

Coming of Jesus Christ

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I strive to agree with Jesus Christ in all things, because He loved me and suffered the punishment of my sins. It is possible that I have been mistaken in some matters. However I trust that He will correct me, if I have misunderstood something. I love His reprimand and His comfort because without them I cannot remain in truth. Thus, if there is something wrong in these writings it is the fault of Erkki Kuisma. Jesus deserves the credit for everything that is right.

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Easter

In the history of mankind there are three deeds of God, through which He saves His people liberating them from their enslavers. The hope to reach a better state of affairs is smouldering in the soul of every man. Two Easters have been and the third one will come. At the first Easter God's people got out of the slavery of Egypt to the Promised Land. At the second Easter we got out of the slavery of sin to be followers of Jesus. At the third Easter we will get out of the old creation to the new one.

Getting out of Egypt

All three Easters have in common the feature that God gave his salvation to some and his judgement to others. In the time of Moses the whole Egypt met with God's plagues, so that the people of God would get out of there. During the last plague God killed every firstborn of the country. *"On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn - both men and animals - and I will bring judgement on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord."*

Exodus 12:12

The same destiny was waiting for all firstborns of Israel. They were saved from God's judgement through the blood of the lamb. "They are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the door-frames of the houses where they eat the lambs."(verse 7) "The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you...."(verse13)

Getting out of sin

At the second Easter God's firstborn, Jesus Christ was the Lamb that was sacrificed. His blood gives salvation from God's judgement. The gospel of the crucified and raised Jesus offers the admission out of the slavery of sin.

So as Pharaoh didn't want to let Israel go out of the country, so sin doesn't easily let go its hold of us. *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented*

Him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood."

Rom.3:23-24

This second Easter enables you to have the faith and you can get out of Devil's kingdom into God's grace.

Getting to the new world

However the final salvation of the people of Jesus will take place at the third Easter, when Jesus will come back to the earth. At that time the same kind of plagues meet the world as at the first Easter. From the middle of those plagues God's people don't go anymore through the sea to the Promised Land but through the skys up to God's heaven.

"Immediately after the distress of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars (asteroids) will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. 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 His elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other." Matth.24:29-31

Who is He, who was to become the Son of Man? He is the Word of God, Jesus Christ, who is the Lord or Jahveh or Jehovah or God.

Once He was the Lamb of God on the cross as the sacrifice for our sins! Now He is the High Priest on the throne of God for our faith!

Soon He will come as the King on the clouds to create everything new! *"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is and is to come."* Rev.4:8

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At the time of the end

The time of the end is a period in the history of mankind. It started when Jesus died and rose up to heaven. It will end when Jesus returns back onto the earth.

The second coming of Jesus

When Jesus was born about 1999 years ago, it started a new period in the history of mankind. God began to create for himself a new nation by sowing the word of gospel into hearts of people. We still live in the 6th day of creating, because Jesus said in: *"My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working."* John.5:17
On the other hand he says that this day will end sometimes. *"As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no-one can work."* John.9:4 .

After that night a new day is coming, but it is the day of rest for God and for his friends. *"There remains, then, a Sabbath -rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no-one will fall by following their example of disobedience."* Heb.4:9-11

The second coming of Jesus will start the 7th day. At the moment God holds back his anger that He feels against the sins of mankind. He is waiting patiently that the harvest of earth will be complete. Persons who are saved by God's grace are the crop that God will gather from this world. When this period of time will end, and when comes that night mentioned by Jesus?

He gives us many signs that show the nearness of the time, but He doesn't tell us the exact time. The reason is obvious. God understands and hears all thoughts of the whole mankind. When He verifies that all hearts are so hardened that nobody will repent anymore, He will order to sound a trumpet. The time period of God's grace will end and He will pour out His wrath on the earth.

Before that moment maybe there is somewhere in the world a person, who is struggling with himself what he replies to the call of God's gospel. When he has made his decision, also God will do his.

On the other hand the Bible tells us about the number of believers that must be reached. "*...until the full number of the Gentiles has come in.*" Rom.11:25

In this year of God's grace it is wisdom to become aware of the fact that God's wrath is being revealed from heaven very soon. The same wrath was revealed once on Golgotha and hit against Jesus instead of us that we could be able to enter God's grace. If you ignore this salvation prepared by God, you will....

Be saved from God's wrath

God abhors deceit and hates liars. His fair judgement against all pretenders was on the truth-loving Jesus in Golgotha. The innocent blood of Jesus Christ was shed so that the punishment earned by liars would be reconciled. Truth suffered that palterers would come to know truth.

God looks with hate at violent persons. Jesus Christ was met with God's impartial judgement against all murderers and assailants, when He, Prince of Peace died on the cross. The holy blood of God's Lamb was shed that God's wrath against all murderers would be reconciled and criminals could get forgiveness.

God hates adulterers, gays and all sexually unclean persons. His uncompromising judgement against all fornicators hit innocent Jesus on the cross. The clean blood of God's Son was shed so that immoral persons could experience God's love instead of His hate.

God hates proud persons and boasters. Humble and modest Jesus of Nazareth met with God's holy wrath that is due to all the proud ones. He suffered the shame in the public execution place. The blood of obedient Jesus was shed onto the ground so that God would conciliate from his hate and those who humble themselves would be able to get the clean mind.

God hates greedy persons and thieves. The wrath of His judgement lashed unselfish and poor Jesus and the death of Jesus paid all debts of sin on behalf of thieves, so that a regretting sinner could be free from his sins.

God hates all sins and injustices. That hate is not only hating of bad things, but it touches also sinners. God has the good will

to all creatures and He doesn't want to hate anybody. You see, God doesn't hate anyone without a reason! The sinful character is however so essential part of us that because of it, the wrath of God is due to all of us.

God loves truth, peace, faithfulness, purity, humbleness and generosity. He loves you, when your thoughts, words and deeds are good. God hates sinners and loves righteous ones. However He is so wonderful that He loved his enemies in the act, when Jesus Christ died for sinners.

Anyone who says that God loves sinners as His friends makes a crime against the gospel of God. For what reason is the sacrifice of Jesus needed, if sinners would not be met with the wrath of God?

"Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through His life!" Rom.5:7-10

To become a believer means the moment when you will be reconciled to God. A sinner can receive Jesus as the Redeemer of his own sins and will be so saved from God's wrath. God justifies the sinner who humbles himself and gives him the Spirit of Jesus and the new life. In the decision of the faith you decide to accept the reconciliation work that Jesus did. To become a believer doesn't mean that you give your life to Jesus, but Jesus gives His life to you. At the moment when you are saved, you are totally only the receiving party.

Only he who has already been saved, can give his life to God. (Rom.12:1) When you open your heart to Jesus, who died for you, the miracle will happen to you. He himself will forgive you and His Spirit justifies you and you will get peace and the sureness of your salvation. You won't need any human assurances of being saved because of doing this or that. Don't be deceived!

Come near to God in the thoughts of your heart, not through religious formalities. Any church or congregation cannot give the salvation to you. In the best case they can be only megaphones of Jesus. *"And they cried out in a loud voice: 'Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb'."* Rev.7:10

Go to God

It is exciting to go to a distinguished person. I wait for the moment when I will be in the throne hall of God. *"After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no-one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands."* Rev.7:9

Also you can reach this place, if you fulfil the next conditions. *"These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."* Rev.7:14 Tribulation, washing and whitening are the conditions. *"They overcame him(=Devil) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death."* Rev.12:11

The blood of Jesus makes your heart white, if you believe in it by repenting of your wickedness. When you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is my Lord", you wash your robe and have a new life. When you obey the teachings of Jesus, you get into difficulties, and your love to Jesus is tested. Overcome your own wickedness, Devil and the sinful world through Jesus Christ. You are called to God.

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When will Jesus come?

The date, when Jesus will come, is a great secret! Many have eagerly tried to calculate that date and they have been put to shame. The Bible gives us signs according to which we can know that the date is near. Trusting the Bible will not lead us to shame, if we obey Jesus. Disobedience to Jesus captivates our minds with wrong things, which lead to disappointments.

Deportation and return of Jews

When Jesus told to His disciples about the signs of His return, He set Jews as one of those signs. He predicted the destruction of the temple: *"As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down."* Luke 21:6 . He predicted the deportation of Jews among all nations: *"They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations."* Luke 21:24 He predicted also their return back to their country by saying: *"Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled."* Luke 21:24

In the year 70 His prophecy of the destruction of the temple came true. After that also the deportation happened as Jesus had said. His prophecy of the return of Jews has come true in our times. This is one sign that gives us the knowledge that the coming of Jesus is near.

Signs of a coming of a summer

Jesus compares the preceding events of His coming with signs that we can see when summer is coming. *"Now learn this lesson from the fig-tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door."* Matth.24:32

Jesus refers to the events that he mentioned before this verse by saying "all these things". He draws a parallel between the summer signs in a fig-tree and the signs of His coming. The return of Jews to their own country is only one of those signs. Why does Jesus use a fig-tree in His lesson? Therefore because it pronounces the character of the coming summer.

The fig-tree doesn't mean Israel in this lesson of Jesus. An olive tree, a fig-tree and a vine represent in the Bible the power of God. (Judges 9:8-15) He is a good King who gives good fruits. A thorn bush represents the power of men. When Israel got its independence in 1948, a thorn bush became a king not a fig-tree. The signs promised by Jesus foretell the appearance of God's goodness on the earth and the fall of thorn bush governments.

