

BUT - OF WHAT SORT?

① SOME SEE THIS AS A "FALLING AWAY"
FROM THE CHURCH - PEOPLE LEAVING
THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP - AND NO
LONGER ATTENDING -

② SOME SCHOLARS CONTEND THAT THE
DEPARTURE - IS A PHYSICAL - IS A
LITERALLY DEPARTURE OF THE CHURCH
-- THE RAPTURE -

BUT
ON 5 WE MUST UNDERSTAND THAT - ACCORDING
TO [] - THE RESTRAINER - THE HOLY SPIRIT
MUST BE TAKEN OUT - "BEFORE" THE SON
OF PERDITION - "CAN TAKE CHARCH" -

- NOTE -

[VS1-12] - "WILLIAMS TRAN" MAKES THIS
VERY CLEAR -

"AS TO THE COMING OF THE
LORD JESUS CHRIST - OUR FINAL MUSTER
BEFORE HIM - WE BEG YOU - BROTHERS -
NOT TO LET YOUR MINDS BE EASILY UNSETLED
OR - EVEN BE EXCITED - WHETHER BY
SOME MESSAGE - BY THE SPIRIT OR BY -
SOME SAYING - OR LETTER THAT IS
CLAIMED - AS COMING FROM ME -
SAYING -

THAT THE DAY OF THE LORD IS ALREADY
HERE --

DO NOT

LET ANYBODY AT ALL DECEIVE YOU
ABOUT THIS -- BECAUSE THAT CANNOT
TAKE PLACE -- UNTIL --

"THE GREAT REVOLT"
OCCURS -- AND THE REPRESENTATIVE
OF LAWLESSNESS IS "UNCOVERED"
THE ONE WHO KEEPS UP HIS OPPOSITION
AND SO FAR EXALTS

HIMSELF TO BE GOD -- HE ACTUALLY
TAKES HIS SEAT -- ABOVE EVERY SO
CALLED GOD -- OR -- OBJECT OF WORSHIP --
SO

— WHAT SORT OF FALLING AWAY — ?

③ THIS EVIL INFLUENCE -- "EFFECTS
THE WITNESS OF THE" -- SOUND
DOCTRINE -- [1 TIMOTHY 3:4]
-- "HAVING A FORM OF
GODLINESS" THAT "APOSTATE CHURCH"

THUS -- THIS FALLING AWAY -- SEEKS
TO BE A "THEOLOGICAL" DEPARTURE
-- "FROM THE FAITH"

[THE WORD REFERS TO A WIDESPREAD
APOSTASY -- THAT WILL TAKE PLACE
-- DENING GOD -- "BEFORE"

THE COMING OF THE MAN OF SIN - THIS FORETELLS A GLOBAL AND FINAL REBELLION AGAINST GOD -

- THIS WOULD MEAN -

THIS IS A "FALLING AWAY FROM TRUTH" - A TURNING AWAY FROM "GOD" AND -

- ABANDONMENT

OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH -- WITH "A RISE" OF ATHEISM - COMMUNISM - HUMANISM - AND

THE SPREAD OF FALSE "ORIENTAL RELIGIONS" - THIS SEEMS TO MARK THE FUTURE OF THE CURRENT "PUSH" THAT IS NOW HAPPENING IN THE WORLD -

THE MEDIA ARE THE TOOL AND ALLY OF ALL THOSE SUBVERSIVE FORCES IN OUR SOCIETY - FAVORING UNBRIDLED - "PERMISSIVENESS"

EVERY FORM OF MORAL DEVIATION CAN BE "ESPoused" - "IN THE SCHOOLS" - "BUT NOT" BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES -

"THE COURTS"

"TOLERATE ABORTION AND LIFESTYLES ABHORRENT TO "NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANITY" -

THE STAGE IS BEING SET - FOR THE COMING OF THE MAN OF SIN -

FAR FROM

BEING - PRE-RAPTURE "HOLY SPIRIT" - "REVIVAL"

