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*Jesus said: "You Must Be Born Again"*



*Know ye not that your body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?  
(1 Corinthians 6:19)*

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*And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.*

The Bible  
Revelation 21:4

*Jesus is coming back soon!*

"Intracranial hemorrhage (ICH) refers to **acute bleeding inside your skull or brain**. It's a life-threatening emergency. You should go to the emergency room right away or call 911 if you think you or someone you know is experiencing ICH."

The public has learned about the increased risk of suicide and violent behavior

## SSRI ANTIDEPRESSANTS INCREASE YOUR RISK OF INTRACRANIAL HEMORRHAGE



(including murder) stemming from the use of SSRI antidepressants. Now there is more:

Psychiatric News reports (4/7/17): "A study published in February in JAMA Neurology has found that patients taking antidepressants that are strong inhibitors of serotonin reuptake (SSRIs) may be at an increased risk for intracranial hemorrhage, particularly during the first month of use..."

"The results showed that compared with patients taking [the older] tricyclic antidepressants, patients being treated with SSRIs had a 17 percent increased risk of experiencing an intracranial hemorrhage. The risk was

highest during the first 30 days the patients were taking the medications."

SSRIs include: Celexa; Prozac; Paxil; Zoloft; Lexapro; Luvox.

Here are quotes from other Psychiatric News articles about SSRI use and bleeding:

"Physicians prescribing selective serotonin-reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) should make patients aware of the possibility of gastrointestinal bleeding, especially if they have pre-existing risk factors or are taking other drugs that increase risk, said a University of Pennsylvania psychiatrist."

From a January 2014 study in the American Journal of Psychiatry—"Short-term SSRI use—even as little as 7 days—elevated the risk of upper gastrointestinal bleeding, especially in male patients. Just as with NSAIDs and aspirin, physicians should carefully monitor for this side effect."

Note: Suddenly withdrawing from these drugs can be very dangerous. Psychia-

*Jesus saith unto him, I Am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.*

(John 14:6)

trist Peter Breggin publishes this warning: "Most psychiatric drugs can cause withdrawal reactions, sometimes including life-threatening emotional and physical withdrawal problems. In short, it is not only dangerous to start taking psychiatric drugs, it can also be dangerous to stop them. Withdrawal from psychiatric drugs should be done carefully under experienced clinical supervision. Methods for safely withdrawing from psychiatric drugs are discussed in Dr. Breggin's new book, *Psychiatric Drug Withdrawal: A Guide for Prescribers, Therapists, Patients and Their Families.*"

Source Includes: [natural-blaze.com/2017/04/ssri-antidepressants-increase-risk-of-intracranial-hemorrhage.html](http://natural-blaze.com/2017/04/ssri-antidepressants-increase-risk-of-intracranial-hemorrhage.html)

### **The Pulse**

*Basically, most drugs (medications) are dangerous chemicals that are foreign to the body. There are times, however, when some of them are life saving and very necessary. Addictive drugs are NEVER life saving and only necessary for 3 days following severe trauma or surgery. Mind altering drugs are far beyond dangerous. They are supposed to be used to subdue patients who are hospitalized or institutionalized, until control can be achieved. People who take them need to be carefully observed in a controlled setting. The common thread with school shooters, as well as most criminals, has been the presence of antidepressants in their systems. The age of a quick*

*fix has encouraged doctors to prescribe these dangerous medications both indiscriminately and on a long term basis. This egregious behavior of physicians eventually causes patients to experience organ failure, heart attacks, stroke, psychosis, increased depression, both homicidal and suicidal thoughts, anxiety, stroke, delusions, paranoia, restlessness, unnecessary disability and other side effects.*

*I know of too many people who take antidepressants and suffer labile mood swings. They fly off the handle easily, have high anxiety and still suffer from depression.*

*The answer? Talk therapy and knowing God's Son, Jesus the Messiah. When people learn that they were created and designed by God and are loved unconditionally, hope happens and depression goes away! It's really not rocket science.*

*That's why the graphic at the beginning of this article is *Hope vs Pills*. Hope and antidepressants can't exist together. I have not known anyone on antidepressants who feels stable.*

Article Source Includes: [healthline.com](http://healthline.com)

*The following article is **extremely graphic** in content and can be **very disturbing** to some people. The subject matter is **factory farming** and is very important to read - **if you can**. It's about the treatment of animals that are raised for food and the resulting dangerous foods that are found in all supermarket*

*and local groceries... UNLESS they are clearly marked Certified Organic. This is about food that you will probably eat today and have been eating for years.*

*As disturbing as all of this is, we do have the option of changing and buying Certified Organic meats rather than the horrors of what is sold in local grocery stores and supermarkets. In Montana, we can also buy local - as long as it's **certified** to organic. What Bill and I have been doing is buying organic beef, lamb and chicken once in a while as a treat, while using organic beans, organic chia seeds, organic bone broth, organic hemp seeds, organic whey and organic eggs as our main sources of protein instead. We are feeling healthier and food tastes even better. We made the decision, many years ago, to eat to live - not live to eat! I would imagine that becoming fully vegetarian could be in our near future. We all need to make the choice to stop the unhealthy food addictions that are killing people. Knowledge is power! In the case of knowing about our foods, knowledge means better health and quicker healing. Cancer, autoimmune disorders and heart disease have very dramatically risen as people are choosing the factory farm meats that are being sold in stores. Better choices can be easily made on any budget whatsoever.*

*Now for the article....*

### **Waste and Pollution on a Massive Scale**

Raising tens of thousands of animals in one facility translates to a load of waste. Animal manure is traditionally regarded as an important fertilizer when produced on a much smaller scale, but it has become one of the most polluting substances in the country. When this waste is produced in massive quantities, it becomes hazardous. But another irony lies here: federal legislature forbids animal waste from being defined as “hazardous.”

According to a report of the



Pew Commission on Industrial Farm Animal Production (IFAP), the annual production of manure produced by CAFOs exceeds that produced by humans by at least three times. Animal waste in such volumes may go beyond the capacity of the land to absorb the nutrients and attenuate pathogens.



**Factory farm runoff also carries the following:**

Hormones and antibiotics such as Tylosin, a widely used antibiotic for disease treatment and growth promotion in swine, beef cattle, and poultry production. Tylosin decays rapidly in the

environment but can still be found in surface waters of agricultural watersheds. Heavy metals, especially zinc and copper, added as micronutrients to the animal diet

Pesticides, which are used to control insect infestations and fungal growth. Typically stored in massive “lagoons,” the waste often converts to rivers of waste that flow from CAFOs to the surrounding environment. This infographic will show you specific cases of environmental pollution and damage brought about by waste from factory farms.

**The Adverse Effects on Human Health**

CAFOs serve as breeding grounds for disease not just among animals, but also the farm workers and the rest of us. Feeding livestock continuous, low-dose antibiotics creates an environment conducive to widespread disease proliferation.