Jesus cursed a fig-tree, when He didn't find early figs in it. (Mark.11:13-14) In this way He judged the thorn bush government that was to put a crown of thorns on His head, though His life had produced good figs. *"There is none of the early figs that I crave. The godly have been swept from the land; not one upright man remains. The best of them is like a brier, the most upright worse than a thorn hedge."* Micah 7:1-4

Jews represented the Kingdom of God, but in them were not found its fruits. Therefore Jesus said to them: *"The Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.."* Matth.21:43

The independence day of Israel and the day when Jews conquered Jerusalem announce nearness of the coming of Jesus, but it is not possible to use those dates to calculate the date of His coming.

Calculations of the dates of Jesus' coming

When Jesus had said, "you know that it is near, right at the door", He continues: "this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened." Believers have been excited to think that it would be possible to find out the time at some point of "the spring" which would start the time period of the last generation. Thus it could be possible to calculate the year when Jesus comes.

When they have considered Israel the fig-tree, they have got the next calculations: $1948+40 = 1988$ or $1967+40 = 2007$. They have reduced from these times seven years, because they have thought that the coming of Jesus happens seven years before "all these things have happened". In this way they got years 1981 and 2000. If Jesus doesn't come during this year, they have to invent a new year. What is the next one?

After saying "this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened" Jesus continues: "*No-one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.*" Matth.24:36 Why calculations are made, though Jesus says that it is impossible?

We can know, "that it is near, right at the door", but an attempt to calculate the time of the coming of Jesus is a sin against God. Do believe what Jesus says: "Only the Father knows". It is shameful for the name of Jesus, if His own say that He comes this year and then He doesn't come. Do not get interested in those calculations! They injure the faith of many believers!

This generation doesn't pass away

Jesus predicted the destruction of the temple, and it happened in the time of His own generation. When he says, "this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened", He means some other generation than His own. That generation will see also the last event that He mentioned. Just after it can be said that "all these things have happened". The last one in the prophecy of Jesus is the event when He Himself comes on the clouds and the angels collect His own to meet Him. (Matth.24:31)

How does Jesus define this last generation? A generation which can say that "it is near, right at the door", is that generation. So read it from your Bible: "*Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. ... This generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.*" Matth.24:33-34

Many think that this is too indefinite definition, but it is good enough for me. By observing all signs given by Jesus it is possible to know that it is near. We have already seen something of all the signs which Jesus has mentioned. When "leaves" of all those signs "come out" we will have "the summer". The closer we are to the coming of Jesus the stronger becomes this knowledge in believers: It is near, right at the door!

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The Day of Jesus Christ

The time is coming when people cannot be ashamed of their bad deeds anymore. For this reason they also cannot understand God's gospel, because He offers grace only to those who regret their sins. Why would God offer His grace anymore to mankind that is not able to appreciate it? Shamelessness of people is a sign of the age that declares closeness of the Day of God. His Day is a good day for His own but a doom day for the others.

Now we have the days like in Sodom

"The look on their faces testifies against them; they parade their sin like Sodom; they do not hide it. Woe to them! They have brought disaster upon themselves." Isaiah 3:9 The faces of modern people testify against them in the same way as it was in Sodom. There is no shame on their faces although they have committed sins. They don't hide their loathsome deeds, but they seek public acceptance for their sins.

It is so crazy that the great part of man-woman-couples is living together without a marriage at the same time as gays and lesbians are craving to get married. They behave like people of Sodom when they want that their sin is accepted. Now they have got the acceptance of the majority. This is their Day.

When God speaks about people whose heart has become so callous that they are able to sin with "a good conscience" He refers to Sodom and Gomorrah. In this way it was with the Israeli before they had to go into captivity, away from their land: *"And among the prophets of Jerusalem I have seen something horrible: They commit adultery and live a lie. They strengthen the hands of evildoers, so that no-one turns from his wickedness. They are all like Sodom to me; the people of Jerusalem are like Gomorrah."* Jeremiah 23:14

A smooth-tongued clergyman condemns deeds of almost nobody, and thus he strengthens the hands of evildoers. In this way he shares in their sins that he approved.

Shameless legalizers of sin

Who lives in sin cannot have peace with God. Using skilled word-mongering one can nullify a sin. Many priests and preachers have manipulated the conscience of people so that they think they have peace with God.

"They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. 'Peace, peace,' they say, when there is no peace. Are they ashamed of their loathsome conduct? No, they have no shame at all; they do not even know how to blush. So they will fall among the fallen; they will be brought down when I punish them, says the LORD." Jeremiah

6:14-15

Because a priest declares that God approves of killing for the defence of fatherland, a veteran is not able to be ashamed of his deeds. Because a priest doesn't condemn adultery, people cannot be ashamed of their unfaithfulness. Because a priest doesn't condemn gays and lesbians they don't understand to shudder their perversity. Therefore these priests "will fall among the fallen" and they will get the same punishment as those whose sins they have "understood".

People of Sodom

"Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy." Ezekiel 16:49 A high standard of living leads easily to life of a pleasure-lover. A spin of lust leads to perversity.

People of Sodom saw when two angels came to Lot. They looked so beautiful men that the men of the city got a lust after them. *"Before they had gone to bed, all the men from every part of the city of Sodom - both young and old - surrounded the house. They called to Lot, 'Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we can have sex with them.'"* Genesis.19:4-5

The angels struck the men with blindness and so Lot could escape from the town. They said to Lot: *"Do you have anyone else here - sons-in-law, sons or daughters, or anyone else in the city who belongs to you? Get them out of here, because we are going to destroy this place. The outcry to the LORD against its people is so great that He has sent us to destroy it."* Genesis 19:12-13

The Day of the Son of Man

Jesus calls Himself the Son of Man, because He is a new Adam. He is the Son of God as well as the Son of Man. What is His Day like? He has promised to come back and reward His own and punish His enemies.

If one had a bad day one can say: "This was not my day." The days we now live are not the days of Jesus. Nowadays He is not appreciated almost at all.

I would like to see at least one day in these days when I could say: "This was the day of Jesus." However He has predicted: *"The time is coming, when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it."* Luke 17:22 Why are not we allowed to see it? Therefore because a little before He comes back people will be as hardened as they were before the Flood and before the destruction of Sodom. He considers it needless to offer His grace to shameless people. Are we already today living the time that Jesus mentioned?

The Day of Jesus is near

The day is near when Jesus can say: "This is my day." He prophesied this: *"But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all. It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulphur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all. It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed."* Luke 17:25-30

These three events have the following common feature. At the same time as God judges callous people He saves His friends from His judgement. Jesus says that the spiritual state of mankind is similar a little before these three catastrophes. Therefore it is good to ask: How does much the mankind of today live in the spirit of Sodom? The Flood and the devastation of Sodom are a part of history, but the coming of Jesus will happen in the near future.

But still now you, who are ashamed of your bad deeds, you can come to God. He will give you His grace because of Jesus. Don't be afraid to experience the shame of your sins, for God is powerful to comfort you. *"Then, when I make atonement for you for all you have done, you will remember and be ashamed and never again open your mouth because of your humiliation, declares the Sovereign LORD."* Ezekiel.16:63

"Instead of their shame my people will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace they will rejoice in their inheritance; and so they will inherit a double portion in their land, and everlasting joy will be theirs." Isaiah 61:7

"Anyone who trusts in Him will never be put to shame." Rom.10:11

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The vital sign of the coming of Jesus

Before the coming of Jesus there are many phenomena which are described in the Bible. One of them is more important a sign than others. It reveals best that His coming and the gathering of His own is near. The signs given by Jesus are behaving like birth-pains. First they are weak and come infrequently, later they are strong and come more frequently. Also this sign has appeared since the days of the apostles. When God will "launch the birth" the sign will appear in its final form and power.

Delusion is the first sign

When Jesus spoke to His disciples about the signs which precede His return, He always starts His speech: *"Take heed that no-one deceives you..."* Matth.24:4 He also says it again during the speech. It is obvious that a delusion is the vital sign of the end time. Jesus pointed out that the delusion leads believers to lawlessness, which again leads to abandoning the love of God.

"And many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved." Matth.24:11-13

This is how we know

The apostle John, who got the revelation of the events of the end time, certainly knows what he is talking about when he gives us the sign, which can give us the knowledge that we live in the last hour.

"Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour." 1John.2:18

He points out that many antichrists are going to appear in the world before the Antichrist appears. When he says "by which we know" he announces the importance of the appearance of the Antichrist as a sign of the last time. If the appearance of many antichrists is already a sign how much more it is a sign when the real Antichrist appears. John warns against the Antichristian delusion (1John 2:18-28) and urges believers to trust in the teachings of the Holy Spirit who dwells in them and not in the doctrines of "great spiritual

men". He pointed out that this teaching is relevant also just before the catching up of the Church by saying at the end of his teaching: *"And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming."* ^{1John 2:28}

Man of lawlessness is revealed

The apostle Paul had the sure standpoint about the matter that the Antichrist will start his activities before we will be gathered to Jesus, "for that Day will not come, unless the falling away comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed."

"Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, Let no one deceive you by any means, for that Day will not come, unless the falling away comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." ^{2Thess2:1-3} It would not be any delusion, if he would start his actions by announcing that he is God. Probably it will be the highest moment of his actions.