"ON THE HORIZON - ALL WE CAN SEE
IS AND "ENCROACHING" APOSTACY -

THE
VOICE OF CONCERNED CHRISTIANS WHO
SPEAK OUT AGAINST THESE THINGS GO
LARGELY IGNORED -

- LIKE LOT -

THE CHURCH - IS VEXED WITH THE "FILTHY"
CONVERSATION OF THE WICKED WORLD -

"YET"

[VS 7] "FOR THE SECRET POWER OF -
LAWLESSNESS IS ALREADY AT WORK
"BUT"

ONLY UNTIL HE, (THE HOLY SPIRIT) WHO
IS HOLDING IT BACK - HAS BEEN "GOTTEN
OUT OF THE WAY" - (VS 7) WILLHE -

BARCLAY STATES:

- THE MAN OF SIN WILL ONLY APPEAR
WHEN THE ONE WHO "RESTRAINS" HIM IS
REMOVED -

PAUL DECLARATION IN (VS 7) IS
THAT - ALTHOUGH THE MYSTERY OF
INIQUITY WAS "OPERATIVE" IN HIS DAY
THAT IS

THE LAWLESS SYSTEM - THAT WAS TO
CULMINATE - IN THE PERSON OF THE
LAWLESS ONE - WAS "MANIFESTING"
ITSELF - YET:

THIS LAWLESS ONE COULD NOT BE
MANIFESTED UNTIL "THE RESTRAINER"
-WAS-

TAKEN OUT OF THE WAY -
-SO YOU SEE -

SOME ONE IS PREVENTING THE PURPOSE
OF SATAN .. "TO BE ACCOMPLISHED" - AND
KEEPING HIM RESTRAINED -

THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN DO SUCH A
RESTRANDING MINISTRY - WOULD BE THE
HOLY SPIRIT -

THUS

AS LONG AS THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A
RESIDENT - WITHIN THE CHURCH OF
BORN AGAIN BELIEVERS - WHICH IS HIS
TEMPLE - [1 CORINTHIANS 3:16] - THIS
- RESTRAINING -

WORK WILL CONTINUE - AND THE MAN OF
SIN CANNOT BE REVEALED -

IT IS ONLY
WHEN "THE CHURCH" - "THE TEMPLE" - IS
REMOVED - THAT THIS RESTRAINING
MINISTRY "WILL CEASE" - AND "LAWLESSNESS
CAN PRODUCE" THE LAWLESS ONE -

- TAKE NOTE -
"THE HOLY SPIRIT" DOES NOT CEASE
HIS MINISTRY - WITH THE REMOVAL OF
THE CHURCH - NOR --

DOES HE CEASE TO BE GOD —

— OMNIPRESENT —

WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE CHURCH

— BUT — THE RESTRAINING MINISTRY

— DOES CEASE —

THUS

THE MINISTRY OF THE RESTRAINER —
WHICH WILL CONTINUE AS LONG AS
HIS TEMPLE IS ON THE EARTH — AND —
WHICH MUST CEASE BEFORE THE
LAWLESS ONE CAN BE REVEALED

— REQUIRES —

THE PRE TRIBULATION RAPTURE —
— OF THE CHURCH — "FOR" —

— DANIEL 9:27 —

REVEALS — THAT THE LAWLESS ONE
WILL BE MANIFESTED — AT THE —
— BEGINNING OF THE WEEK —

NOTE: [REV 6:1-2]

— BEHOLD — A WHITE HORSE — WITH
A RIDER — GOING FORTH TO CONQUERING
AND TO CONQUER —

THIS RIDER APPEARS AT THE ~~BEGINNING~~
BEGINNING OF DANIEL'S 70th WEEK —

— THIS RIDER IS THE ANTI CHRIST — THE
PRINCE OF DANIEL'S PROPHECY —

— APPEARING —

AT THE BEGINNING OF THE TRIBULATION

→ THE RAPTURE AND THE SECOND ADVENT -
THESE

ARE TWO SEPARATE EVENTS -- WHICH
CAN BE ESTABLISHED -- BY THE NUMBER
OF CONTRASTS -- IN SCRIPTURE -- BETWEEN
THE TWO EVENTS -