Antibiotic-resistant disease is particularly concerning. Among the many resistant pathogens today is Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus or MRSA, which has so far been responsible for more than 94,000 infections and 18,000 deaths in the US each year.

A lesser-known issue is the antibiotic-laden manure from CAFOs contaminating the rest of your food supply. This means that even your lettuce may contain antibiotics.

Move Toward Organically Raised, Drug-Free, Grass-

Fed or Pastured Animal Products.

**Factory Farming and Human Health**

The unnatural feeds, hormones, and excessive quantities of antibiotics used on factory farms put the human population at risk for chronic disease, obesity, and drug-resistant bacteria, and pose the threat of major zoonotic disease outbreaks.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, animal products are the primary source of saturated fat in the American diet. Saturated fat has been linked to heart disease and obesity. Studies have shown that the unnatural feeds used to promote growth in animals on factory farms increase the saturated fat content of meat. Cows in the dairy industry can be given growth hormones in order to increase their milk production. Once their productivity declines, these cows are slaughtered for beef. The six growth hormones commonly used by the U.S. dairy industry have been shown to significantly increase the risk of breast, prostate, and colon cancer in beef consumers. Producers are not required to list the use of hormones on product labels.

Since the 1950s, antibiotics have been used on factory farms to increase the rate of growth in animals. Today, an estimated 70 percent of the antibiotics used in the U.S. are given to farm animals for non-therapeutic

purposes. Using antibiotics in this way can lead to drug-resistant bacteria; as a result, certain bacterial infections have already become or are on their way to becoming untreatable in humans. Antibiotic resistant infections kill 90,000 Americans every year.

Poor sanitation and waste management on factory farms and the poor management of animal waste can lead to the contamination of the food supply by bacteria like E.coli and salmonella. Each year 76 million Americans become ill from food borne illness, and thousands die.

Some diseases, like H1N1 (Swine Flu) and Avian Flu, are communicable from animals to humans. These “zoonotic” diseases have the potential to become pandemics. Experts believe that the outbreak of H1N1 was likely caused by the overcrowding of pigs on factory farms and the storage of their waste in giant manure lagoons.

Chickens used for egg production are among the most abused of all farm animals. In order to meet the consumer demand for eggs, 280 million hens laid 77.3 billion eggs in 2007. From hatching to slaughter, egg-laying hens are subjected to mutilation, confinement, and deprivation of the ability to live their lives as the active, social beings they are.

### **Egg Factory Farm**

Because male chicks will

not grow up to lay eggs and, therefore, have little value to the egg industry, 260 million are killed each year upon hatching. Methods include being sucked through a series of pipes onto an electrified “kill plate,” being ground up alive and fully conscious in a “macerator,” or being gassed.

Female chicks are “debeaked” at a young age, most commonly having a portion of their beaks seared off with a hot blade. Debeaking is meant to prevent the abnormal feather-pecking that can result from the stress of confinement in a battery cage. A chicken’s beak is filled with nerves, and debeaking can result in severe and possibly chronic pain.

95% of egg-laying hens spend their lives in battery cages. Battery cages commonly hold 5–10 birds, and each chicken may be given an amount of floor space equivalent to less than a sheet of letter-size paper. Constantly rubbing against and standing on wire cages, hens suffer severe feather loss, and their bodies become covered with bruises and abrasions.

### **Factory Farm Pigs**

The life of a breeding sow in the U.S. pork industry is one of extreme confinement, stress, and suffering. There were more than 5.8 million pigs used for breeding in the United States in 2011, most of whom were confined to gestation crates, typically lined up

row after row in large sheds. These naturally curious and intelligent animals are first impregnated at 7 months of age and live out their lives in a cycle of pregnancy, birth, and nursing until they are eventually sent to slaughter.

The majority of breeding sows spend nearly the entirety of each pregnancy confined to a gestation crate, which is only slightly larger than their body, making it impossible for them to lie down comfortably or even turn around. Gestation crate floors are usually made of slats, which allow manure to fall through, meaning that sows live directly above their own waste. This design exposes sows to high levels of ammonia, and respiratory disease is common in confined sows.

Standing on the hard, unnatural slatted flooring of a gestation crate takes a toll on pigs’ feet, causing excessive foot injuries, damage to joints, and even lameness. The intense boredom and frustration pigs suffer in gestation crates have been blamed by researchers for abnormal, neurotic behaviors confined pigs sometimes exhibit, like repetitively biting at the bars of the gestation crate or chewing with an empty mouth. These behaviors can lead to additional suffering by causing sores and mouth damage.

Shortly before piglets are born, sows are moved to “farrowing crates” where

the piglets will be nursed. The crates, meant to separate the mother from the piglets to avoid crushing, are restrictive to the point that the mother pig can only stand and lie down — she cannot even turn around to see her piglets.

At only 17–20 days old, the piglets are taken away from their mothers and undergo a series of mutilations, including being castrated and having a portion of their tails removed without any sort of pain relief. The piglets spend the next 6 months of their lives confined to pens until they reach “market weight”; they are then trucked to slaughter.

Once piglets are weaned, their mothers are put back into the restrictive gestation crates and re-impregnated, and the cycle continues at an average of 2.1–2.5 litters per year until the sow is considered spent and is sent to slaughter herself.

### **Cattle Raised for Dairy and Meat Production**

More than 9.3 million cows were used to produce milk in the United States in 2008, and more than 2.5 million dairy cows were slaughtered for meat. Cows used by the dairy industry are intensively confined, continually impregnated, and bred for high milk production with little concern for their well-being. Far from being the “happy cows” the industry makes them out to be, these typically playful, nurturing animals endure immense suf-

fering on factory farms.

Like all mammals, dairy cows must be impregnated in order to produce milk. Cows in the dairy industry spend their lives in a constant cycle of impregnation, birth, and milking with just a few short months of rest between pregnancies.

Nearly all cows used for dairy in the U.S. are eventually slaughtered for human consumption. At an average of less than 5 years of age, exhausted cows are considered “spent” and sent to slaughter, and millions of them are eaten by Americans as hamburger. In a natural setting, a cow can live more than 20 years.

Usually just within hours of birth, calves are taken away from their mothers. Calves can become so distressed from separation that they become sick, lose weight from not eating, and cry so much that their throats become raw.

Because male calves will not grow up to produce milk, they are considered of little value to the dairy farmer and are sold for meat. Millions of these calves are taken away to be raised for beef. Hundreds of thousands of other male calves born into the dairy industry are raised for veal. Many people consider veal to be cruel, but they don’t realize that veal production is a product of the dairy industry.

In the vast majority of dairy operations in the U.S., cows spend their lives indoors, typically on hard, abrasive

concrete floors, frequently connected to a milking apparatus.

In 2007, the average cow in the dairy industry was forced to produce more than 20,000 lbs. of milk in one year — more than double the milk produced 40 years before. Breeding cows for this unnaturally high level of milk production, combined with damage caused to the udders by milking machines, contributes to high levels of mastitis, a very common and very painful swelling of glands of the udder.

