counting men's trespasses against them; and He has committed to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore we are ambassadors for Messiah; its as though God was right here personally appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of the Messiah; **be reconciled to God!**” (2 Corinthians 5:19-20. Amplified)

How to be reconciled? It’s like when, after you had a fall out with a friend, you finally came around and decided you wanted to be friends with him again. You went to your friend, and asked for forgiveness and for his friendship again. And you were reconciled!

And we need to do like that to be reconciled to our Almighty God. As sinners, we come to Him with our broken heart, and **sincerely pray to Him**, expressing

faith, our trust, in Him, and asking Him to save us, and to take over our lives. And then, by God's provision for us through Jesus the Messiah, we can know His **forgiveness** and be **reconciled** to Him. And that is **salvation**! And it can happen in your life today **if you come to Him!**

Wherever you are, my dear reader, God sees exactly what is going on in your heart and mind. He is Waiting for you to respond to His invitation and saving grace. SO do call to Him without delay!

Here is a prayer that may help you to express yourself Read it through first, and if you are ready for this decision, then pray it sincerely.

DECISION PRAYER



Heavenly Father,

I come to You just as I am - a sinner, and ' confess that I have sinned against others, I have sinned against myself, and most of all, I have sinned against You.

I realize I am in darkness, O God, and that I am in great danger of being expelled from Your Presence forever. I know I deserve to be cast out, but I believe You can, and are Willing to save me.

I believe, Y'shua, Lord Jesus, that You are the Saviour of all who believe in You.

I believe You died for me and that You rose again to be my Saviour and Master. I trust You for the forgiveness of my sins. I believe You are the Light, and I ask You to shine into my heart, right now, and drive out the darkness.

My Saviour, I give my life to You, and by Your grace, I will follow You from this day on. Please come into my life and make me a new person; make me Your true disciple. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit, and set me free from my sinful habits.

I trust You, Master, to keep me in Your hands until You come again to receive me to Yourself.

Thank You Father for hearing my prayer. Thank You Master, Jesus, for taking my sins away. Thank You for coming into my heart, and for saving me this day.

Thank You, my Father, and my Saviour. Amen.

Signed Date

(Please keep your signed decision prayer with you!)

If you have prayed to the Heavenly Father, and received Y'shua as your Saviour today, would you also drop me a line so that I might rejoice with you, and pray for you. And I'll send you a booklet to help you in your new life. It's called **THE WAY — LESSONS FOR NEW BELIEVERS**.

Write to:

Bro. Don Stanton,

Maranatha Revival Crusade,

at your closest MRC address. (see inside front cover)

In the meantime, for your guidance, here are . . .

A FEW INSTRUCTIONS

New believer, new child of God, here are a few instructions to help you grow in your new spiritual life:

1 **Obtain a Bible and Study it**. Let it be your daily food.

2 **Pray** to the Heavenly Father, and **walk in fellowship** with Y'shua your Master; talk to Him, regularly. Develop your **prayer life**, and learn to worship your Heavenly Master.

3 **Witness**, that is, **tell others about your Saviour**.

4 **Have regular fellowship** with other believers, and become established in a **Bible-believing church or fellowship**. Don't try to live your new life all by yourself. You **need** brotherly friendship with believers.

5 **Be baptized**, and take a **public stand** for your Master.

6 **Keep your eyes on your Saviour**. Put Him first in your life. Always seek to be obedient to His Word.

7 **Always remember** that your Heavenly Master has promised to come again, to **take His people to the Heavenly Home. And you are now included in "the saved."**

8 Now dear believer, as you **learn** more and **grow** in our new faith in Christ (the Messiah), **seek to share what you have learned with others**. All around us there are souls who are lost, and unless they come to faith in the Saviour, they will be lost for eternity.

9 There will be **trials** and **spiritual battles** ahead, but "fear not! **"Be strong and courageous!** Do not be afraid or discouraged, for Yahweh your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

**WHEN WILL
THE RAPTURE
TAKE PLACE ?**



The date of His coming we have not been told.