→ NOTICE THESE CONTRASTS →

① THE TRANSLATION (RAPTURE) ENTAILS THE
REMOVAL OF .. ALL BELIEVERS --

WHILE

THE SECOND ADVENT (COMING) ENTAILS
THE APPEARING OR MANIFESTATION OF THE
SON .. CHRIST JESUS -

② THE TRANSLATION SEE'S THE SAINTS
CAUGHT UP INTO THE AIR --

WHILE

IN THE SECOND ADVENT - CHRIST RETURNS
TO THE EARTH -

③ IN THE TRANSLATION - CHRIST COMES FOR
A BRIDE (THE CHURCH) -

WHILE

IN THE SECOND ADVENT - CHRIST RETURNS
WITH HIS BRIDE -

④ THE TRANSLATION RESULTS IN THE
REMOVAL OF THE CHURCH - AND

~~REMOVED~~

THE BEGINNING OF THE TROBULATION

WHILE

THE SECOND ADVENT RESULTS IN THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MILLENNIAL
KINGDOM -

- ⑤ THE TRANSLATION IS IMMINENT
AT ANY MOMENT -

WHILE

THE SECOND ADVENT IS PRECEDED
BY A MULTITUDE OF SIGNS -

- ⑥ THE TRANSLATION BRINGS A
MESSAGE OF COMFORT -

WHILE

THE SECOND ADVENT IS ACCOMPANIED BY A MESSAGE OF
JUDGEMENT -

- ⑦ THE TRANSLATION IS RELATED TO
THE PROGRAM FOR THE CHURCH

WHILE

THE SECOND ADVENT IS RELATED
TO GOD'S PROGRAM - FOR ISRAEL
AND THE WORLD -

- ⑧ AT THE TRANSLATION - BELIEVERS
ARE JUDGED -

BUT AT THE

SECOND TRANSLATION - GENTILES AND ISRAEL ARE JUDGED -

F THE EVENTS OF THE CHURCH —
— AFTER TRANSLATION —

- ① THE JUDGEMENT SEAT OF CHRIST —
- ② THE PRESENTATION OF THE CHURCH TO CHRIST —
- ③ THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB —

THE PRESENTATION —
THE "EXPECTATION" OF THE CHURCH AT
THE TRANSLATION, IS TO BE TAKEN INTO
THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD —

WE SEE IN [REV 4] — "THAT A DOOR WAS
OPENED IN HEAVEN ... AND A TRUMPET
VOICE ~ TALKING — COME UP HERE — SEE
WHAT HAPPENS HEREAFTER" (FOR THE
CHURCH) —

— THE CHURCH IN HEAVEN —
[VSH 4] JOHN IS GIVEN A VISION OF "24"
ELDERS .. WHO ARE (SEATED ON THRONES) —
THEY ARE (CLOTHED IN WHITE RAIMENT) —
THEY ARE (CROWNED WITH GOLDEN
CROWNS) AND ARE (IN HEAVEN) IN THE
PRESENCE OF GOD —

SEVERAL DIFFERENT OPINIONS
ARE GIVEN AS TO THE IDENTITY OF
THESE 24 ELDERS —

SOME SAY — BECAUSE THEY ARE
ASSOCIATED WITH THE FOUR LIVING
CREATURES — IN THE BOOK — INSIST
THEY ARE ANGELS —

BUT

THIS EVADES THE IMPLICATION OF
TAKING THE LITERAL IDENTIFICATION

WHAT
IS SAID OF THE 24 ELDERS — COULD NOT
BE TRUE OF ANGELS — OR ANGELIC BEINGS

FOR

ANGLES ARE NOT CROWNED WITH VICTOR'S
CROWNS — [STEPHANOS] — RECEIVED AS
REWARDS

NOR

ARE THEY SEATED ON THRONES —
WHICH SPEAKS OF ROYAL DIGNITY AND
PREROGATIVE —

NOR

ARE ANGLES ROBED IN WHITE — AS A
RESULT — OF JUDGEMENT —

THE VIEW OF THEM BEINGANGELS
IS AN IMPOSSIBILITY — SO ON

— TO THE SECOND VIEW —

— THIS VIEW SEES THEM AS —
 — RESURRECTED — REDEEMED —
 CLOTHED IN WHITE — AND SEATED ON
 THRONES — IN CONNECTION WITH —
 ROYALTY IN HEAVEN — AND THEY ARE
 — REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHURCH —

SCOFIELD:

FIVE INERRANT MARKS — IDENTITY
 THE ELDERS AS REPRESENTING THE ~~GOOD~~
 CHURCH —

① THEIR POSITION —

THEY ARE ENTHRONED — ROUND ABOUT —
 THE RAINBOW ENCIRCLED CENTRAL
 THRONE —

TO THE CHURCH AND TO THE CHURCH
 ONLY — "OF ALL GROUPS OF THE
 REDEEMED" — IS CO-ENTHROUNEMENT
 PROMISED — [REV 3:21]

"TO HIM THAT OVERCOMETH
 WILL I GRANT TO SIT WITH ME IN MY
 THRONE — EVEN AS I ALSO OVERCAME
 AND SIT DOWN WITH MY FATHER
 ON HIS THRONE!"

— THESE — HAVING BEEN PRESENTED
 FRUITLESS — WITH THE EXCEEDING JOY
 OF THE LORD — MUST BE WITH HIM —
 [JOHN 17:24] I WILL THAT THEY ALSO — WHOM
 THOU HAST GIVEN ME —

BE WITH ME WHERE I AM —

② THE NUMBER —

THESE ELDERS NUMBERING 24
— IN THE BOOK WHERE NUMBERS ARE
SO GREAT A PART OF THE SYMBOLISM
IS SIGNIFICANT —

FOR

24 IS THE NUMBER OF THE CHORUSES
INTO WHICH THE LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD
WAS DIVIDED — (CHRON 24:1-19) — AND OF
ALL THE GROUPS OF THE REDEEMED —

"ONLY"

THE CHURCH IS A PRIESTHOOD (1 PETER 2:9)
— "A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD" —

③ THE TESTIMONY —

THE TESTIMONY OF THE ENTHRONED
ELDERS — MARKS THEM AS REPRESENTING
THE CHURCH — [REV 5:9-10] —

"AND THEY SANG A NEW SONG,
SAYING, 'WORTHY ART THOU TO TAKE THE
BOOK — AND TO OPEN THE SEALS THEREOF
— FOR THOU WAST SLAIN — AND DID
PURCHASE — UNTO GOD — WITH THY BLOOD
MEN OF EVERY KINNED — AND TONGUE
— AND PEOPLE — AND NATION — AND
MADE THEM TO BE UNTO OUR GOD —
— 'A KINGDOM AND PRIESTS' —

AND "THEY SHALL REIGN UPON THE EARTH"

— — — THE CHURCH:

AND "THE CHURCH CAN THUS TESTIFY"

— NO OTHERS —

(4) ELDERSHIP —

ELDERSHIP IS A REPRESENTATIVE
OFFICE (ACTS 15:2 - 20:17)

(AND IN REV 5:5)

THE SPIRITUAL INTELLIGENCE OF THE
ELDERS — POINTS THEM OUT — AS SHARERS
OF — THE MOST INTIMATE DIVINE COUNSELS

THE ELDERS

ARE REDEEMED — NOW IN HEAVEN — AT
THE THRONE — AND SYMBOLICALLY — THE
CHURCH —

THEY

ARE SEEN — IN HEAVEN — IN THE PLACE
WHICH

THE SCRIPTURES ASSIGN TO THE CHURCH
— — BEFORE — "A SEAL IS OPENED" — OR
"A WOE UTTERED" — OR "A VIAL OF THE
WRATH OF GOD IS POURED OUT" —

AND

IN ALL THAT FOLLOWS — IN THE REVELATION
— THE CHURCH —

~~THE~~ IS NEVER ONCE REFERRED TO —
AS ON EARTH —

NEXT MENTIONED — [IN CH 20]

⑤ ELDERS ~ BELIEVER-PRIESTS —

SINCE, ACCORDING TO [REV 5:8]
 "THE 24 ELDERS FELL DOWN
 BEFORE THE LAMB ~ EACH WITH A
 HARP ~ AND GOLDEN BOWLS ~~THAT~~
 THAT WERE FILLED WITH "INCENSE"