In the name of increased milk production and profit, some dairy cows are repeatedly injected with bovine growth hormone, a genetically-engineered hormone that has been shown to increase the risk of health problems like mastitis and lameness.

Arguing that it improves hygiene, dairy producers cut off cows’ tails, called “tail docking,” either by placing a tight rubber ring around the tail until it falls off or by cutting it off with a sharp instrument. Each method causes chronic pain. Cows use their tail to swish away flies and can suffer immensely during fly season. Investigations have found that cows who collapse because they are too sick or injured to walk or stand, known as “downers” by the industry, are routinely prodded, dragged, and pushed around, then slaughtered.

### **Cows Used for Meat**

In 2010, 34.2 million cattle were slaughtered for beef in the United States. Often beginning their short lives on rangeland, calves are soon separated from their nurturing mothers and endure a series of painful mutilations. Before they are a year old, young calves endure a long and stressful journey to a feedlot, where they are fattened on an unnatural diet until they reach “market weight” and are sent to slaughter.

After being taken from their mother, calves’ cries can be so intense that their throats become irritated.

Calves raised for beef may be subject to a number of painful mutilations, including dehorning, castration, and branding. Even though each of these procedures is known to cause fear and pain, pain relief is rarely provided.

Because it is thought to improve meat quality and tenderness, male calves are castrated at a young age. Methods include removing testicles surgically with a scalpel, crushing spermatic cords with a clamp, and constricting blood flow to the scrotum until testicles die and fall off. Each method is known to cause pain that can last for days.

Cattle in the U.S. are often branded by having an iron hotter than 950 °F pressed into their skin for several seconds. This is done so that beef producers can identify cattle and claim ownership.

Between 6 months and a

year of age, cattle are moved from pasture to feedlots to be fattened for slaughter. Calves gain weight on an unnatural diet and reach “market weight” of 1,200 pounds in just 6 months.

The majority of cattle are fattened in feedlots in just four U.S. states. Since calves are born all over the country, they often endure long and stressful trips from their place of birth to these states without food, water, or protection from the elements.

Once they reach “market weight,” cattle in the beef industry are trucked to slaughter. The Humane Methods of Slaughter Act requires that livestock be rendered insensible to pain before shackling and slaughter; however, investigations have found that some animals are still conscious when they are shackled and have their throats cut.

#### **Turkey Production on Factory Farms**

Turkeys raised for human consumption are crowded into poorly ventilated industrial production facilities, sometimes with as many as 10,000 birds packed into a single factory building. In 2007, 265 million of these naturally explorative and socially sophisticated birds were slaughtered in the United States. Bred to grow alarmingly faster than their wild counterparts, turkeys suffer from numerous health complications, including heart disease and

painful leg disorders.

Due to selective breeding, commercial male turkeys rapidly grow to a weight 3 times larger than wild male turkeys in only 4 months. Rapid growth and resulting heavy body weight can lead to heart problems and painful leg issues, which can eventually lead to crippling. Male turkeys are bred to develop such large breasts that they can no longer mount females to reproduce naturally. Artificial insemination managed by humans is responsible for all reproduction in domesticated turkeys.

Turkeys may be confined so tightly that each bird has only between 2.5 to 4 square feet of space each. This space only gets tighter as the turkeys grow larger. The dusty, ammonia-filled air inside these facilities is a consequence of poor ventilation and overcrowding. This highly contaminated air is associated with a host of health issues, including respiratory damage and irritated, swollen eyes.

Because a single worker may be responsible for the care of as many as 30,000 birds, these and other illnesses and injuries can easily go unnoticed.

Crowding at this level can cause turkeys to injure each other with sharp beaks and toes — a concern to producers because it damages the flesh — so turkeys often have portions of their beaks and toes removed at a young age. Turkeys are routinely de-

beaked, a painful process in which part of the sensitive, nerve-filled beak is removed using a hot blade, shears, or a high-voltage electrical current. It is also a practice for turkeys to have a portion of their toes removed with surgical shears. Each mutilation is done without pain reliever or anesthetic of any kind.

Once they reach market weight — on average, 99 days for hens and 136 days for toms — turkeys are thrust into crates and transported to slaughter. Severe injuries, such as dislocated hips and wing fractures, have been reported as a result of rough handling during crating.

Transport may involve travel over long distances, subjecting turkeys to unfamiliar noises, motion, and extreme temperatures. These stresses, coupled with the deprivation of food and water during transport, contribute to the hundreds of thousands of turkeys who die before they even reach slaughter.

Following a stressful transport, turkeys arrive at the slaughterhouse. Although the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act requires animals to be rendered insensible before shackling and slaughter, the USDA does not interpret this law to include birds killed for food, and it does not protect turkeys

### **Sheep and Goats**

In the U.S., sheep and goats are raised for meat, for milk, and for fibers used

in textiles. In all three industries, these playful, intelligent animals routinely suffer inhumane treatment throughout their lives and are ultimately slaughtered for human consumption. In the U.S., an estimated 2.2 million sheep and lambs and 1.5 million goats are slaughtered for meat every year.

Sheep used for meat in the U.S. are typically slaughtered when they are very young, because consumers prefer lamb. A lamb is typically slaughtered when he six to eight months old, a tiny fraction of his natural lifespan.

Most sheep and lambs are “tail-docked” within a few weeks of birth to reduce the build up of fecal matter around their backside. This involves either cutting off the tail or fastening a tight rubber ring around the appendage until it rots and falls off. Lambs exhibit signs of pain when subjected to either method. Tail docking can also lead to chronic pain and an increase in the occurrence of rectal prolapse.

A sheep’s wool production naturally declines with age. In the wool industry, sheep with decreased wool production are sent to slaughter. In Australia, the source of most of the world’s wool, these sheep are typically exported to Middle Eastern countries by sea, enduring grueling journeys of up to three weeks. The death by throat-slashing that awaits these sheep at their desti-

nation often occurs while they are fully conscious.

Goats used for meat are slaughtered very young, at just a fraction of their natural lifespan. A kid is typically slaughtered when he is just three to five months old.

Like dairy cows, goats used for dairy are kept continually impregnated through artificial insemination so that they keep producing milk. Kids are taken away at birth, so that their mother’s milk can be used for human consumption. Male kids, considered useless in the dairy industry, are immediately killed.

### **Wool, Leather, and Down**

Each year, millions of animals in the U.S. are killed to produce wool, leather, down, and other fibers used in the textile industry. These animals are raised in miserable conditions, subjected to cruel practices, and killed young — all to produce fibers that are unnecessary for comfort, utility, or even fashion. Thanks to innovations in plant-based and synthetic materials, excellent alternatives now exist for all these animal-based products.

### **Wool**

Sheep used for wool suffer profoundly. Most wool comes from Australia, where Merino sheep are the most prevalent breed. Bred to have wrinkly skin, Merinos are vulnerable to infestations of fly larva, and the preventative measure favored by farmers is “mules-

ing,” in which large swaths of skin are sliced from a lamb’s backside. The lambs are given no anesthetics or painkillers during this mutilation.