Many teach that Jesus will take His own up before the Antichrist starts his activities. The Antichrist likes this teaching! Why? Because it is easier for him to deceive that kind of believer who thinks to get out of the world before he starts his delusion. Who would guard himself against the matter, which will not happen until he will be safe in heaven!

Appearance of the Antichrist

Many false prophets and Antichristian preachers have prepared the appearance of the real Antichrist. About this last Antichristian delusion it is said that God will send it. Therefore it will be so strong. *"God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness."* ^{2Thess.2:2:11-12}

This delusion is great and public, for it is written: *"The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders and with all unrighteous deception among*

those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. " 2Thess.2:9

He is not a politician but a preacher. Later he will get a friend who is a politician, the Beast of the Revelation.

When will he come? Paul says: *"And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way..."* 2Thess.2:6-7

Because God will send this delusion only He is able to restrain it. On the other hand there is in the way a seal that closes the book of judgements of God.

The book of Revelation tells how the time of God's wrath is locked behind the seven seals. Before that time can begin Jesus must open those seals. When He will open the first seal, a white horse and a rider will go out. *"He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer."* Rev.6:2

Also Jesus will come with a white horse, but He will conquer with the sword of His mouth. The deceiver who tries to be like Jesus has a bow which gives him the victory. The Devil uses a bow when he makes war against believers. *"Take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one."* Eph.6:16

When we inspect those passages of the Old Testament where it is told that God shoots His arrows into us, for an example into Job (Job:6:4), we notice, how that symbol speaks about God's actions when He tests our faith through the Devil.

This "great spiritual revival" is a global phenomenon around this one great miracle maker. The Islamite, the Jews and many Christian churches will finally receive him. He looks and sounds so genuine and good that only few notice the fraud.

You will also be delighted at him, if you do not love with all your heart Jesus of the Bible. You can receive the love of the Truth, if you see how the Truth was once crucified for the sake of your lies on the Calvary. You can fully trust in the Truth! Although He was weak on the cross, He is now strong, because He rose up from the dead and he crushed all powers of lies.

Antichrist is a fallen Christian leader

The Bible's prophecies about Antichrist are coming true right in front of our eyes. He is the demonic person who has masqueraded himself as an angel of light. He charms all but those who know the Bible's Jesus.

He is one of us

"Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they were not of us..." 1Jo.2:18-19

Among all the Christian Churches there are true followers of Jesus whom I respect. Yet I speak about the spirit of Antichrist in our spiritual homes, because only truth brings love and lie leads to lovelessness. Jesus is the Truth.

Two beasts

Revelation chapter 13 tells about two beasts, the first comes out of the sea and the other out of the earth. The one coming out of the sea with ten horns is a political leader and the one coming out of the earth with two horns is a Christian leader. Many Christian books and sermons deal only with this political beast. There is often just a passing remark of this false prophet who is the beast coming out of the earth. How can you know that this beast comes out from us believers? *"He had two horns like a lamb, and spoke like a dragon."*

Re.13:11

Jesus compares His disciples to lambs and horns symbolise leadership. Also Jesus Himself was called the Lamb of God. Therefore Antichrist is a pastor, a preacher or a bishop. He is the wolf in sheep's clothing, because he has a lamb's horns and "he spoke like a dragon." A religious beast makes people bow down before a political beast. This combination is also very well known in history.

The Devil in the Church

The false prophet preaches the word of God the way the devil preached to Eve in paradise or to Jesus in the desert. He interprets the Bible with great wisdom. Paul realised the influence of the

devil in the Church when he warned against "the preachers of other Jesus": *"But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted - you may well put up with it! For I consider that I am not at all inferior to the most eminent apostles"* 2Co.11:3-5

Thus the beast with two horns is "a super-apostle".

The Deceiver is near

Jesus calls the apostle Judas in John 17:12 "the son of perdition". Paul calls Antichrist by the same name in 2 Thess.2:3. Both 2 Thess.2:3 and Rev.13 describe the son of perdition in the same way: *"The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders."* 2Th.2:9 *"He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men."* Re.13:13

So Judas Iscariot is an example of Antichrist. It must have been painful to Jesus that one of His apostles was under the devil's power. *"Did I not choose you the twelve, and one of you is a devil."* Joh.6:70 As near as Judas was to Jesus, as near is Antichrist to us who are followers of Jesus in this time of the end. Not one belonging to Jesus is spared from the pain of the spirit of Antichrist being near to us.

The beast with two and ten horns

God's people often give much attention to the sea of nations, from which the beast can already be seen to rise up. EU is only one part of the integrating world. The beast coming out the sea was given authority over *"every tribe, tongue, and nation."* Re.13:7 So this beast that has the ten horns will be the real United States of the Whole World, but the beast coming out of the earth will be the World Wide Religious Union. If you pay attention to the earth (the Church), you can see signs of the beast who has the two horns. The Ecumenism is moving toward the Church ruled by the beast with two horns.

Antichristianity emphasises more power and miracles than righteousness. It demands more submission to the religious leaders

and to the traditions of the Church than obedience to the Lord Jesus. When a preacher exalts himself, "boasts according to the flesh", and loves money, he gives confident evidence which proves his Antichristianity. Also Judas stole money from the purse of Jesus.

Jesus has seven horns

Antichrist is the Lamb who has two horns, but Jesus Christ is the Lamb who has seven horns. *"And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns..."* Re.5:6

So there are five qualities of the anointing of Jesus which are missing from the Antichristian preaching. They are the Spirit of the LORD, the Spirit of understanding, the Spirit of counsel, the Spirit of knowledge and the Spirit of the fear of the LORD. The two of the seven are emphasised so that many don't notice that the five are missing. They are the Spirit of might and the Spirit of wisdom. Look at Isaiah 11:2.

That charismatic preacher who does miracles falls in the same thing as the devil before him. He becomes proud in his heart because of his great anointing, *"the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God."* 2Th.2:3-4

Nowadays God's Church is the temple of God. *"You are the temple of God"* 1Co.3:16 *"For you are the temple of the living God..."* 2Co.6:16 So Antichrist settles down to the Church of God and there he exalts himself to God.

Pride can change a believer into a beast!

Jesus' mind was: *"Who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God."* Php.2:6 The word, that causes a believer to abandon humbleness of Jesus, is the seed, which can change him into a beast. Every word, which urges a spiritual leader to lord over the congregation, is a seed of the viper. When this seed grows in his heart he becomes a beast preacher. Jesus has said about them: *"Serpents, brood of vipers! ..."* Mt.23:33

One of these words of pride says that a preacher is the king of the congregation or exalts the leader the Church over the other elders. The genuine Christian leader says: *"Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ."* 1Co.11:1 He doesn't demand respect for himself but he is the servant of all.

Pride works through the Church like yeast

"For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake." 2Co.4:5

A man, Jesus Christ is God. In the Bible the word LORD (the Hebrew word Jahveh) means God. Although a lord can also mean a man, it is a different word in the Hebrew Bible. If someone is a disciple of Jesus Christ one is a child of God. So a believer also is something godly. Jesus calls His disciples His brothers. Therefore God's child has the great temptation to start preaching himself.

What did Paul mean by preaching himself? *"Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leaves the whole lump? Therefore purge out the old leaven..."* 1Co.5:6 What kind of self-praise is "the old yeast"? Paul gives an example: *"What I speak, I speak not according to the Lord, but as it were, foolishly, in this confidence of boasting. Seeing that many boast according to the flesh, I also will boast...."* 2Co.11:17-

After this he lists all the good deeds he has done in the work of the Kingdom of God and how much he has suffered for Jesus' sake. This kind of witnessing for the LORD is speaking according to the flesh and it devastates the faith. A little leaven leaves the whole Church.

Usually one doesn't lose the gospel as a doctrine, but by "boasting according to the flesh". The salvation project planned by God has this main principle: *"that no flesh should glory in His presence."*

1Co.1:29

The heart that once saw the light of the Gospel of the glory of Jesus Christ can become dark because of aiming at human honour. *"But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe,*

lest the light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them." 2Co.4:3-4

About the history of backsliding

In the early Christian congregation the faith was confessed by saying "Jesus Christ is LORD." The Fathers of the Church changed this confession from Jesus-centric into egocentric one "I believe the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit and the holy Catholic Church and the resurrection of the body and the eternal life."

They had received a different spirit, another Jesus and a different gospel mentioned by Paul. The Fathers of the Church fell away from the humility of Jesus and started to hunt popularity of the world by means of Christianity. They made a covenant with the Emperor of Rome and in this way they trespassed against the covenant of God.

The New Covenant is made through the blood of Jesus and in that God *"has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love."* Col.1:13 The Kingdom of Jesus cannot make any alliance with the power of darkness. Jesus called the devil *"the ruler of this world"* Joh.14:30 revealing in this way who is the real influential person behind the political system of the world. *"Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God."* Jas.4:4

It has happened with the Christian leaders in the same way as it happened with the kings of Israel of the Old Testament who allied themselves with the kings of their neighbouring countries. In this way they made themselves an enemy of God. Martin Luther considered Pope Antichrist, but he became himself the same kind leader as Pope. He and his friends gave up following Jesus when they appealed to King Charles and to the parliament of Ausburg. The parliament handled the attack of Turkey and they needed the support of a religion in the war against the Islamite. The hostilities of that age live even today in Kosovo so witnessing the danger of the union of religion and politics.