WHICH REPRESENT
 THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S SAINTS —

THESE
 24 ELDERS ARE ASSOCIATED IN
 A ~ PRIESTLY ACT ~ ASSOCIATED
 WITH THE ~ GREAT HIGH PRIEST —

IN AS MUCH
 AS ISRAEL IS NOT RESURRECTED
 UNTIL THE END OF THE 70th WEEK

AND
 NOR JUDGED NOR REWARDED UNTIL
 THE SECOND ADVENT ~ ACCORDING
 TO [ISAIAH 26:19-21] ~ AND [DAN 12:1-2]

THEN
 THIS MUST BE ~ REPRESENTATIVES —
 OF THE SAINTS:

OF ~ THIS PRESENT AGE —

- ① THEY ARE SEEN TO BE RESURRECTED
- ② THEY ARE SEEN IN HEAVEN
- ③ THEY ARE JUDGED ~ THE JUDGEMENT

SECRET OF CHRIST -
 ④ THEY ARE REWARDED AND ENTHRONED

AT THE
 BEGINNING OF THE 70TH WEEK —
 — C⁴ 6 — OF THE REVELATION —
 THUS.

— THE PRETRIBULATION POSITION —

NOW

BACK TO 1 THESSALONIANS 4 — —

[VS 13-18] RSV

BUT WE DO NOT WANT YOU TO BE —
 UNINFORMED — BROTHERS AND SISTERS —
 — ABOUT THOSE WHO HAVE DIED — SO THAT
 YOU MAY NOT GRIEVE — AS OTHERS DO — WHO
 HAVE NO HOPE — FOR SINCE WE BELIEVE
 THAT JESUS DIED AND ROSE AGAIN — EVEN
 SO — THROUGH JESUS — GOD WILL BRING
 WITH HIM — THOSE WHO HAVE DIED — FOR
 THIS WE DECLARE TO YOU BY THE WORD OF
 THE LORD — THAT WE WHO ARE ALIVE — WHO
 ARE LEFT UNTIL — THE COMING OF THE
 LORD — WILL BY NO MEANS PROCEED —
 THOSE WHO HAVE DIED —

FOR THE LORD HIMSELF — WITH
 A CRY OF COMMAND — WITH THE —
 ARCHANGEL'S CALL — AND WITH THE
 SOUND OF GOD'S TRUMPET — — WILL —
 — DESCEND FROM HEAVEN —

AND THE DEAD IN CHRIST ~ WILL
RISE FIRST — THEN WE ~~WHO~~ WHO ARE
~ WHO ARE LEFT —

WILL BE CAUGHT UP IN THE
CLOUDS TOGETHER ~ WITH THEM —
TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR —
SO

WE WILL BE WITH THE LORD FOREVER

— THEREFORE —
ENCOURAGE AND COMFORT ONE
ANOTHER ~ WITH THESE WORDS —

— PAUL'S PURPOSE HERE —

THE THESSALONIAN CHRISTIANS
WERE NOT IGNORANT OF THE FACT
OF RESURRECTION — THIS HAD BEEN
WELL ESTABLISHED —

THEY HAD A MISUNDERSTANDING
OF THE RELATION BETWEEN THE
RESURRECTION AND THE SAINTS WHO
HAD DIED IN CHRIST TO THE RAPTURE

PAUL WRITES THEM —
OF THE FACT THAT — AT THE RAPTURE
— THE LIVING WOULD NOT HAVE
AN ADVANTAGE — OVER THE DEAD
IN CHRIST —