Shearers are paid by the sheep, not by the hour. This policy encourages them to rush, resulting in painful nicks and cuts in the sheep’s skin. These wounds can easily become infected, and in herds of thousands, individual medical care for this or any other ailment is rare.

After years of brutal and often bloody shearing, sheep are slaughtered for meat. Australian sheep are packed by the thousands onto crowded ships for torturous journeys of up to three weeks. Their destination is the Middle East, where poorly enforced slaughter regulations and local religious customs mean sheep may have their throats cut while fully conscious.

### **Leather**

Leather is not simply a by-product of the meat industry. but an in-demand product that helps keep the meat industry in business. Purchasing leather allows the beef industry to be more profitable and fuels the entire market for cows’ bodies.

Leather comes from cows, pigs, sheep, goats, and other animals slaughtered for meat. This means that every leather shoe or handbag is made from the flesh of an animal who spent his or her life suffering on a

factory farm.

### **Down**

Some down comes from slaughtered ducks and geese. After birds slaughtered for meat have their throats slashed, they are dunked into tanks of boiling water to remove their feathers. Some of the birds are still conscious when they enter the tanks; they are boiled alive. A single down coat is the product of the suffering and deaths of several ducks or geese.

In some regions, ducks and geese are “live-plucked.” This means that living birds are held down as feathers are ripped from their bodies. They endure this painful process three to four times before slaughter. A sheep’s wool production naturally declines with age. In the wool industry, sheep with decreased wool production are sent to slaughter. In Australia, the source of most of the world’s wool, these sheep are typically exported to Middle Eastern countries by sea, enduring grueling journeys of up to three weeks. The death by throat-slashing that awaits these sheep at their destination often occurs while they are fully conscious.

### **The Truth behind “Humane” Labels**

Many people wonder if buying meat, milk, and eggs with labels like “cage-free,” “grass-fed,” or “free-range” is a humane option. They’re concerned about where their food comes from and genuinely want to make

better choices. Unfortunately, these labels can be misleading and are not a guarantee of humane treatment.

Cage-free hens are subject to many of the cruelties inherent to battery cage systems. For instance, cage-free producers typically purchase hens from hatcheries, where male egg-type chickens are considered useless and killed at birth because they will not lay eggs and will not grow as large as chickens bred for meat. Hatcheries kill 260 million male chicks each year.

Just like caged hens, “cage-free” hens suffer de-beaking, in which a portion of the upper beak is amputated without pain relief. Also like caged hens, “cage-free” layers are kept only for a few years, until their productivity begins to decline. Then they are typically shipped to industrial slaughterhouses. Since poultry animals are excluded from the federal Humane Slaughter Act, packing plants are not required to render these animals unconscious before slaughter.

Though “cage-free” hens are not confined to battery cages, they may still be packed by the thousands into poorly ventilated, windowless warehouses. Undercover investigations have revealed “cage-free” hens commonly living indoors, packed so tightly that they can barely move or spread their wings. USDA regulations do not

specify the amount, duration, or quality of outdoor access provided to “free-range” animals. This means that a warehouse with thousands of “free-range” hens could have a single door leading to a small, enclosed outdoor area that hens would have to struggle to access.

“Grass-fed” labels indicate that animals receive a majority of their nutrients from grass throughout their life, but USDA grass-fed stipulations do not limit the use of antibiotics, hormones, or pesticides, all of which are harmful to the environment and human health.

Organic dairy may be free of antibiotics and hormones, but it is not free of cruelty. Because cows produce milk only when pregnant or nursing, all dairy farms subject their cows to a relentless cycle of impregnation and birth. Their babies are taken away immediately, so that the milk can be collected for human use. Male calves, since they are of no use to the dairy industry, are sold for beef or veal. When a cow’s milk production declines at an average of less than five years, she too is slaughtered for meat.

Investigations have shown that some organic milk producers keep cows confined indoors much of the time. Because the requirements for the “organic” label prohibit the use of many medicines, producers frequently allow cows to languish with ailments that otherwise

could easily be treated.

### **Factory Farming and the Environment**

With over nine billion animals raised and slaughtered for human consumption each year in the U.S. alone, modern animal agriculture puts an incredible strain on natural resources like land, water, and fossil fuel. Factory farms yield a relatively small amount of meat, dairy, and eggs for this input, and in return produce staggering quantities of waste and greenhouse gases, polluting our land, air, and water and contributing to climate change.

In the U.S. alone, animals raised on factory farms generate more than 1 million tons of manure per day — three times the amount generated by the country’s human population.

Factory farms typically store animal waste in huge, open-air lagoons, often as big as several football fields, which are prone to leaks and spills. In 2011, an Illinois hog farm spilled 200,000 gallons of manure into a creek, killing over 110,000 fish.

When lagoons reach capacity, farmers will often opt to apply manure to surrounding areas rather than pay to have the waste transported off-site. According to the USDA, animal waste can contaminate water supplies and omit harmful gases into the atmosphere when over-applied to land.

During digestion, rumi-

nants like cattle, sheep, and goats emit methane, an infamous “greenhouse gas” and key contributor to global warming. The EPA has estimated that, between 1990 and 2005, methane emissions from pig and cow operations rose 37 percent and 50 percent respectively, largely due to the greater amount and concentration of manure in lagoons and related storage systems. In order to prevent the spread of disease in the crowded, filthy conditions of confinement operations, and to promote faster growth, producers feed farm animals a number of antibiotics. Upwards of 75 percent of the antibiotics fed to farm animals end up undigested in their urine and manure. Through this waste, the antibiotics may contaminate crops and waterways and ultimately be ingested by humans.

The demand for livestock pasture is a major driver of deforestation. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has estimated that 70 percent of land formerly supporting Amazon rainforests has been turned over to grazing. Between watering the crops that farm animals eat, providing drinking water for billions of animals each year, and cleaning away the filth in factory farms, transport trucks, and slaughterhouses, the animal agriculture industry has a huge impact on the water supply. Producing one pound of beef takes an estimated 1,581 gallons of water,

which is roughly as much as the average American uses in 100 showers.

### **Factory Farming's Effect on Rural Communities**

Though only a few studies have examined the effects of factory farms on the people who live near them, a wealth of data has been gathered on the health hazards to which these facilities expose their employees. Viewed together, these two bodies of research indicate that the industry poses serious threats to the well-being of rural communities. Studies have discovered an increase in respiratory, neurobehavioral, and mental illnesses among the residents of communities next to factory farms. In a major study, residents in the vicinity of a large pig farm were found to have "higher reporting of headaches, runny noses, sore throats, excessive coughing, diarrhea, and burning eyes." A separate study determined that pregnant women and children are especially susceptible to factory farm effects.

Waste from factory farms poses a serious risk for nearby residents. Manure and urine are generally stored in open-air pits known as lagoons. When the lagoons are full, large amounts of waste are applied to nearby land, compromising soil and water quality. Lagoons are also prone to spills, which can contaminate a community's water.