When they allied themselves with the government they expressed their rebellion against the gospel of God. Luther trusted in the protection of the government. Thus he believed to be able to preach

the gospel freely. In this way he deceived himself and those who followed him, for in the book of Galatians it is said that the God's gospel "is not according to man". Paul says: *"If I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ."* Ga.1:10

The confession of Ausburg is the report of the Lutheran faith, which was prepared for the parliament of Ausburg. It begins with the fawning title: "O the unbeatable King Charles." In a certain way Luther fell deeper than the Fathers of the Church. He gave the leadership of the Church to the king. Thus "the prince of this world" became the head of the Lutheran Church. Hitler, though Catholic, came to power in a country with a Lutheran heritage and that reveals the the kind of results that Lutheran backsliding produces.

State Church, baptism and the mark of the beast

The Catholic Church had created the doctrine of the saving baptism. Pope believes that he has got from the apostle Peter the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Pope has distributed his power to his priests who use the keys in the baptism. This great lie was adopted by the Lutheran Church. The justification through the dead faith is the Lutheran emphasis which is used to confirm the magic of the sacrament of the baptism.

The doctrine of the baptism's grace is closely bound to that unholy alliance between the government and the Church. It is not possible to create the state Church by preaching the gospel, because God expects from man the voluntary commitment to the gospel's call which God cries out on the Calvary. The message, "whose country, his religion", fits together with the main purpose of a state Church. In other words the nation must be forced to the religion of its king. This purpose will come true also in the beast state of the Book of Revelation.

The number 666 describes economic, political and religious power. There would not be a Lutheran Church in Finland without the sword mission and baptising by force. Also today bishops and priests regard the baptism more important than the experience given by the gospel. This attitude proves that they are under the law and have fallen away from the grace as it is said in Galatians.

Galatians blasphemed against God with their circumcision faith. In the same way Lutherans blaspheme against God with their faith in the baptism's grace.

The sacramental baptism is the oldest example of the mark of the beast. Anybody, who had not been baptised, couldn't sell or buy, not even live in those countries. The wet cross, made on the forehead of the baptised soul marks the ownership of the Church in the same way as the beast's mark on the forehead seals the soul for the beast's own.

Drunk with the blood of Jesus' witnesses

The mother of prostitutes persecutes the real followers of God. *"I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and the blood of the martyrs of Jesus."* Re.17:6

If you felt anger against me when you read my previous paragraph, you felt the hate that comes from the same spirit, which affected in the high priests and scribes who demanded that Jesus must be killed. "Rid the earth of such a sectarian."

Zwingli was the reformer of Switzerland and later the head of the state. First he was a believer, but finally he became a murderer of his brethren. In the year 1521 he explained (Vapaan Kristillisyyden Historia, Gunnar Westin p. 70) that the doctrine which teaches that man is cleaned from the original sin through baptism is superstition. Also in many other issues he trusted in the real gospel.

What did it happen in his heart when he finally was involved in the actions against believers? Maybe the reason for his backsliding was there that he was involved in politics.

"The Council and Zwingli carried out their words when in January 1527 Felix Manz was drowned in Limmat that runs through Zürich." (VKH p.85) Manz had been a close fellow believer of Zwingli. The Anabaptism was punished either with a deportation or a death penalty. The order of the German Emperor from the year 1528 and the State law from the year 1529 prescribed the capital punishment for Anabaptists. (VKH p.158). Near Worms there was a discussion meeting of matters of faith in the year 1557. The documents of that meeting have been preserved. It is mentioned

there that many Lutheran theologians urged their governments to attack roughly against Anabaptists. Among the signers was also Philip Melanchthon. (VKH p.161)

Dead faith

Luther's faith was not biblical, because his faith was more considering the Bible's words true than obeying Jesus. He was creating the doctrine that the faith saves, though the Bible says that Jesus saves - through the faith. Luther's preaching causes the passive attitude to God. Yet today his teachings cause many hearts to answer to the Holy Spirit: I cannot do the will of Jesus in the matter you ask because I am afraid of falling under the law and falling away from the grace. That fear is caused by the Antichristian spirit that has influence over man through the sacramental baptism. It is logical that Luther didn't understand the message of the Bible's James, because in the Book of James the dead faith is rebuked.

If a believer continues in the grace of the gospel he will have the grace to do deeds of the faith, such as to take the baptism. Living under the God's grace makes us the friends of God and enemies of this world. In the Bible faith is obedience to God's word, not only considering it true. The holy grace makes active followers of Jesus, but the unholy grace makes people finally insult the Spirit of grace with their deeds.

Lutheran and Calvinist theologies are also the substrate of the modern liberal theology. Luther started to change many teachings of Jesus.

Unfaithful faith

The alliance with the state forced him to adopt an Old Testament attitude to war, though Jesus says: *"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven."*

Mt.5:43-45

"Hate your enemy" commanded Israel to destroy the enemy of God. It gave the duty to make "holy war" against the nation whose sin had reached its full measure. Instead, Jesus forbade His own

to revenge on God's behalf. He took just that God's punishments belonging to sinners His own fault. This caused Him to be crucified onto the cross. He didn't defend Himself with a sword. Also he didn't use a sword to defend us. Therefore also His followers are pacifists

Divorce is the other matter where Luther has spoken against Jesus. He thought that a divorced one can in the certain cases be remarried with another person, though the previous spouse still lives. (In the book "Wedding Present", Brandt, p.151) Jesus says: *"Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced from her husband commits adultery."* Lu.16:18

It is impossible to the dead faith to understand God's grace and His power. So it is no wonder that many Lutheran priests of our days don't believe that Jesus has risen from the dead. In these last days they have even made the incorrectly translated Bible so trying to force the words of God to the form of their dead faith.

Jesus is replaced by the Church

Luther and especially Calvin believed that the power of the Church creates the kingdom of God on the Earth. However only Jews have the state religion accepted by God. The state religion of the New Covenant will not appear until Jesus comes on the clouds back on the earth. Luther and Calvin thought that Jews had lost their rights to be the particular nation of God and so their state religion would be moved to the Christian nations. This doctrine of Luther helped Hitler to persecute Jews.

Yet today these Churches believe that the heavenly millennium will come true through the power of the Church. Could you imagine any more Antichristian doctrine! Not only Israel is replaced by the Church but also Jesus Christ!

Jesus movements becoming formal

The revivals of the previous century began as Jesus-centric movements where the Holy Spirit was poured over the believers. Near the end of the century seeking the acceptance of the world has more and more blinded the hearts of believers so that they have lost the Gospel of the glory of Christ. There are an increasing number

of preachers anointed by God who have made themselves kings in their churches. In their sermons they have decided to get rid of those words of Jesus which would cause disregard of the world or persecution.

The ordinary prostitutes sell themselves, but spiritual prostitutes buy love of the world giving away the gifts that they got from God. *"Men make payment to all harlots, but you made your payments to all your lovers, and hired them to come to you from all around for your harlotry."* Eze.16:33 These Churches have got from God much beauty and wealth which to sell.

Luther sold his Christianity to the state advertising that Christians are good citizens for the Emperor and will give him the victory in the war, because God is with them. The Christianity of our age is courting world's favour with the social work it does. Alcoholics become sober, gangsters become fine fellows and missionaries teach nations to read and write and build hospitals. The great prostitute of the Revelation Book means backsliding Christianity, because its sin is the alliance with the state. *"Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication."* Re.17:1-2

A virgin doesn't become a prostitute during one night. Every believer is sometimes unfaithful to Jesus - but then regrets and repents. Continuous impenitence and the unnoticed becoming dependent on the lover cause the permanent unfaithfulness. The backslided Christianity has set in its ways, because it has lost the source of life. A formal salvation takes the place of the true salvation because the Spirit of God has left the Antichristian Church.

The pharisee of Jesus' age taught that you are saved if you only are circumcised and belong to a synagogue. The bishops of the Church have the same doctrine when they say that you are saved if you only are baptised.. Jesus has nothing to do with them, because He taught: "But unless you repent, you too will all perish".. For

the same reason those, who are faithful to Jesus, do not practise fellowship with the dead Christianity.

Sacrament of a decision

The true gospel is the joyful message about Jesus Christ. *"It pleased God to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him."* Ga.1:16 When it was wanted to please the world, it was not wanted to preach Jesus, and not to invite people to be changed into the likes of Him. Instead, it was wanted to preach the becoming a believer, which has good effects on man's natural life. When you make a decision of faith you will get the seven good ones and the eight beautiful ones.

The rebirth and new life in the respected Church of good people sounds better than coming through the small gate to the narrow Jesus-way. It looks like the devil would have come into the Church in the role of the advertising psychologist. Appeal to the needs of people and you will sell your product.

When preaching the gospel stressed the rebirth and not getting into contact with Jesus, the emphasis was moved from the receiving the word of God to the experience of the decision.

In the years of the great revivals in the 19th century it became a habit to come to the penitent form where the heart was made obedient to Jesus. This was replaced in the 20th century with a place, where the decision to believe in God was made or life was given to Jesus. Although some have really come to the faith in those moments for many others they have been more deceitful events than the sacramental baptism. The penitent bench was changed little by little into the altar of a church, the holy place of the salvation.