While still on earth, Y'shua said: "The exact day and hour (of My return) no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only My Father." (Matthew 24:36)

But He also said that **when we see "all these things" happening**, we are to recognize that His return is near, and He is "right at the door." (Matthew 24:33)

“Be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Master is coming **Be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not expect Him.** “ (Matthew 24:42, 44)

Although we don't know **the date**, Y'shua did say there would be **signs that would indicate His return is near.** “

The days before the coming of the Son of Man will be just like **the days of Noah**. For as in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and **they did not understand** until the flood came and took them all away. It will be like that at the coming of the Son of Man.” (Matthew 24:37-39)

In Noah's day, the people were living as though nothing was going to happen. But more than that, in those days :

“The earth was **corrupt** in God's sight; the earth was **full of violence**. God saw how corrupt the earth had become; for all humanity on the earth had corrupted its ways. Then God said to Noah, ‘The end of all people has now come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them. **Watch! I am about to destroy them along with the earth’.**” (Genesis 6:11-13)

Now! Is our present alarming **CORRUPTION** and **VIOLENCE** pointing to the Rapture? Yes ✓

There will be **moral and economic collapse** and **anarchy in society.** (James 5:1-3)

“In the last days **perilous times** will come, for **men will be lovers of self**, (utterly self-centred), **lovers of money, boastful, arrogant** (proud), **blasphemers, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy** (profane), **without natural affection**, (callous and inhuman), **unloving, unforgiving**, irreconcilable, malicious gossips (slanderers), without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, **treacherous, reckless, conceited** (traitors, headstrong, haughty), lovers of **sensual pleasures** rather than lovers of God; holding to a form of godliness (spiritual life), although they have denied its power.” (2 Timothy 3:1-5)

There will be massive **pollution** and **poisoning of the rivers and seas — a degrading of the environment.** (see Revelation 8:7-11. 16:3-5)

Other signs pointing to the **approaching end of the present age** include:

“**Nation will rise against nation**, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be mighty and violent **earthquakes** in various places, and **plagues**, (*pestilences, malignant, contagious or infectious diseases, and deadly, devastating epidemics*), and **famines**; and there will be **terrors and great signs from heaven.**’

“And there will be **signs in the sun and moon and stars**, and upon earth **despair among nations**, with perplexity at the **roaring and tossing of the sea (cyclones and tsunamis)**. Men's hearts will faint from terror, being apprehensive of what is coming upon the world; for the very powers of the heavens will be shaken.” (Luke 21:11, 25-26)

The Bible tells also of the **stars (asteroids)** battering the earth. (Revelation 6:13)

There’s also the **restoration of Israel** as a nation foretold (which we witnessed in 1948); and the preparation for a **world war with the epicentre being Jerusalem.**

The prophecies describe a climatic **Arab-Israel war**; and also the alignment of nations at the endtime, including, for example, the **Confederation of Russia, Iran, Turkey** along with several other nations. A **nuclear holocaust** is also implied in prophecy (Ezekiel 29:9-12). This will come during the world war, in the first half of the Tribulation.

Can you see these things happening, or the conditions for these things being prepared today? Yes ✓

And can you see the preparations for a **one world government, a one world economic system, and a one world religion?** And with all that, the way opening for the rise of a **world dictator** - like the fictitious Dr Arttur Xerxes in our introduction.

The world **will** wonder at this **rising star** as he is revealed on global TV, and they will begin to worship him. The Bible refers to him as the Beast, the

Antichrist and the “Man of Sin.” And this is scheduled to take place during the Great Tribulation.

“The whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast; and they worshipped the dragon, because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshipped the beast saying, ‘Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him ‘? (Revelation 13:3-4)

Undoubtedly
“the Man of Sin“ is active behind the scenes today, waiting for his dramatic **revealing** - the event that will signal the beginning of “the Day of the LORD” — the period of seven years which could be called “**Hell on earth.**“

THE BELIEVER IS NOT DESTINED TO SUFFER THE TRIBULATION WRATH

Y’shua promises His people:

“Because you have kept the word of My endurance, **I also will keep you from the hour of trial** which is about to come upon the whole world, to try those who live on the earth.” (Revelation 3:10)

Again, He says to His people:

“Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me **I will come again and receive you to Myself**, so that you also may be where I am.” (John 14:1-3)

Paul says:

“... you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead - Y’shua, **the One who is delivering us from the Wrath that is coming.**” (1 Thessalonians 1:9-10)



KEEP LOOKING UP !

Many, many believers around the world are keenly and patiently expecting and awaiting the Master's imminent return. And as they wait, they are **preparing** for that rapturous day when they will meet their Saviour face to face. Listen to these words of the Scripture.

The apostle John presents the Rapture as a **purifying truth**, and it becomes ever more purifying, as our expectation of the imminent return increases.

“... when He appears, we shall be like Him, **for we shall see Him just as He is**. And every one who has this hope fixed on Him, **purifies himself**, just as He is pure.” (1 John 3:2-3)

You may ask, **How can WE purify ourselves? Isn't it Jesus who cleanses us from sin? True!**

“If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Y'shua the Messiah, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.” (1 John 1:7)

To “purify ourselves” means we choose to exercise a positive response to our Master, as He works to deliver us from evil. The apostles teach what our response should be in the following verses.