Manure lagoons are known to release a number of air pollutants, including methane, a major greenhouse gas, and hydrogen sulfide, which the National Institute for Occupational Safety cites as a leading cause of death in the workplace. In fact, 25 percent of workers at pig factory farms report respiratory problems, including asthma, bronchitis, and organic dust toxic syndrome.

Evidence suggests that living near a factory farm compromises residents' overall quality of life. Residents in towns near these farms are often forced to keep their windows closed and remain indoors due to foul odors. In a study of one town in the vicinity of a major factory farm, a third of the residents reported that their daily activities were affected by the presence of the operation. Proximity to a factory farm can also substantially decrease property values.

A 2003 survey of rural Iowans indicated that the construction of pig factory farm in their area was less desirable to them than that of a prison, a solid waste landfill, a slaughter plant, or a sewage treatment plant.

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### **The Pulse**

*The next time you go down to your local grocery or supermarket to buy meat, **DON'T!** Buy Certified Organic only! **Insist on it!***

## **The Depression Cure That Big Pharma Does NOT Want You To Discover**

Depression is a disorder that has become one of the most widespread disorders in the world today. It currently affects about 350 million people worldwide – and the problem is getting worse. Around one million people every year commits suicide because they are suffering from depression, and year on year that figure rises at an alarming rate. By the year 2020, depression will have become second only to heart disease as a cause of premature death. If you've ever been depressed, and you likely have, then you know that doctors will fast track you to expensive, dangerous medications. But there are treatments (like this one) that aren't like that. Big Pharma is in the business of suppressing cures because they profit from treatments. In many cases, just talking to a friend is better than taking a dangerous medication.

In the United States and Northern Europe, around 10% of people over the age of 12 are currently taking antidepressants to ease their depressive symptoms. Just think about that for a second – If this is the case if so many people are taking drugs for depression and these drugs are so easily available, then why is the

problem getting worse?

Well, it's quite simple. It is because antidepressant medications for depression are notoriously expensive, ineffective and associated with a high risk of sometimes horrifying side effects – including increasing suicidal thoughts. Unfortunately, people with this condition are often desperate for a cure and are willing to pay any price tag, even when they are told about the problems and limitations of the medication. Every year, the pharmaceutical industry keeps rolling out new, more expensive and still ineffective drugs. And every year, the profits for the industry keep increasing...

In fact, according to NIMH.com, in 2011 the antidepressant market was estimated to be worth \$10 billion in America alone. Every year since it has got bigger and bigger, and shows no signs of slowing down. Meanwhile, the number of people suffering with depression grow at an even more rapid rate. Why is that? Pharmaceutical companies will tell you, "more antidepressants are being sold because more people have depression" – but that is just casting a veil over the truth.

The truth is this; The numbers of people with depression should be coming down if more people are taking drugs to help them, the reason the problem is getting worse is the drugs are not working!

Knowing this, if I told you that there was a way to cure depression naturally, without using any useless medication which makes pharmaceutical companies fistfuls of money, and without any weekly sessions with a therapist which will cost a small fortune...would you be surprised that no doctor or therapist is telling you about it? Of course not! In fact, each patient that a doctor treats for depression is worth around \$300 to the medical and pharmaceutical profession each year – it is no wonder they hand out antidepressants like skittles!

Well, guess what, there is such a cure! And it only involves the use of CBT (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy) techniques which can be done at home, and some dietary and lifestyle changes.

Now, you may expect such great findings to make big news right? Not so. You see, the pharmaceutical and medical industry is driven by profits, not benefits to patients. That's why they keep designing drugs that are expensive, of limited effectiveness, and that need to be taken continuously for years. That's the perfect combination for ensuring ever-increasing profits. An example of such shameless profiteering on a large scale is the wide prescription of statins for anyone with even borderline high cholesterol. Statins actually have very limited effectiveness, are associated with a number of side-effects,

and...guess what...once a person starts taking them, they will need to keep taking them for their whole lives! Not so surprising is it? If you think about it, when was the last time a pharmaceutical company cured anything? It is the same with the drugs they prescribe for depression – no medical professional or anyone involved in the industry will want you to discover that you can cure yourself of depression for just a few dollars, when they can get you to pay thousands upon thousands in your lifetime for their "latest wonder-drug", or charge you a small fortune just to sit in a leather chair and listen to you talk for one hour a week, without ever offering any solutions or guarantees.

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### **The Pulse**

*There IS a way to end the insanity of taking antidepressants. You can detox. The thing is that you need to see a doctor who is well schooled in addictions, or find a board certified addictions specialist. I would **not** recommend you do this yourself, as antidepressants have a nasty withdrawal syndrome that can be dangerous if you don't know medicine. Many times there are life long lasting negative effects from these drugs; however, the benefits of detoxing outweigh the risk of continuing on them. Those who detox say that they feel*

revived and renewed without them. They say that they cannot believe how they were duped into thinking that they were the answer. Talk therapy and God are far better and wiser choices.

## Why I Believe in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture

### A Preface to this Next Article

*I'd like to share with you a very poignant piece written by Nathan E Jones, of Christ In Prophecy. It is my opinion that this is a very balanced and well researched case for a pre-tribulation rescue of Christians, commonly known as The Rapture of the Bride of Christ.*

*The bottom line is that one's Salvation is not dependent upon whether or not you believe in a pre-trib, mid-trib or post trib rapture. What I firmly and personally believe, however, is that those of us who do believe in the pre-trib rapture, won't be here for the hell on earth during the 7 year tribulation. We who are His bride, will be at the Wedding Feast in heaven during those 7 years, while God's wrath is poured out on earth. I don't believe that Jesus will be doing a u-turn at the end of the tribulation, after His Feet are set down on the Mount of Olives in Israel. When He's here, He stays put! Logically, would God desecrate His bride before the marriage?*

*You will need to grab your Bible to check all of the*

*many references in Scripture. Space will not permit me to print all of the verses here. Enjoy the article!*

### 11 reasons why Jesus will come back before the Tribulation

By Nathan E. Jones

#### Rapture Expectation

Frequently I am asked to explain or defend the end-time view of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture of the Church. For that topic, lots of Bible verses, readings and references rattle around in my skull. I can extract each like a Powerball out of an air machine and present it to the inquiring mind, but never in a linear, comprehensive manner in which I particularly appreciate. And so, this article is my attempt to organize my brain on the Pre-Tribulation Rapture view. You're welcome to come along on the journey!

My belief that there will be a Pre-Tribulation Rapture of the Church stands on the bedrock of the following foundational tenets:

#### A) The Bible is the Word of God

- The 66-book canon called the Bible is God's inerrant, infallible message to mankind, explaining His purposes and plans for the ages (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21). No other document can be reliably trusted, nor remotely reach the bar for the requirements of authentication that the Bible attains to so easily.