Preachers didn't anymore wait for the work of the Holy Spirit appearing in man, but they hurried to assert that now they have been born again. Therefore many remained without the assurance the Holy Spirit gives and got instead of it the bombastic assurances of the "great" churchman.

In this way many of them, who believe that they were born again in the meeting where they made their decision of the conversion, got the untruthful experience. This kind of practice has dismissed the

authority of the Holy Spirit and the authority of the Church and its preacher has little by little taken His place.

If one believes in the salvation through the baptism and the other believes in the salvation through the coming up in a meeting, although neither of them experienced the gospel in their hearts, they are in the same kind of a state of superstition.

Gospel of a temple

Congregations started to build lofty church temples, because people were invited more to meetings than to Jesus. This was done, because it was believed that a honourable assembly room draws people in. The most honourable people like a boss of the local government was invited to speak in the inaugural ceremony of the temple, so that others would understand that it is suitable also for their dignity to come to meetings.

The Holy Spirit doesn't need lofty meeting rooms to be able to give the assurance that one is saved and a child of God. They who follow mere natural instincts need a magnificent scene so that people would get a good religious experience.

Ashamed of Jesus and His person

The essential part of receiving of God's grace is committing oneself to the name of Jesus and to His person. For a true believer His words are spirit and life. However Jesus' name and His character is commonly rejected and left away for instance from meeting advertisements. Instead of Him it is started to believe more in the names of celebrities who have become believers.

They are ashamed of Jesus because His teachings are considered so narrow-minded by this world. Therefore all the Bible passages are not even allowed to be read in many congregations, because they are considered too law-minded. These unfaithful people don't consider Jesus any drawing card, though He gave Himself to be nailed on the cross for us. Jesus assures His attraction:

"And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." Joh.12:32

Worshipping human wisdom

The content of sermons was changed from proclaiming into explaining, because they started to listen to the old whispering: "Did God really say?" Therefore preachers were started to be appointed on the basis of natural talents and scholarship and not on the basis of the gifts got from the Holy Spirit. Before it was proclaimed: "God has said in this way." Now it is explained: "In this way we are teaching".

Pastoral care started to be based on psychological wisdom and not on the medicine of God's word. They dared to turn to the wisdom of this world, though the Bible says about it: *"Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?"* 1Co.1:20 The wisdom of God and the wisdom of the world are foolishness to each other, for the Bible says: *"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."*

1Co.1:18

For maintaining the unity of the Church it was not anymore trusted in the presence of the Good Shepherd, Jesus, but the shepherd's crook was used by human authority and togetherness was created by strengthening the identity of the denomination. When Jesus doesn't join together the members of the Church the Holy Spirit is replaced with human togetherness.

Miraculous signs at the cost of losing the truth

When the gospel is not anymore considered the great message about Jesus, room is made as well for a sensible faith as for a faith based on an incitement of feelings. Man's own ability to believe in supernatural things is natural faith, but the biblical faith gets its power from the word of God. Some are misled by the wisdom of this world and the others are misled by miracles. *"For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom."* 1Co.1:22

Remember that Antichrist has the two horns, the horns of power and wisdom. So he is able to charm as well Jews as Greeks, in the other words as well religious people as atheists. A religious man demands signs before he grants to believe. However God doesn't accept this request. He wants to confirm our faith with miracles, but our faith must not be based on them, but on His word.

God's signs prove to us that the gospel about Jesus is true. *"The Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs."* Mt.16:20 So God's miracles are witnesses of Jesus Christ and attest to us the gospel's truth that He really is what He claims to be. If miracles are not confirming the word of God but are confirming authority of a preacher or a denomination, the miracles are not from God.

Many spiritual revivals have brought great preachers to public notice. Then the preacher and his miracles and signs have been the common topic, but not Jesus. He was left in the background.

It is a duty of a preacher to take care of that God gets the glory of His miracles. When apostle Paul took care of this thing he was stoned by the people, though he would have had opportunity to receive the worship of the same people. (Look at Acts 14) If God didn't get the glory from His miracles, it can happen later that through this preacher it starts to appear miracles, which spring up through the power of lies. If man takes the honour which belongs to God, he is practicing a lie. The preacher who has lost the truth wants to give the signs which are required by religious people.

A lie-maker has listened to the serpent and his mind has been corrupted to the obedience to the Truth. *"For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect."* Mt.24:24

Evil generation seeks a sign

Falling down during an intercession has been considered a touch of the Holy Spirit. All these kind of signs have always been dangerous. Also Jews wanted to see a sign from Jesus, but He replied: *"An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah."* Mt.12:39

Because Jesus didn't give the Jews any other sign than the crucified and up risen Son of God, I believe that He has not given this sign of falling down. Jesus didn't want that the Jews would receive Him without accepting His teachings. If He would have done some miraculous performances, signs, the people would have been

delighted and received Him as Messiah, but yet their hearts would have remained in rebellion against His teachings.

In Christianity there have always been wonders of the natural faith in some degree but especially it will be so at the time of the end. When practicing the natural faith something supernatural can really start happening. Then you are in danger because it is too difficult for you to consider this event not coming from God and so you are overwhelmed with the spirit of lie. Hypnosis and suggestions are powers of lies, which are caused by the spirit of lie. God's faith is power of the truth, which is caused by the Holy Spirit.

Many are using sentences of the Bible like magic verses. They don't ponder the message in their heart but they repeat them to themselves by exciting themselves to believe. Escape that kind of practices! Instead, hear and understand the meaning of God's word in your heart, agree with its message and you will get the faith as a gift from God. He gives the faith to them who humble themselves before His words to ask for His grace.

Don't be such "a hero of the faith" who tries to take the faith without asking for it, exciting oneself to believe. If you didn't get the faith from God the fault was maybe in your hearing. Humble yourself under the word of God and He will give you the faith by His grace.

Some of the preachers of the natural faith have gone further and further by stressing the signs and miracles. They have forced aside repentance and confessing of sins, standing outside this world and denying oneself and taking up one's cross and following Jesus. They stress believing in the resurrection and the health of the body. Even getting rich and political power to the Church are their aims.

Gradually wrong spiritual power has increased and this has got lately such features, which show that the real Antichrist will appear very soon from the charismatic Christianity.

The summary of the gospels:

The message of the real gospel: Only Jesus Christ saves.

The message of the old prostitute: Church saves.

The message of the middle-aged prostitute: Faith saves.

The message of the young prostitute: Spirit saves.

The Bible version used in references is NKJV

Church in distress

What happened to Jesus will also happen to His Church. Before Jesus was resurrected He suffered and died. It is enough for the Church that it has the same destiny as He who is its head. Emperor Nero faked Christians guilty of the fire of Rome. In the same way it will be done to the Church of today by the world's government that will soon take power. At first God's people will be met with world's hate then the world will be met by God's wrath. The Church will die, but it will rise up as Jesus.

Dangerous believers

A great catastrophe will happen very soon. The believers of Jesus will be blamed in the same way as the emperor of Rome, Nero, put the blame on Christians for the great fire of Rome though he himself obviously set the town on fire. That catastrophe made Christians "the enemies of the empire". Similar persecution will happen again at the time of the end. People, who will blame Christians, will themselves explode the bomb though they say that the fanatics of Jesus did it. Media will tell about trials against believers. In every country laws restricting religious freedom will be prescribed.

Since the millennium parties it is more often mentioned in media, how believers are dangerous to the security of the world. They speak as if the believers themselves intended to arrange the end of the world. They don't want to see that every follower of Jesus is a pacifist and loves all people. This world did the same thing to Jesus. He went around and did only good things, not evil ones at all, and yet they said that He is dangerous and He must be killed.

Greater persecution as usually

This world has always hated followers of Jesus. *"In facts, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted."*

^{2Tim3:12} At the time of the end there is however a particular persecution, which is the world-wide war against Christians.

Congregations will be destroyed and dispersed. *"This horn was waging war against the saints and defeating them."* ^{Dan.7:21} *"He was given power to make war against the saints and to conquer them."*

^{Rev.13:7}

It is good to every believer to understand that this will happen according to the plan of God. Then he can as calmly as Jesus pass through his own suffering path. He can say to his judge like Jesus: "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above."

Jesus predicted the destiny of the Church

One of the most essential teachings of Jesus is the fact that His own gets the same treatment from the world as He. It is said many times in the Bible and extremely clearly. However many cannot see it. They believe that the resurrection of the Church of Jesus happens without preceding suffering or persecution. They have been blinded by the same human mind that blinded Jews to see Jesus as the Messiah. The same human thinking made Peter to rebuke Jesus, when He started to tell to His disciples that He had to suffer and die. Motivated by the same attitudes some teachers of the Bible believe that Church will be caught up from here without preceding distress and persecution.

"All these are the beginning of birth-pains. Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me." Matth.24:8-9

"All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved... A student is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the student to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master." Matth.10:22-25 Is it enough for you to be like Jesus?

All nations get a testimony through persecution

It is clear that the Church doesn't suffer for the same reason as Jesus. He suffered to atone our sins, but the Church suffers for giving the testimony of the gospel to the dying world. After Jesus had said about the persecution He says: *"But he who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."* Matth.24:13-14 The fact that many followers of Jesus will stand firm to the end will witness for the gospel to all nations.

The testimony of the believers will be televised from courtrooms to all over the world. *"They will lay hands on you and persecute you. They will deliver you to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. This will result in your being witnesses to them."* Luke 21:12-13
At that time every person on the earth will make his choice that resolves his relationship with Jesus.