James says: “**Establish your hearts**, for the coming of the Master is **near**.” (James 5:8)

John says: “**Abide and continue in Him**, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.” (1 John 2:28)

Paul says: “... **live sensible** (self-controlled), **upright and godly lives** in this present age, **awaiting and looking for the blessed expectation** - the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour, Y'shua the Messiah.” (Titus 2:12-13)

Paul says: “**Let us not sleep** as others do, but let us **be alert and sober . . . For God has not destined us to suffer His wrath, but to receive salvation through our Master, Y’shua the Messiah.** “ (1 Thessalonians 5:6,9)



THE TIME IS NEAR !

Peter says: “YHWH is not slow concerning His promise but is patient toward you **But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, so what kind of people should you be, in holy and godly behaviour as you look forward to and earnestly desire the Day of God?**” (2 Peter 3:9, 10-12)

These are all important exhortations **for all disciples of the Messiah** in these times! Be ready for the return of the King of Kings.

Now to conclude this booklet, let me answer another question that may be on your mind

WHAT IS AHEAD ACCORDING TO BIBLE PROPHECIES?

Here is a line-up of coming **endtime events**, (in brief).

* **THE TROUBLESOME TIMES** that we already witness and experience, will increase and worsen, right up until.....



* **THE RAPTURE** when the Lord catches up His people and takes them to His Heavenly Home. The world will be left in confusion and fear because of the people who have **Gone Missing**.



* **THE MAN OF SIN** will be revealed the Antichrist, the Beast. He will calm the people as he offers false explanations for the disappearance. He will be accepted initially as a man of peace, and acclaimed as the “**man for the time**” who can “hold the world together.”

* **A SEVEN-YEAR TREATY**, crafted by the Antichrist, will be signed by many nations.

* **THE 7-YEAR GREAT TRIBUATION** then begins with a ..



* **PEACE MOVEMENT** following the Treaty. (The rider on the white horse of Revelation 6:2, holds a bow of peace, and deceives the nations.)

* **TWO WITNESSES**, appointed by God, will begin a dynamic preaching ministry in Jerusalem.



* **SEVEN SEALS** of a book in Heaven will be broken, and one by one conditions and judgments begin on earth — a **peace move**, followed by **world war, famine, and death** - a quarter of mankind is wiped out through war, famine and pestilence. (Revelation 6)



* **THE WORLD WAR** will bring all nations into the Middle East arrayed against Israel, and against each other. The **northern army** will consist of the forces of **Russia, Iran, Turkey** and several others. The **Southern army** will be led by **Egypt and its allies**. **Eastern nations** will be led by China. The **Western army** will be led by the “Prince of Rome” — the Antichrist and his 10-nation Western confederation. The war will end with a . . .

* **NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST**. Many nations will be virtually wiped out including Egypt, much of the Arab world, the Northern Confederation, and much of China and other nations including India.

* **WIDESPREAD MARTYDOM** amongst **Jews, “Christians,”** and anyone opposed to the Beast, (Rev 6)

* **A MASSIVE EARTHQUAKE** will blacken the sun, and turn the moon red. This will be followed by an

* **UPHEAVAL IN THE SKY**, that will cause a **BOMBARDMENT OF EARTH BY ASTEROIDS** and/ or **COMETS**. (Rev 6)

* **144,000 SERVANTS OF GOD**, from the 12 tribes of Israel will be selected, and sealed to protect them during their special ministry — which could be a global mission to share God’s final warning and invitation. (Rev 7)

* **A GREAT MILTITUDE** of people from all over the world will hear the message and be saved through faith in the Messiah Y’shua. (Rev 7:9-17)



* **TRUMPETS** will be given to **SEVEN ANGELS**. As they sound the trumpets one by one, judgments will occur on the earth. (Rev 8 & 9) **Hail and fire fall** and one third of the earth is smitten. A **massive mountain (asteroid)** falls into the sea which **becomes like blood, and one third of sea life die**. A **great star** falls on the **rivers** and **springs** of water, **poisoning them**. **The sun, moon and stars are smitten so that a third of their light was "blacked out."**



* **THE BOTTOMLESS PIT** (an abode of demons) will be opened, and hordes of demonic "locusts" will be released onto the earth. They torment mankind for five months. (Rev 9:1-12)

* **FOUR DEMONIC "ANGELS"** will be released who will lead an army of **200 million demonic spirits** who will slay 1/3rd of the earth's remaining population through **fire, smoke and brimstone**. (Rev 9:13-21)

* **IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TRIBULATION**, the ministry of the two witnesses who did many miracles, will come to an end. They are slain by the Beast and his forces. Their bodies will lie in the streets of Jerusalem for 3^{1/2} days. The world will rejoice because these fearful prophets were killed. But the rejoicing will turn to awe as the two witnesses **come to life**, and are **raptured - caught up to heaven** in view of the world. With these two "obstacles out of the way



* **THE ANTICHRIST (THE BEAST whose number is 666)** will establish a **New World Order** with headquarters in Israel. By this time, the whole world will have come under his control, and a **TEMPLE** will have been completed in Jerusalem. Originally designed as a Jewish "House of God," and gradually turned into a "House of Prayer for All Nations" - a satanic temple.