— LET US LOOK SOME CONCLUSIONS —

- CONCLUSIONS -

- ① IF THE THESSALONIANS HAD BELIEVED THAT THE CHURCH WOULD BE GOING THROUGH -- THE SEVENTIETH WEEK -- THE TRIBULATION -- THEY WOULD HAVE REJOICED THAT SOME OF THEIR ~~BROTHERS~~ BROTHERS AND SISTERS -- HAD MISSED THIS PERIOD OF SUFFERING AND WERE WITH THE LORD -- WITHOUT EXPERIENCING THE OUTPOURING OF WRATH --
- ② IF THE CHURCH WERE GOING THROUGH THE TRIBULATION -- IT WOULD BE BETTER TO BE WITH THE LORD -- THAN TO HAVE AWAIT THE EVENTS OF THE TRIBULATION -- WITH HORROR --
- ③ THEY WOULD BE PRAISING THE LORD THAT THEIR BRETHREN WERE SPARED THESE EVENTS -- INSTEAD OF FEELING THAT THOSE WHO HAD DIED -- HAD MISSED SOME OF THE LORD'S BLESSINGS --

THEREFORE

THESE CHRISTIANS ~~THESSALONIANS~~ EVIDENTLY BELIEVED THAT THE CHURCH WOULD NOT -- GO THROUGH THE 70TH WEEK -- AND IN THEIR "ANTICIPATION"

OF THE RETURN OF CHRIST "MOURNED"
 FOR THEIR BRETHREN - WHOM -
 THEY THOUGHT HAD MISSED - THE
 -BLESSINGS OF THIS EVENT -
 - ~ THE RAPTURE -

THE TRUE CHURCH - DESTINY

WE HAVE ALREADY ESTABLISHED
 THAT THE - LAST DAYS CHURCH -
~~ARE~~ JUST BEFORE THE RAPTURE
 WILL INCLUDED THOSE TRULY SAVED
 AND - THE APOSTATES - MEAN PROFESSERS
 AND .

THE PHILADELPHIA CHURCH - ALONG WITH
 THE LAODICEAN CHURCH - WILL EXIST
 AT THE RAPTURE -

- REVELATION 3:14-22 -

JOHN GIVES A MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH
 IN LAODICRA - THIS CHURCH REPRESENTS
 THE - FINAL FORM - OF THE PROFESSIONING
CHURCH - WHICH WAS REJECTED - BY THE
 LORD - AND VOMITED OUT OF HIS MOUTH -
 BECAUSE

OF THE UNREALITY - OF ITS PROFESSION -

IF

THE CHURCH GOES INTO THE 70TH WEEK
 - IN ITS ENTIRETY - AND NOT ~~NOT~~ JUST
 THE - "PROFESSIONING PORTION" - OF

IF IT -- IT WOULD HAVE TO BE CONCLUDED
THAT -- THIS LAODICEAN CHURCH -- IS
THE PICTURE -- OF THE TRUE CHURCH --
-- SEVERAL THINGS ARE OBVIOUS THEN --

① THE TRUE CHURCH COULD NOT GO THROUGH
THE PERSECUTIONS OF THE 7TH WEEK
AND

STILL BE LUKEWARM -- TO THE LORD --
-- THE PERSECUTIONS WOULD -- FAN THE FIRE
AND TURN THE LUKEWARMNESS INTO
INTENSE HEAT -- OR -- IT WOULD EXTINGUISH
THE FIRE -- ALTOGETHER --
-- PERSECUTIONS --

HAVE ALWAYS EFFECTED PEOPLE IN THIS
~~WAY~~ WAY IN THE PAST HISTORY --

② IF THIS REPRESENTS THE TRUE CHURCH
THEN -- THE CHURCH -- IS VOMITED OUT --
BEFORE THE LORD -- COMPLETELY --
REJECTED BY HIM --

AND
THAT ONE COULD BE A PART OF THE --
TRUE CHURCH -- AND -- THEN FINALLY BE
CAST OUT ALTOGETHER --
-- SUCH IS AN IMPOSSIBILITY --

③ THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE --

IS TO SEE THAT -- "THE TRUE CHURCH"

"TERMINATES" -- WITH THE "PHILADELPHIA CHURCH" WHICH IS REMOVED FROM THE EARTH -- ACCORDING TO THE PROMISE OF .. [REV 3:10] RSV --

"BECAUSE YOU HAVE KEPT MY WORD OF PATIENT ENDURANCE -- I WILL KEEP YOU FROM THE HOUR OF TRIAL -- THAT IS COMING ON THE WHOLE WORLD -- TO TEST THE INHABITANTS OF THE EARTH"