Waiting for the Kingdom of Jesus

Jesus urged His own to watch and pray when we wait for the appearance of God's Kingdom. The saints of all ages have longed for the return of Jesus, because a righteous heart doesn't feel at home in the sinful world. This longing cannot be removed by the discovery that the coming of Jesus is not yet possible.

It is wrong to say that His coming could happen at any moment, because the Bible informs many things, which must be fulfilled before Jesus is able to come. The full number of believers must be saved (Rom.11:25), renegades must have become completely wicked (2Thess.2:3, Dan.8:23) and the number of martyrs that have been killed for Jesus must be completed (Rev.6:11).

We can prepare for the coming of Jesus by dedicating our hearts to God so that we are ready at any moment to die in the faith of Jesus Christ.

Church is now in Gethsemane

Jesus prepared for the battle of Calvary by praying in Gethsemane. He prayed: *"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."* Luke 22:42 While Jesus was praying Peter was sleeping with the sword. In the same way some Christians now are preparing for a persecution with weapons while some others dedicate their hearts to God so that they are ready to give up everything for Jesus.

Backsliders are preparing destruction of the Church

Judas arranged the arresting of Jesus. In the same way it will be also now. *"At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other."* Matth.24:10 The renegades will arrange everything. Because Antichrist is a renegade he exactly knows, as did Judas, what kind of life churches are leading. *"With flattery he*

will corrupt those who have violated the covenant, but the people who know their God will firmly resist him." Dan.11:32

Resurrection of the Church

Jesus enumerates many things as the answer to the question: "*When will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"* Matt.24:3-31

They are: a deception, messages of wars, famines, pestilence, earthquakes, persecution, an abomination of God's temple, fearful events from heaven, the sun and the moon will be darkened and the asteroids will fall from the sky. "*At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. 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 His elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other."* Matth.24:31

Also you are His elect, if His grace does for you. If you choose humbleness before Him, His grace will elect you.

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Ufos

Aliens from space are inhabitants of the invisible creation.

Life in space

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

Eph.6:12

General knowledge of the home of evil spirits is based on the Greek mythology not on the Bible. The horned Devil that lives under ground is not the reality of the Bible.

Devil and his angles live in the heavenly realms. From our viewpoint they are in the same direction than God. For that reason it is so difficult to get a connection to only the real God, because Devil acts the part of God between the real God and us.

"You were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient." Eph.2:2 The ruler of air affects to thoughts of the persons who don't obey the teaching of Jesus. However God is above all and He is the only God and rules everything.

Life in heaven

Jesus sits now on the throne of God. *"His incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.."* Eph.1:19-21.

Everybody knows that Jesus has power over evil spirits. He sets free a person who is possessed by an evil spirit. Jesus is far above all rule and authority. A demon can also appear in its own spiritual body. When someone has seen an alien that claims to come from space, it is obviously an evil angle. You don't believe in this, if you want to believe that it comes from another planet.

What about the flying space crafts, UFOs? The heaven is not so poor a place than you think. An evil spirit can fly with a space craft. Jesus will ride on the white horse when He comes back. Of course this horse is made of the material of the other creation.

The war in space

Bible tells us how the inhabitants of the invisible world have visited on earth. We can say that demons or evil angles are humanoids, but there are also good angles that are faithful to God. Many prophets of the Old Testament saw God's angles. Elisha saw *"horses and chariots of fire."* 2Kings.6:17

Bible tells that God took two men to heaven when they still were in their bodies, Enoch and Elijah. In the future there will be the great war in heaven and space. *"And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angles fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down - that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angles with him."*

Rev.12:7-9

So aliens from sky are to be expected. They are not so nice humanoids, but UFO-believers will get what they want.

God created the two creations

When someone has seen UFOs, he cannot realize that he has seen the material of the other creation, because he is not aware of it. However it is very simple thing in the Bible. God created two creations: the invisible and the visible one. *"For by Him(=Jesus) all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible..."* Col.1:16

When God created heavens, so the one was air sky, the second one was space and the third one was heaven, (to us) invisible creation. *"There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies, but the splendour of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendour of earthly bodies is another."* 1Cor.15:40

This third heaven is its own dimension in space, because the Bible says that heaven opens when Jesus comes on the clouds. Some scientists tell about antimatter. Maybe it is the same, maybe not, but

this is obvious. The heavenly material is more permanent than this material that we know. *"For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."* 2Cor.4:18

Jesus promises the new body to all of us. It is made from that eternal material. The followers of Jesus will get a body like their Lord. *"But our citizenship is in heaven. And we are eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body."*

Phil.3:20-21

Other people also will get eternal bodies, in which they will be *"thrown into the lake of fire."* Rev.20:15 Jesus will ride with a white horse that has heavenly body. The evil angles fly with space crafts. Technology doesn't give a victory in the war against God.

Caught up to the third heaven

Apostle Paul tells that he was caught up to the third heaven. *"I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know - God knows - was caught up to paradise. He heard inexpressible things, things that man is not permitted to tell."* 2Cor.12:2-4

God's Paradise and heavenly Jerusalem are there in the other creation. There is some place, where the evil angles have made their UFOs. They have to give some explanation to earth's people when God's angles hurl them to the earth.

They will say that they come from a planet, because they don't want to say the truth that God kicked them out of heaven. Many have experiences of God's angles who have saved their lives. If you compare these stories to those where someone tells how he visited in UFO, you can notice that these aliens lie. It is very old story that a bad angle acts the part of a good angle.

This fraud can be revealed with the name of Jesus. You can ask the angle, is he glad of the fact that Jesus Christ is a real human being and true God in the same time, and ask him also can he worship God for the fact that God's wrath against a sinner can be removed

upon him through the blood of Jesus. You will see that the angle cannot worship Jesus, if it was an evil angle.

You are tempted to have a war against God

Bible tells how the whole mankind will gather for the battle against God. Rev.16:13-14. How is it possible that they enter to so desperate a struggle? Are you ready to go to the battle? You hear so much UFO stories, because Devil wants that you wait for your enemy to come from the sky. Maybe someone thinks that evil aliens are coming, when it is Jesus coming, and they are for that reason in the battle.

Because mankind loves sin, it is easy for Devil to involve the whole world to the battle against God. The coming of Jesus will destroy the sinful civilization.

The Kingdom of Heaven is near. If you love Jesus, you are not afraid of the future. When Jesus will rule on earth here is peace and the presence of God is so great that a man doesn't dare to commit a sin Do not rebel against God. He is good. Reconcile now with God, or you might find yourself in the battle of Armageddon, where you are killed with the sword that comes out of the mouth of Jesus. Rev.19:11-21. Today it is still the day of God's mercy. He really wants to save your soul.

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Asteroids are coming

The threat of asteroids has come up since the beginning of the decade of 1990. At the beginning of the decade an asteroid was observed that went past the earth. If it would have had the different passing time of only one minute it would have hit the Earth and it was so big an asteroid that all life would have been destroyed. This scared many scientists. There was an international conference and big research projects were started so that approaching asteroids could be observed. Jesus has foretold that asteroids will fall down to earth a little before He will come back. God is in control. The asteroid of the right size will fall down to the right place and at the right time. It will be the most difficult time in the history of the mankind.

Observing asteroids

BBC news told on its internet page 12.1.2000: "No escaping asteroids". More than 700 asteroids have been observed to approach the earth. Actually they are many more, for only a part of them has been able to be observed. It is thought that at the current rate it will take about 15 years to track down 90% of them. They call an asteroid that could be hazardous for the earth with the name NEO (Near Earth Object). Scientists say about the matter: "Whether an asteroid will hit the Earth is a question of when, not if."

They cannot say certainly, which of NEOs will hit and which will pass by. It is possible that at any moment an unnoticeable asteroid can hit the Earth. Therefore they would like to track them in time so that it could be possible to change their track with explosives which a rocket brings to the object. You can find more information in the web site of MPC (Minor Planet Center).

Whole mankind will be distressed

Bible's Daniel got from God the next vision: *"There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people - everyone whose name is found written in the book - will be delivered."* Dan.12:1

Jesus foretells about the same thing: *"For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now - and*

never to be equalled again. If those days had not been cut short, no-one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened." Matth.24:21-22 The greatest distress in the history of mankind is near.

The future of mankind is pressing in many ways without these impacts of asteroids: new serious diseases, changes of climate, coming big earthquakes, the pollution of nature and so on. This greatest distress in the history of mankind is near. Then people will be desperate, because the heavenly bodies will be shaken.

Jesus foretold that asteroids will hit the Earth

"Immediately after the distress of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. 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 His elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other." Matth.24:29

God will evacuate His people from that great distress. Notice how Jesus announces that the falling of asteroids happens near the time when angels gather His people from the earth. The days of distress are even shortened for the sake of believers. Apostle John sees the previous event in the vision: *"I watched as He opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as late figs drop from a fig-tree when shaken by a strong wind. The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place."* Rev.6:12-16

Jesus describes that tribulation: *"There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken."* Luke 21:25-26

When an asteroid falls down into a sea it causes huge waves. These breakers devastate the land from the shore deeply to the inland.

Scientists have observed that particularly great earthquakes are coming. Then also continental plates can be moved and so the prediction of the Bible would be fulfilled: "mountains and islands were removed from their places."

