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Hosea 3:4-5 “For the children of Israel shall abide many days (**2000years**) without a king (**Israel has no king**), and without a prince (**Israel has no heir to the Jewish throne**), and without a sacrifice (**Israel has no blood sacrifice - no temple**), and without an image (**Israel worships no images**), and without an ephod (**Israel has no priesthood**), and without teraphim (**Israel has no household gods**): Afterward shall the children of Israel return and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and His goodness in the Latter Days.”

Although there are no prophecies **before the rapture**, there are multitudes that **follow the rapture**. Because the **tribulation** is only 7 years long; many events must be in **preparation** before the **rapture**. Some of them are as follows.

1. Jewish people must return back to the land. **Isaiah 11:11-12; 66:8**
2. Great blasphemies worldwide will be spoken against God. **Rev. 13:6**
3. The world as a whole will turn and kill God’s people. **Rev. 13:7**
4. Wars, threats of wars and conflicts **Matt. 24:6-7**

Nation against nation; 1484 eqnoj ethnos *eth' -nos* AV-Gentiles 93, nation 64, heathen 5, people 2; 164 (**may refer to race against race**)

1) a multitude (whether of men or of beasts) associated or living together

1a) a company, troop, swarm 2) a multitude of individuals of the same nature or genus

2a) the human family 3) a tribe, nation, people group

Kingdom against kingdom; basileia basileia *bas-il -i' -ah*

AV-kingdom (of God) 71, kingdom (of heaven) 32, kingdom (general or evil) 20, (Thy or Thine) kingdom 6, His kingdom 6, the kingdom 5, (My) kingdom 4, misc 18; 162

1) royal power, kingship, dominion, rule

1a) not to be confused with an actual kingdom but rather the right or authority to rule over a kingdom

1b) of the royal power of Jesus as the triumphant Messiah

1c) of the royal power and dignity conferred on Christians in the Messiah's kingdom

2) a kingdom, the territory subject to the rule of a king

3) used in the N.T. to refer to the reign of the Messiah

5. Strife and discord within the family and church will increase. **II Tim. 3:1-7**
6. Famine, pestilence, and epidemics will spread through the world. **Matt. 24:7**
7. Russia will invade Israel. **Ezek. 38-39**
8. Libya, Ethiopia, Turkey and Iran will be allies with Russia. **Ezek. 38:5-6**
9. Homosexuality and sexual immorality will increase. **Luke 17:26-29**
10. Jewish temple to be rebuilt in Jerusalem. **Matt. 24:15**
11. Talk of world (Global) peace. **I Thess. 5:1-2**
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TEXT: Psa. 8:3-5

There is no value of putting any confidence in your flesh. Like, look who I am, or what I’ve done. Phil. 3:3-5

There is no value in trying to improve your own inward self-image in your own eyes. I am a sinner; deceitful, wicked, undone, lost, unrighteous, vile, and a liar.

This is enough to give a man a bad image of himself. Jer. 5-7

Although this is true, we must see ourselves thru the eyes of God.

Phil 4:8 Learn how to think

1. “I am somebody,because God says I am.”
2. “I am of great value,..... because God says I am.”
3. “I am greatly loved,because God says I am.”
4. “I am a child of God by faith,because God says I am.”

Therefore, I know;

1. My sins are all forgiven,because God says so.
2. I am going to heaven,because God says so.
3. I need not worry,because God says so.
4. I need not fear,because God says so.
5. That He will help me,because God says so.
6. That He will never lose me or leave mebecause God says so.
7. I can do all things thru Christ,because God says so.
8. I can have victory over sin,because God says so.
9. All things work together for good,because God says so.
10. I can pray at the throne of grace,because God says so.

Therefore;

1. I can be used of God,because God says so.
2. I have something to say,because God says so.
3. I am worth listening to,because God says so.
4. I have a reason to sing,because God says so.
5. I have a reason to live,because God says so.

Therefore by the grace of God; (1 Cor. 15:58)

1. I refuse to live in fear or be intimidated.
2. I refuse to quit or be quiet.
3. I will speak and be bold.
4. I will be confident and serve the Lord.

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My Gospel is not only good news, but the BEST NEWS.

TEXT: Romans 2:11-16

There can only be two options concerning salvation.

- You can be saved and **lose it**, or
- You can be saved and **not lose it**, but
- **IT CANNOT BE BOTH WAYS!**

1. The Means of Salvation Romans 11:6

A. If it is by Grace, it must be **totally by Grace**.

B. If it is by Works, it must be **totally by Works**.

C. **IT CANNOT BE BOTH WAYS!**

Eph. 2:8-9 says, “For by grace are ye saved.....not of works...”

2. The Duration of Salvation John 6:47

For confidence in eternal security, consider the following questions. Which would be the “BEST NEWS”?

TRUTH

A.	To think, hope, guess, or know that you have Eternal Life?	Know 1 John 5:13
B.	To have a payment for some, most, or all of your sins?	All Acts 13:39
C.	To be saved for a day, month, year, or forever?	Forever John 10:28
D.	To have a salvation you can lose, or one you can't lose?	Can't lose John 6:39
E.	To receive Eternal Life as a free gift, or by living a perfect life?	Free Gift Rom. 6:23

3. The Strong Points of Salvation

- A. **Once His child, always His child.** You cannot find in the word of God where God ever lost or unborn one of his children.
- B. **Once forgiven, always forgiven.** Your sins are re-moved as far as the East is from the West, never to be brought up again. Psalms 103:12
- C. **Once a saint, always a saint.** Hebrews 10:14 says “Once perfected, always perfected”. People that believe you can lose your salvation, don't believe God made you perfect in Christ when He saved you.
- D. **Once rewarded, always rewarded.** The rewards we receive at the Judgement Seat of Christ are incorruptible. 1 Cor. 9:25

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