#### B) The Bible is to be Interpreted Literally

- God means what He says and says what He means. God wants His creations to know His will plainly. While God does indulge in picturesque descriptions and parables, an explanation almost always follows or context is provided for explanation. Spiritualization of text, therefore, has no proper place in interpreting Scriptures. Any eschatological viewpoint must then be thrown out if it is based on the reader's desire to spiritualize the Bible into whatever ethereal meaning they desire. Take the Bible for its plain sense meaning.

#### C) The Church and Israel Are Separate Entities

- Israel is not the Church and the Church is not Israel. A believer in Christ becomes a member of the Church, whether Jew or Gentile (Rom. 1:16), but a member of the Church does not become a form of spiritual Israel. God's promises to Israel as a people and nation (see next tenet) are not the same as for the Bride of Christ, the Church.

#### D) A Literal 1000-Year Millennium

- The Bible describes a future, literal 1000-year time period. The Greek word "chilias" for "one thousand" appears six times in Revelation 20,

clearly marking the time period as having 1000 literal years. The purpose of this time period is for Jesus Christ to have an earthly kingdom from which to base His rule and to fulfill His promises (Gen. 13:14-17; 15:5,18-21; 2 Sam. 7:16-19; Isa. 10:21-22; 11:1-2; Jer. 23:5-8; 30:22; 31:31-34; Ezek. 11:18-20; 34:24; 36:24-28; Mic. 7:19-20; Hos. 3:5; Rom. 11:26-29).

#### **E) A Literal 7-Year Tribulation**

- An upcoming time period has been set aside for God to pour out His wrath upon the evil of the world, to regather Israel back into its land, to force Israel to acknowledge Jesus as their Messiah, and for the Messiah to return and fight for His believing remnant (Deut. 4:26-31; Isa. 13:6-13; 17:4-11; Jer. 30:4-11; Ezek. 20:33-38; Dan. 9:27; 12:1; Zech. 14:1-4; Matt. 24:9-31). This time period begins with a covenant between Israel and the Antichrist (Dan. 9:27). The length of the Tribulation is seven years long, described in a variety of ways as “one seven” year block (Dan. 9:27), consisting of two “times, time and half a time” (two years + 1 year + half a year; Rev. 12:14), or two “1260 days” periods (Rev. 11:3), or two “42 month” periods (Rev.

11:2; 13:5).

#### **F) Jesus Will Return Again to Earth**

- The Bible says Jesus will physically return again to earth (Zech. 14:1-21; Matt. 24:29-31; Mk. 13:24-27; Lk. 21:25-27; Rev. 19). Jesus returns is to defeat His enemies, set up His throne, restore Israel, rule with “a rod of iron” and share His authority with those who overcame in Him (Mat. 19:28; 25:31; Acts 1:3-6; Rev. 2:26-27; 3:21).

#### **G) The Bible Teaches About a Rapture**

- 1 Thessalonians 4:17 speaks of an event called “the Rapture”, Latin “rapio,” Greek “harpazo,” which means “to catch up, to snatch away, or to take out.” “After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.” Paul states that the concept of the Rapture is meant to encourage believers during this Age (1 Thes. 4:18). Other New Testament references on the Rapture are Jn. 14:1-4; I Cor. 15:51-58; and 1 Thes. 4:13-18.

These bedrock statements about the Bible and its interpretation provide the foundation in which to analyze the following reasons for why I believe the Bible teaches a Pre-Tribulation

Rapture of the Church.

#### **1) The Bible describes the Rapture and Second Coming as different events.**

The Bible must see the Rapture (Jn. 14:1-4; I Cor. 15:51-58; 1 Thes. 4:13-18) and the Second Coming (Zech. 14:1-21; Matt. 24:29-31; Mk. 13:24-27; Lk. 21:25-27; Rev. 19) as separate events, because when the verses are compared they describe two very different scenarios:

**Rapture** — believers meet Christ in the air

**Second Coming** — Christ returns to the Mount of Olives to meet the believers on earth

**Rapture** — Mount of Olives is unchanged

**Second Coming** — Mount of Olives is divided, forming a valley east of Jerusalem

**Rapture** — living believers obtain glorified bodies

**Second Coming** — living believers remain in same bodies

**Rapture** — believers go to heaven

**Second Coming** — glorified believers come from heaven, earthly believers stay on earth

**Rapture** — world left unjudged and living in sin

**Second Coming** — world is judged and righteousness is established

**Rapture** — depicts deliverance of the Church from wrath

**Second Coming** — depicts deliverance of believers who endured wrath

**Rapture** — no signs precede it

**Second Coming** — many

signs precede it

**Rapture** — revealed only in New Testament

**Second Coming** — revealed in both Old and New Testaments

**Rapture** — deals with only the saved

**Second Coming** — deals with both the saved and unsaved

**Rapture** — Satan remains free

**Second Coming** — Satan is bound and thrown into the Abyss

Since the Rapture and Second Coming clearly are different events that do not occur at the same time, this would rule out a Post-Tribulation Rapture scenario.

## **2) The Rapture is described as occurring at any time without warning.**

Jesus stated in Matthew 24:42,44 to “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come... So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.” Not only do believers in Christ not know when to expect Him, but the Father Himself seems to have left Jesus out on the exact time His Son is to return. As Jesus stated in Matthew 24:36, “No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.” These and other verses (Mat. 24:36,42,44,50; 25:13; 1 Thes. 4:18; Tit. 2:13; 1 Jn. 2:28; 3:2-3) indicate that Jesus’ arrival will come

when nobody expects it.

The Second Coming, on the other hand, is preceded by many events, such as the rise of the Antichrist (Rev. 12:13-17; Zech; 13:7-9), a treaty with Israel (Dan. 9:27), the rebuilding of the Jewish Temple (Mat. 24:15; 2 Thess. 2:3-4; Rev. 11:1-2), as well as plagues and judgments and persecutions destroying most of the world’s population (Rev. 6-18). The Book of Revelation reports these events as occurring during the 7-year Tribulation, which Revelation reveals precede the Second Coming.

Because the Rapture could happen at any moment and without warning and the Second Coming is preceded by so many signs, then the Rapture and Second Coming must be different events. The Rapture has to occur before the seven years’ worth of signs, because Christians are called to look for the Lord’s return rather than signs such as the Antichrist’s arrival. Once the signs begin, then the seven year countdown begins towards its end with Christ’s return at the Second Coming.

Jesus’ imminent return dismisses any of the other viewpoints related to a rapture that occur within or at the end of the Tribulation.

## **3) The Rapture and the removal of the “Restrainer” occur at the same time.**

In 2 Thessalonians, the church at Thessalonica was afraid due to a false report

that they had entered the Day of the Lord (Tribulation) and had somehow missed the Rapture. The Apostle Paul assured them that the Antichrist would not be revealed until a restraining force would be taken away so that the Man of Lawlessness could be revealed.