During the year 1999 there were series of earthquakes in the world, which especially shook Turkey. Then scientists predicted that in the near future there will be series of greater earthquakes where for instance the main island of Japan will be seriously shaken. They said that it can happen tomorrow, but in any case during 30 years. We can image what tensions of earth's crust could go off, if an asteroid would crash into a sensitive place. Notice that the Bible pronounces that this time of the great distress is only once in the history of mankind.

How do you react upon the distress?

Oppressing news have been increased, the more knowledge the more grief. Many react upon a distress by celebrating. This is an old custom to care one's soul, when the future seems desperate. The Israeli said to each other when the army of the enemy was surrounding them: "*Let us eat and drink, you say, for tomorrow we die!*" Isaiah.22:13 You can react also in another way upon the distress caused by the truth. You can turn to Him who sent the distress. Jesus helps you through the tribulation, if you put your trust in Him.

When we see how the prophecies of the Bible come true it proclaims to us that Bible's Jesus is trustworthy. He says: "See, I have told you ahead of time."

Jesus catch up His own

Also Apostle Paul tells us about that great day when God's trumpet sounds the assembly for everyone who is Jesus' own: "*Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed - in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.*" 1Cor.15:51-52 "*For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up meet the Lord in the air.*" 1Thess.4:16-17

Jesus emphasises the speed of the event when He says: *"Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left."* Matth.24:40-41 Jesus picks up His own away from the great distress. Angeles fetch believers "from one end of the heavens to the other". It happens at the same time all over the world.

They are gathered to the throne of God. The next report describes the atmosphere of that moment: *"Then one of the elders asked me, 'These in white robes - who are they, and where did they come from?' ... And he said, 'These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'" Rev.7:13-14*

Take care of it that you are among those who God will evacuate on that great day of the redemption.

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Every eye will see Him

Happy are those who love Jesus, though they have not seen Him, for they will see Him without fear. Near is the day when the whole mankind will see Him and will tremble with fear, for they did not believe in His name.

The sign of the Son of Man

The Jews wanted to see a sign from Jesus. They demanded to get a sign that would convince them that He is the promised Messiah. *"Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.' But He answered and said to them, 'An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah."*

Matth.12:38-41

Jonah preached to the people in Nineveh: *"Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown."* Jonah 3:4 When they listened to Jonah they saw scars in his skin. He had got them in the belly of the fish. They had to be impressed by Jonah when he told how he cried out to the LORD and asked mercy from Him in the belly of the fish. The scars of Jonah told them about the reality of God's judgement, but on the other hand about God's mercy which He gives a sinner who repents. And all the people of the town believed this message of Jonah and they turned from their evil ways.

Jesus says that He is the sign to us in the same way as Jonah was to the people in Nineveh. After His resurrection He appeared to His disciples and they got to see "the sign of the Son of Man". He showed them the print of the nails and the scar on His side.

Before the crucifixion the high priest demanded Jesus to say who He is. "Tell us if You are the Messiah, the Son of God". In His reply Jesus said: *"Hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."*

Matth.26:64 He promised that Jews will see Him, when He will come on the clouds.

Every eye will see Him

"Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will

mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen." Rev.1:7 When Jesus had risen from the dead, God *"showed Him openly, not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God."* Acts 10:40-41 But when He will come on the clouds He will be shown to all the people. The whole mankind will see the coming of Jesus.

When Jesus told about the events just before His coming He says: *"Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect..."* Matth.24:30-31

His coming is a public event. He will appear to everybody when He comes to meet His own on the clouds. *"We shall be caught up.... in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air..."* 1Thess.4:17

Public not secret coming

Many are teaching that Jesus will catch up His Church during a peaceful time without that "all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven". How can they be mistaken so badly? Maybe therefore, that they have the Christianity, which puts the Church first and Jesus secondary. Because they have hidden Jesus into the shadow of the Church they have the tendency to believe that also in the case of the rapture the Church will be noticed by people when it suddenly disappears and Jesus stays in secret.

At the end time it can happen to them in the same way as it happened to the believers of Thessalonica, to whom apostle Paul wrote about this thing. They were shocked greatly when they believed that Jesus had already come and taken away His own. If the coming would be secret lies like this could be told for instance in time of crisis, when all kind of rumours easily possess. In the same way as the coming of a thief surprises them so does the coming of Jesus on the clouds, because they don't wait for Him.

Consequences of the appearance of Jesus

How nations react to this public appearance: *"And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves*

and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, 'Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?'" Rev.6:15-17 The Day of God's and Lamb's wrath begins from the seventh seal, soon after Jesus has caught up His own. Everybody knows then what is going on.

Jesus tells about this coming time of the wrath very movingly to the women who are weeping for Him when He carries His cross. *"Do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For indeed the days are coming.... Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!' For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in the dry?"* Luke.23:28-30 Jesus says that He is "a green wood", who suffered on the cross the wrath of God instead of us. People, for whom the salvation, which Jesus gained for them, doesn't do will suffer God's wrath themselves.

On that day of the appearance it happens great things in Israel. It is what was spoken by the prophet Zechariah. *"They will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn."* Zech.12:10 This verse was in the mind of Jesus, when He said to the high priest, "hereafter you will see..." He already saw in His spirit the Day when He would come on the clouds to show everybody His wounds, which soon were to be pierced.

When they have seen Jesus and His scars when He appears on the clouds, many Israeli realise that Jesus Nazarene is Messiah. Then *"all Israel will be saved"* Rom.11:26 , for 12000 persons from each tribe become believers. *"And the land shall mourn, every family by itself... all the families that remain, every family by itself, and their wives by themselves."* Zech.12:12,14 These saved people will be sealed with God's seal. *"And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed."* Rev.7:4

Jesus steps on to Earth

When Jesus comes onto earth it is a totally different event from His appearance on the cloud to meet His own. When Zechariah has first told about "they look on me whom they have pierced", he tells after that about the coming of Jesus onto earth. *"Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two..."* Zech.14:3-4

The corresponding passage is in the Revelation: *"Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire..."* Rev.19:11-12

Also Paul tells first in the chapter four of 1Thess how we are "caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air..." and then in the first chapter of 2Thess. he tells how Jesus "is revealed from heaven in flaming fire". The revelation of Jesus on the cloud is the last appearance of love to the whole mankind before He will come onto earth and destroy His enemies.

So you can be confident that the resurrection of the Church cannot happen without you noticing.

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The Kingdom of God's Lamb is near!

The new world order, which the Lamb of God brings on earth, is near. Then the new human being, created by Jesus Christ, will gain a resurrection.

Good news to bad people

Don't be afraid, it takes at least one thousand years before the end of the world comes. Instead be afraid of God, to whom you must give account of your life. Do not love this civilization, because it will be destroyed. Instead love God who loved you and gave His One and Only Son to suffer the punishment of your evilness.

Look, Jesus Christ is God's Lamb for the guilt offering! He is the sacrifice for your sins, and He is not sacrificed only for your sake, but for the sake of the salvation of all people. Did you hear this gospel? If you are obedient to it, you confess your evilness to God and surrender to the Redeemer of your sins.

Don't you admit that you are evil? You don't dare to be conscious of it, because thinking about your evilness causes you to hate yourself. It's time to awake and be aware of the truth about yourself, for Jesus was hated on the cross in your place! In the light of the gospel you are able to be conscious of the truth about yourself without becoming a misanthropist.

It is consequential behavior that you oppose good God, because you are an evil man. Are you going to let God win you over or do you fight against Him? Rather fight against your own evilness and ask the Lamb of God to give you power to overcome it. Go to God's side against yourself. Confess your evilness to Jesus and let Him change you.

All the states of the world are realms of evilness, but the kingdom of goodness is near. Jesus, the Lamb of God will come soon on the earth and He will shatter all evilness. Now He is only waiting for one thing before He comes. He would like to win your heart and gain you as a citizen of His Kingdom.

Bad news to good people

The Kingdom of God's Lamb is coming on the earth. This is bad news to many who think they don't need God or the atoning sacrifice of Jesus. They believe that men will be evolved better and better. They become furious about the intervention of God, because they have put their hope in the evolution. Do you still believe in yourself and the goodness of man? Have you the hope that everything will finally change good in the world by actions of man?

It is strange that men are faithful to some of their principles, although the facts prove them to be fallacious. They are not disappointed in themselves and in possibilities of men, although they in practice see a lot of lies, deceptions, robberies, plotting, violence and all kinds of injustice. They have closed their ears from the gospel of God, because it doesn't give any hope of man's own goodness. They don't accept that Jesus would live in them and would cause God's goodness in them. No, they want to have their own goodness and not the goodness of God.

Really, many work hard so that the world would be saved. They believe that good circumstances make people good. They believe in the power of a good social system and mental education. Just they have used media to create the common concept of man being good. What then if the facts will fall on them so badly that they lose their hope of goodness of man? Then they would have a possibility to admit that God is right. He decided to create a new man in Jesus Christ and not to repair the old one.

The illusion of goodness of man is pride. Everyone will someday get a bitter awakening from his dream where people were good. However at that moment many rather choose to hate themselves and other people than to humble themselves and beg for mercy from the Lamb of God. The time before the coming of Jesus is the time of hate when people hate themselves and each others. The world will be full of people who have the same kind of mind as the school shooters.