- BEFORE -
THE TRIBULATION BEGINS -- AND -- THE FALSE PROFESSING CHURCH --

- FROM WHICH -
THE TRUE CHURCH HAS BEEN "SEPARATED" BY RAPTURE --

- IS LEFT BEHIND -
REJECTED BY THE LORD -- AND "VOMITED" OUT -- INTO THE 70TH WEEK (TRIBULATION)
TO REVEAL THE NATURE OF HER PROFESSION -- TO SHOW THE LORD'S REJECTION IS "JUST"

WHAT IS THE CHURCH'S RELATIONSHIP TO
- GOVERNMENTS -

IN THIS PRESENT AGE --

THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH IS --
INSTRUCTED .. TO PRAY FOR THE "GOVERNMENT"
-- THOSE IN AUTHORITY --

SINCE -- THEY ARE -- "GOD"-APPOINTED -- SO
THAT THOSE IN AUTHORITY -- MAY BE SAVED
AND THE ~~REST~~ CHRISTIANS LIVE IN PEACE
AS A RESULT -- NOTE [1 TIM 2:1-4] RSV

"FIRST OF ALL, THEN, I URGE
THAT SUPPLICATIONS -- PRAYERS -- INTERCESSIONS
AND THANKSGIVINGS -- BE MADE FOR --
EVERYONE --

FOR KINGS AND ALL WHO ARE IN
HIGH POSITIONS, SO THAT WE MAY LEAD A
QUIET AND PEACEFUL LIFE -- IN ALL --
GODLINESS AND DIGNITY

THIS IS RIGHT -- AND IS ACCEPTABLE
IN THE SIGHT OF GOD -- OUR SAVIOUR -- WHO --
DESIRER -- EVERYONE TO BE SAVED AND TO
COME TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH"

THE CHURCH
IS ALSO INSTRUCTED TO BE SUBJECT TO SUCH
POWERS [1 PETER 2:13-16] RSV

FOR THE LORD'S SAKE ACCEPT THE
AUTHORITY OF HUMAN INSTITUTION -- WHETHER
~~THE~~ THE EMPEROR AS SUPREME -- OR OF
GOVERNORS, AS SENT BY HIM: TO PUNISH
THOSE WHO DO WRONG -- AND PRAISE THOSE
WHO DO RIGHT -- FOR IT IS GOD'S WILL THAT
BY DOING ~~RIGHT~~ RIGHT YOU SHOULD SILENCE
THE IGNORANCE OF THE FOOLISH -- AS

SERVANTS OF GOD... LIVE AS FREE PEOPLE
 ~ YET DO NOT USE YOUR FREEDOM AS
 A -- PRETEXT FOR EVIL" --

ALSO... [TITUS 1] AND [ROMANS 13:1-7]

BECAUSE

THESE GOVERNMENTS ARE GOD'S
 REPRESENTATIVES TO CARRY OUT HIS WILL
 ~ YET ~

WE SEE IN [REV 13:4] -- THE GOVERNMENT
 DURING "THE TRIBULATION" - IS CONTROLLED
 BY SATAN ~ AND IS CARRYING OUT SATAN'S
 WILL -- AND HIS PURPOSES -- IN THE --
MANIFESTATION OF LAWLESSNESS --

BECAUSE

OF THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE CHURCH IN
 THIS PRESENT AGE -- AS NOTED IN SCRIPTURE
 ~ TO GOVERNMENTS --

AND

TO SEE IN THE TRIBULATION -- THE SATANIC
 CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT -- WHICH
 THE CHURCH COULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO --

~ THE TRUE CHURCH IS NOT IN THE 70TH WEEK

BUT -- TO BE NOTED:

ISRAEL WILL RIGHTLY CALL DOWN JUDGEMENT
OF GOD -- DURING THE 70TH WEEK -- UPON SUCH
 GODLESS ~~LEADERS~~ LEADERS -- WITH A CRY FOR
 ~ GOD TO ~~VINDICATE~~ VINDICATE HIMSELF --

THE CHURCH

COULD NOT "BE SUBJECT" TO SUCH GOVERNMENT
 ~ THAT IS -- SATAN LEAD --