Because the revealing of the Antichrist coincides with the beginning of the 7-year Tribulation starting with his peace treaty with Israel (Dan. 9:27), then the Restrainer has to be removed before the Tribulation. As the Holy Spirit also works in salvation (Jn. 16:8-11; 1 Jn. 5:7) during the Tribulation, then it is the Church that must be the Restrainer that is removed. Therefore, the Rapture and the removal of the Church must coincide, and at the beginning of the seven years.

## **4) The Tribulation is for Israel’s redemption.**

Jeremiah 30:7 describes the Tribulation as the “time of Jacob’s trouble” — “How awful that day will be! None will be like it. It will be a time of trouble for Jacob, but he will be saved out of it.”

In the Book of Matthew, whose primary audience is the Jews, Jesus explains to his Jewish followers what life will be like during the Tribulation. Also, Revelation 12 describes picturesquely a woman who gives birth and has to flee due to persecution during the Tribulation. The context shows the woman is Israel. And

again, the Battle of Armageddon is the world against Israel. Two-thirds of the Jewish people will be killed from these battles. These texts and others show that the Tribulation is meant for the redemption of the Jewish people.

Why are the Jews the object of persecution during the Tribulation? For one, Satan hates the Jewish people for giving the world the Scriptures and the Messiah, as well as he wishes to thwart God's promises to the Jews (see Bedrock #4). Secondly, the Jews have to be so desperately brought low that they finally call out to their Messiah "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" (Mat. 23:39; Lk. 13:35). The Tribulation, then, is used for Israel's redemption which also results in the punishment of the wicked. The Church does not fit into this scenario, and are left out of the purposes of the Tribulation. They would need to be removed — caught up — before the Tribulation begins.

### **5) The Tribulation is not for the Church.**

The Tribulation is God's wrath upon the unbelieving world, and not for those who are saved from Christ's resurrection to the Rapture — called the Church. Yes believers have suffered all throughout human history, but there is a special time (just like the Flood) set apart called the Day of the Lord for God's wrath. Christians suffering and the Tribulation/Day of the Lord are

different.

True believers in Christ during the Church Age, represented by the Church of Philadelphia, are promised in Revelation 3:10, "Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth." Paul states in 1 Thessalonians 1:10, "and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath." He also states in 1 Thessalonians 5:9, "For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5:9 states, "Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!" Ephesians 5:6 states, "Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient." Colossians 3:4 states, "When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory." Again and again, Scripture states the Church is not meant to endure God's wrath.

### **6) God's wrath involves the whole 7-Year Tribulation.**

The view that the Rapture will occur at the mid-point of the Tribulation is based upon 1 Corinthians 15:52 which states that the Rapture will occur at the blow-

ing of "the last trumpet." This Mid-Tribulation Rapture view then declares this trumpet to be the last of the seven trumpets in Revelation 11 that is blown at the mid-point of the Tribulation. Why of the 114 references to trumpets in the Bible these two are identified as one and the same only defies sound Bible study. The context clearly shows the last trumpet of 1 Corinthians 15 is blown for believers whereas the seven trumpets of Revelation 8, 9 and 11 are sounded for unbelievers. The Revelation trumpets therefore can have no relevance for the Church.

Proponents of the Pre-Wrath Rapture view believe the Rapture will occur about three-quarters of the way through the Tribulation, about five years or shortly thereafter, with up to four comings of Christ. According to Dr. David Reagan in his article The Pre-Wrath Rapture:

"Those who espouse this viewpoint believe that the Seal Judgments are the wrath of Man and Satan and that they continue throughout the first half of the Tribulation and into the second half, right up to the three-quarters point, or shortly thereafter. They place the Trumpet Judgments in the last quarter of the Tribulation and the Bowl Judgments in the first 30 days following the end of Daniel's 70th Week of Years."

But, isn't it Jesus Himself

who breaks the seals that launch each of the Revelation 6 seal judgments which occur at the beginning of the Tribulation? Also, the seven angels who blow the trumpets that initiate each of the trumpet judgments are given their trumpets at the throne of God (Revelation 8:2). And, Revelation 15:1 states that the bowl judgments at the end of the Tribulation finish the wrath of God, not begin His wrath.

Because these judgments are initiated by Jesus Himself at the beginning of the Tribulation, the whole Tribulation must be God's wrath, which the Church is exempt from.

### **7) The Old Testament and Revelation leave the Church out of the Tribulation.**

The focus of the Tribulation — to pour out God's wrath on the earth just like the Flood (Isa. 24:22; Zeph. 3:8; 1 Thes. 5:3; 2 Thes. 2:12) and to bring the Jewish people to accept Jesus as Messiah (Mat. 23:39; Lk. 13:35) — is addressed by the Old Testament and the Book of Revelation to the unbelievers and the Jewish people. In any biblical content concerning the Tribulation/Day of the Lord, the Church cannot be found.

The whole concept of the Church was a mystery to the Old Testament prophets. They focused on the nation of Israel. The Book of Matthew is written to the Jewish people, whom Jesus is addressing in Matthew

24. In the Book of Revelation, chapters 2 and 3 cover the Church Age, but then there is no mention of the Church until after the Tribulation/Day of the Lord chapters 6-18. In Chapter 19, the Church returns to the texts and can be found, not suffering, but celebrating with Christ at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb and preparing to return with Jesus to earth.

### **8) The Church is busy elsewhere during the Tribulation.**

While the 7-year Tribulation is occurring, the Bible records the Church will be busy with three events. None of the three have to do with suffering on a world being destroyed.

**The first event the raptured Church** will participate in is a judgment by God — the Judgment of the Just. This judgment on works is not to determine eternal destiny, but to determine degrees of reward (2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 19:6-9).

**The second event is the Marriage Supper** of the Lamb. This feast celebrates the spiritual marriage of Christ's Bride — the Church — to her Savior. Revelation 19:7-9 shares this wonderful celebration, "Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear. (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.) Then the angel said to me, 'Write:

'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!' And he added, 'These are the true words of God.'"

**The third event follows the Marriage Supper** of the Lamb and is the Church's preparation to follow the King of Kings into the Battle of Armageddon at the conclusion of the Tribulation. This event is the Second Coming of Jesus Christ (Zech. 14:1-21; Matt. 24:29-31; Mk. 13:24-27; Lk. 21:25-27; Rev. 19:11-21). Revelation 19:14 identifies the Church in their "fine linen, white and clean," which was given to them during the first event — the Judgment of the Just. The Church and angelic forces follow the King of Kings into His Second Coming to the earth, but only Jesus Himself will engage in battle and with mere words defeats the nations in siege against Jerusalem.

### **9) There needs to be sheep to separate from the goats.**

If the Church is raptured at the end of the Tribulation, receives their glorified bodies, and then immediately u-turns back with Christ for the Second Coming as the Post-Tribulation Rapture view holds, then what believer in Christ will be available for the Sheep and Goats Judgment of Matthew 25? The only people left on earth would be unbelievers, called goats. No believer — sheep — would be available for God

to put into the sheep category.