Observe the news of God

Every one of us lives our own little life with its own inner atmosphere. In the world around us whatever can happen and it doesn't need to fill our inner life. Be careful with what you allow to enter your heart and what kind of thoughts you allow to stay in your mind.

When you listen to the news be careful with what you receive. Half-truths are used to capture you in the power of lies. They formulate news articles so that your attitudes to things and to people would be changed to the direction they want. It is easy to remain staring at the spectacle of this world and to sink into its overpowering nirvana.

You cannot avoid observing news about the glory of "successful" people, if there is pride in you. Possibilities to make money captivate your consciousness and a collapse of the stock market panics you, if there is greed in you. Advertisements of shining products work in your heart and create needs to own them, if you love properties. If you love selfish pleasures, the enchantment of entertainment involves your mind in its ecstasy.

If you have died together with Jesus, there is no pride, no greed and no selfishness in you. Then your inner eye is healthy and you live in light, where you see clearly the deceitfulness of the world. Let the fire of God burn in your heart and let it light up your mind and let it nourish your thoughts!

Many believers would like to know what the truth behind news is. They examine conspiracies and they want to present the news in the light of the Bible. When doing this work their inner eye is in danger, because the darkness they examine can blind them. Jesus has given us the inner eye that sees the world from the viewpoint of God. You can become blind again, if you don't guard your thoughts. The truth is not exposed by examining the source of the news, but you need a pure heart for it.

Observe the news of God! If you don't get nourishment for your spirit from God, the nourishment of this world fills you. Purge thoughts of your heart from that sour nourishment and ask to eat the food of God's word. You cannot remain in faith only in the power

of the letter of God's word, but you need to hear words from His mouth. *"It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God'."* Mt.4:4

Crucify your selfishness, your greed and your pride in the Holy Spirit - for the sake of God's love! Turn the face of your heart toward the Lamb of God. He is the King of Truth. What kind of atmosphere is there in the Paradise of God? The Holy Spirit conveys "news from the Paradise" to those who belong to Jesus. I thirst for greetings from God. Even a little experience that has come from the eternal garden gives strength to wait for getting away from this perishable world to the real world.

Wait for the coming of the Kingdom of God

The resurrection of the citizens of the Kingdom of God is a great event. A huge crowd of people whom Jesus has saved during about 6000 years now lives in the Paradise of God. There they all are waiting for the resurrection of the righteous. Every day new people arrive there from time. Also I am waiting for getting there when my body stops working.

We know that before the coming of Jesus there will be difficult times in the world. Time will come when a believer must not observe the events of the world at all. Do not follow the news about the actions of Antichrist and the beast, when they start their work. For us this is the similar word of God as His word to Lot, when he had to escape from Sodom: "Do not look behind you!" His wife looked back and she became a pillar of salt. Jesus says: *"Remember Lot's wife. Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it."* Lu.17:32-33

The fire of your spirit, which was set on fire by the Lamb of God, lights your inner world. Look at God in that light and turn your back to the darkness that surrounds you. Wait for the King who will fetch you home. Jesus has promised in this way: *"Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word he shall never see death."* Joh.8:51

I will not see death, but Jesus will come to collect me home. What would be the difference if I saw death? Think about the previous words of Jesus in the inverse meaning: "If anyone doesn't keep the words of Jesus, he will see death." Death will come to collect a

godless one. A reaper will come for everyone, but which of them will reap you, Jesus or death?

I have died together with Jesus, therefore I need not die again. Jesus has the authority to collect His own, because He has the keys of Death and Hades: *"Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last! I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death."*

Re.1:17-18

Antichrist, the beast and the government of the world will be allowed to rule a little while, because they have a lot of people in the world. They will appear to prepare their own for the war against God. They know that they cannot win that war, but they prefer being destroyed in the war against Jesus to surrendering to Him.

I don't wait for death or Antichrist, but Jesus, the King. Let the Kingdom of God come!

The lamb of God will take power on earth

All nations will gather to Armageddon to fight - not against Israel - but against Almighty God. They gather there because they know on which place of the earth Jesus will step down.

The devil, the government of the world and Antichrist do their preparations to urge people against God. On the other hand God does His own preparations so that everything would be ready "on the great day of God Almighty".

One day in the Paradise Jesus says to His saints: "This is the day when you are allowed to dress in a new body. I send you down to my saints living on earth. There you will get dressed in a new body together with them. When the angel sounds his trumpet, you will get a new body together with them and I will catch up all of you at the very moment to me."

When the saints of the Paradise come down, they are invisible, because they are spiritual beings. However, those who belong to Jesus and live on the earth feel their presence which revives them greatly. Then they hear in their heart the testimony of the Holy Spirit: "Behold, Jesus is coming! Go to meet Him!" Saints of Jesus from the Paradise will appear here like morning dew and rise again

up to God. *"Your people shall be volunteers in the day of your power; in the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, you have the dew of your youth."* Ps.110:3

What kind of an experience will the resurrection be! We will get a new body that is similar to the glorious body into which Jesus' earthly body was changed after His resurrection. He went through walls and appeared wherever He wanted. In that body it's possible to move in space without any spacecraft.

What an amazing meeting up in the air. The believers of all ages come to Jesus dressed in a new body. Joy and happiness will be indescribable.

Jesus mounts His heavenly horse and says to His own: "Mount your horses. Now let's go. Follow me to the battle, but you will not fight only I alone will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God."

The great gate is opened in space from which Jesus with His saints rush like a fire ball towards the earth. What kind of an experience it will be to ride in the middle of fire on a heavenly horse in the crowd of saints and look at Jesus riding ahead!

"Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS and LORD OF LORDS." Re.19:11-16

The era of the Thousand Years Kingdom starts when the devil has been bound with a chain and thrown into the Abyss and the leader of the government of the world that is the beast and Antichrist have been thrown into the lake of fire. Jesus also liberates the nature from

the bondage of sin. Then the climate, plants and animals will be changed and also remaining people get better.

When the earth has been refined it is time to celebrate. Then will be the wedding of the Lamb of God and His Church. It will be the great Supper of God's people as we celebrate our Holy Covenant with God. Blessed and happy is the person who is allowed to participate in that Supper.

On the earth there will still be ordinary sinners although many died in the plagues that God sent. Among them there walk those who belong to Jesus in their new bodies. Some of them rule the remaining nations. David will then be the King of Israel. *"David my servant shall be king over them."* Eze.37:24

Then Jerusalem lives in peace without walls and without army. Then all the descendants of Israel will return their own country.

The end of the world

What shall it be like to live in the world where Jesus rules together with His saints? God has told us what life is like in Israel during the Thousand Years Kingdom. Certainly life in other countries will be similar.

"And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken. I will make a covenant of peace with them, and cause wild beasts to cease from the land; and they will dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. I will make them and the places all around my hill a blessing; and I will cause showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing. Then the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase. They shall be safe in their land; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke and delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them." Eze.34:24-27

"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together. And the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the

cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea." Isa.11:6-9

After one thousand years the devil will be released from his prison. *"He will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth. Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them."* Re.20:8-9

About this war of Gog it has been predicted already in the Old Testament. There God says to the prince of Gog. *"In the latter years you will come into the land of those brought back from the sword and gathered from many people on the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate; they were brought out of the nations, and now all of them dwell safely. You will ascend, coming like a storm, covering the land like a cloud, you and all your troops and many peoples with you. Thus says the Lord God: On that day it shall come to pass that thoughts will arise in your mind, and you will make an evil plan: You will say, 'I will go up against a land of unwalled villages; I will go to a peaceful people, who dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates.'"*

Eze.38:-8-11

Why does the devil succeed in exciting those nations against Israel, though all of them were allowed to enjoy the loveliness of the restored nature? In this way it will be proved that bad living conditions don't cause evilness of man. This last war proves that our evilness comes from our envy of those who God has blessed more than us.

After this the devil will be thrown into the lake of fire and God rises all the people from the dead and they will be judged according to what they had done. Then this planet will be burnt with fire and God creates the new earth and the new heaven.

Is it not so that there is in your heart envy of those who have got a share of God's mercy? Do not believe the lies the devil tells you!

God is not partial; surely He loves also you - in Jesus Christ. Take hold of the eternal life which is offered you in the Lamb of God.

The Bible version used in references is NIV

This little book tells you about Jesus Christ, the Son of God who once was on the cross for your sins. Now He is on the Throne of God and soon He will come back on earth with the power and the glory of God.

The date, when Jesus will come, is a great secret! Many have eagerly tried to calculate that date and they have been put to shame. The Bible gives us signs according to which we can know that the date is near.

Before the coming of Jesus there are many phenomena which are described in the Bible. One of them is more important a sign than others. The signs given by Jesus are behaving like birth-pains. First they are weak and come infrequently, later they are strong and come more frequently. The Bible's prophesies about Antichrist are coming true right in front of our eyes.

What happened to Jesus will also happen to His Church. Before Jesus was resurrected He suffered and died. It is enough for the Church that it has the same destiny as He who is its head. At first God's people will be met with world's hate then the world will be met by God's wrath. The Church will die, but it will rise up as Jesus.

Happy are those who love Jesus, though they have not seen Him, for they will see Him without fear. Near is the day when the whole mankind will see Him and will tremble with fear, for they did not believe in His name.

The new world order, which the Lamb of God brings on earth, is near. Then the new human being, created by Jesus Christ, will gain a resurrection.