* **THE REIGN OF THE BEAST** will be a ruthless **satanic dictatorship for 3 ½ years.** (Rev 13:1-10).



* **THE BEAST WILL SIT ENTHRONED in the temple, claiming that he is the “GOD OF GODS.”** The False Prophet, the accomplice of the Antichrist, creates a system whereby every person must receive a **“mark of the beast “** on the fore- head or right hand. An **image of the Beast** is also created by the False Prophet - an image that can speak and prevent anyone who does not receive the mark from buying or selling.

And everyone who does not worship the Beast will be killed. TO worship the Beast is also a worship of Satan.

The image could be a super-super computer which holds knowledge about everyone on the planet.



* **AN ANGELIC MESSENGER** is , sent from God **to warn** the remaining population that **if anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark, he will be tormented with fire and brimstone forever.** (Rev 14:9-11)



* **THE WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM WILL COLLAPSE.**

(Rev 18 & James 5:1-6). Called "Babylon the Great," the whole economic system will totally collapse during the second half of the Tribulation.



* **SEVEN BOWLS OF WRATH** will be poured out on the

whole world during the second half, which will be more severe than the earlier judgments. Whoever receives the mark will be inflicted with **loathsome ulcers**. All the seas **will be turned into "blood,"** and **everything in the seas will die**. All the **rivers** likewise will be turned into "blood." (Rev.)

Then there will be **scorching heat**, followed by **darkness** that creates agony for people.

* **THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON** - a final war when the remnant armies of the Beast will gather around the Jezreel Valley in Northern Israel. God will draw them there for this War that will bring a total end to the reign of the Beast.



* **THE MESSIAH WILL DESCEND IN GREAT POWER AND GLORY** with His angelic armies, to destroy the Beast and his worldwide kingdom. (Revelation 16:12 & Rev 19:11-21)

* **THE BEAST AND THE FALSE PROPHET** will be cast alive into the Lake of Fire. (Rev 19:20)

* **AN ULTIMATE EARTHQUAKE** brings the Great Tribulation judgment to an end. (Rev 16:17)

It is the greatest earthquake ever seen on earth. **Cities collapse, islands disappear, mountains are flattened, and huge hailstones** (each weighing up to 50 kgs), **hammer the earth.**

* **SATAN, THE INSTIGATOR OF THE AGE-LONG REBELLION** against Yahweh, the Almighty, Ruler of the Universe, will be cast into the Abyss (the Bottomless Pit) for 1,000 years. Later, he will be cast into the Lake of fire and brimstone. (Rev 20:2-3, 10)

* **ALL THE “GONE MISSING” PEOPLE**, having been raptured before the Tribulation, will witness all these events from the balconies of the Heavenly City.

* **AFTER THE GREAT TRIBULATION**, Y’shua, Jesus, the King of Kings, will establish the **KINGDOM OF GOD** on earth for 1,000 years — **the Millennium**. He will restore the world — not to its corrupt condition - but to a new glorious, Garden of Eden of peace and harmony. Messiah will rule in righteousness and justice, and “the earth will be **full of the knowledge of Yahweh**, as the waters cover the sea.” (Isaiah 11:9). Amen!

* **SATAN WILL BE RELEASED** for a short time, to test the people at the end of the Millennium. Those who still have a rebellious heart, will follow the Devil, but “fire comes down from heaven to devour them.” (Revelation 20:7-9)



* **SATAN IS CAST INTO THE ETERNAL HELL** “Then the devil who deceived them was cast into the fiery lake of burning sulphur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown earlier. And they will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.” (Revelation 20:10)

* **GOD WILL CREATE NEW HEAVENS AND A NEW EARTH** that are perfect and without sin.

The “**Gone Missing people**” are so blessed as they will share in the **glorious eternal plans** God has for them.

A **final entreaty** to all who are presently alive on earth:

DON'T BE LEFT BEHIND!

Don't be LOST for ETERNITY!

TRUST in JESUS the MESSIAH, and

Be SAVED for ETERNITY!