Since those who are in glorified bodies will be like the angels in that they aren't given in marriage or reproduce (Matt. 22:30; Mk. 12:25), then a believing, unglorified, human remnant must make it into the sheep category and go on to produce the nations during the Millennial reign of Christ (Ezek. 43:13-27; Isa. 19:21; Isa. 65:20-22; Rev. 20:7-10). This would mean that people would need to come to Christ during the Tribulation yet after the Rapture to produce this Millennial population.

#### **10) The Bible shows God rescues the righteous from His wrath.**

Being a Christian means having to endure suffering and trials at the hand of man (Jn. 16:33; Phil. 1:27; 1 Thes. 3:3; 1 Pet. 4:12-13). But, the Bible has many examples of those who put their faith in God are exempt from God's wrath. Noah and his family were removed from the Flood waters that in God's wrath were used to judge and cleanse the earth. Lot and his wife and two daughters were made to leave Sodom and Gomorrah before God burned the towns up with fire and sulfur. Rahab's family was set apart when Joshua's army invaded Jericho.

Could believers be miraculously protected during the Tribulation, like the Israelites were during the plagues on Egypt? Yes, the

144,000 Jewish evangelists from Revelation 7 and 14, for instance, will be divinely protected. But, the slaughter of believers during the Tribulation will be so massive that they are certainly not under any special protection (Rev. 7:9-17; 20:4).

#### **11) The Pre-Tribulation Rapture view is not too new to discount.**

Some will argue that the Pre-Tribulation Rapture view is just "too new" to be considered viable. Critics will point to the origin of the modern Pre-Tribulation view and credit John Nelson Darby (1800-1882) with its founding. But, is that assessment historically accurate? Indeed, it is not.

The Early Church fathers' such as Barnabas (ca. 100-105), Papias (ca. 60-130), Justin Martyr (110-195), Irenaeus (120-202), Tertullian (145-220), Hippolytus (ca. 185-236), Cyprian (200-250), and Lactantius (260-330) wrote on the imminent return of Jesus Christ, the central argument for the Pre-Tribulation Rapture view.

Biblical truth is determined by Scripture, and not how that teaching has been perceived at different times during history. When Augustine began spiritualizing the Bible, his view of a non-literal interpretation took hold of the church until the Renaissance, obliterating the Premillennial and Pre-Tribulation Rapture views in favor of Amillennialism. But, some Medieval writers such as Ephraem of Nisibis

(306-373), Abbot Ceolfrid's Latin Codex Amiatinus (ca. 690-716), and Brother Dolcino wrote statements that distinguish the Rapture from the Second Coming.

When the chains of allegorical interpretation began to fall off beginning with the Reformation in the 1400 and 1500s, writers such as Joseph Mede (1586-1638), Increase Mather (1639-1723), Peter Jurieu (1687), Philip Doddridge (1738), John Gill (1748), James Macknight (1763), Thomas Scott (1792) and Morgan Edwards (1722-1795) all wrote concerning the Rapture occurring separate from the Second Coming. Even in the more modern church, those like William Witherby (1818) were precursors to John Darby in support of the view. The Pre-Tribulation Rapture view is indeed then not only biblical, but supported throughout Church history.

#### **Closing Thoughts**

I thank you for coming down this mental journey with me concerning why I believe in the Pre-Tribulation Rapture of the Church. Hopefully it has confirmed or challenged some of your eschatological ideas. Bear in mind, though, that one's end-time views have no bearing on the doctrine of salvation. What is to be celebrated is that our salvation will one day lead us upwards to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ forever and ever.

#### **The Pulse**

*Perhaps you can take this*

article and make it a Bible study for your group. Or, you can ask your pastor to address this important topic with your church. You may also want to review it for personal study. Whichever way you choose to validate this article, you owe it to yourself to figure it out. The Great Tribulation, aka The Days of Wrath, will be a time FAR FAR WORSE than anyone can imagine... even far worse than the atrocities of WWII and ISIS combined! These times are at the door right now. You can see it coming in the news.

More important than anything else... do you know Jesus? Are you born again? **Have you confessed Jesus as Master and Savior of your life?** If you're not sure, then you haven't! You would know because your life radically changes when you have received Jesus and you know it! The Bible says, "today is the day of Salvation" simply because He is the only One that holds your tomorrow. If you die while unsaved, you will end up in an eternal Hell, never ever able to escape.

If you would like to receive Jesus and start a new life in Him, you can pray this prayer right now and receive His FREE gift of eternal life!

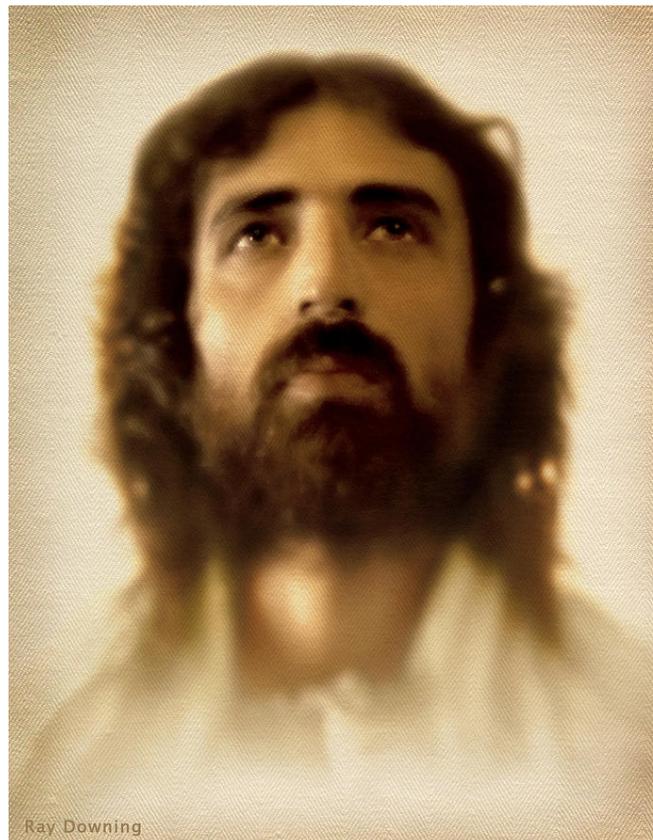
"Jesus, reveal Yourself to me. Come into my life and forgive me of all my sins. I confess my sins before You this day. Your Word promises if I confess with my mouth that You are the one and only Savior, and believe in my heart that our Father

raised You from the dead, I will be saved (Romans 10:9). I confess now, Jesus, that You are the Master of my life. In faith, I believe You died for my sins and rose again from the dead, thus defeating death. Therefore I am now saved. I will honor You by living the way You taught me to live and will be a totally committed believer from this day forward. Thank You for making me Your child, Yahweh (the Holiest Name for God). I praise and thank You right now, with my hands lifted up to Heaven, for writing my name in Your Book of Life. As I wait to come home to You forever, please use me as your disciple from this day forward. In Your mighty name, Jesus, I pray... Amen. 😊



"Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory He will reveal to us later."

Romans 8:18



Ray Downing

