We have now come to the end of our doctrine of the Rapture which is;

Y Point 15. The Rapture and the Big Genuflex.

And with this in mind we are now noting verse by verse from our main passage in REV 1 which describes the reasons why we will bow down before Him when we see Him and all His glory.

In fact,

The one word that describes why we will bow down in fulfilling the Big Genuflex is the word (Y *GLORY!*

We will begin with our main passage that will deal with why every knee shall bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord; REV 1:7-14,

Let's begin in REV 1:7 <u>Behold</u>, <u>He is coming with the clouds</u>, <u>and every eye will see Him</u>, <u>even those who pierced Him</u>; <u>and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him</u>. <u>Even so</u>. <u>Amen</u>.

- REV 1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."
- REV 1:9 <u>I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos [for the mentally disturbed], because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.</u>
- REV 1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet,
- REV 1:11 <u>saying</u>, "Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

REV 1:12 <u>And I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands;</u>

REV 1:13 and in the middle of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His breast with a golden girdle.

REV 1:14 And His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire;

REV 1:15 and His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been caused to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters.

REV 1:16 <u>And in His right hand He held seven stars; and out of His mouth came a sharp two edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.</u>

This passage describes the reason for the Big Genuflex.

Beginning in REV 1:7 <u>Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. Even so. Amen.</u>

The exegesis or the original language is rather difficult at the start of this verse.

Without going into great detail on the passage, I will just tell you what the original language has to say.

When we see Him for the first time, the original language says that He *commands* us to behold His glory.

Now, because of this we answered the following questions on Wednesday evening:

(Y) What is God's will for my life? Why are you here? Why did God create you? How can you glorify God?

These questions seem to be very basic and simple but they are a lot deeper than what they appear on the surface.

We must remember that;

Behind the translation is a *command* for concentration under the ministry of God the Holy Spirit, and that is utterly impossible unless you are residing inside the PPOG.

The point is that:

All future history revolves around our Lord Jesus Christ because In a moment of time, at the Second Advent, our Lord accomplishes what all of the men of genius were not able to accomplish in the history of the world.

He provides the regathering of Israel and the re-establishing of Israel as a client nation to God.

He fulfils the four unconditional covenants to Israel which man cannot fulfil.

We noted these covenants on Wednesday evening.

The covenants to Israel are defined as God's gracious promises and provision for the new racial species called the Jew.

The key to the covenants to Israel is based on two doctrines: the Jews as a new racial species and Israel as a client nation to God.

The Jew had to believe in Jesus Christ in order to qualify to receive the blessings of these covenants.

The five covenants to Israel are generally classified as conditional and unconditional. The Mosaic Law is conditional; The Abrahamic, Palestinian, Davidic, and New Covenants are unconditional.

One thing for sure is the Rapture could happen at any moment because we are told that

People have heard the Gospel all over the world since the first generation of the Church; COL 1:6.

Since the beginning of time, there never has been a generation which was not evangelized.

COL 1:6 which (Gospel) has come to you, just as in all the world.

Turn to 1TI 3:6.

1TI 3:16 And by common confession great is the mystery of godliness: He who was revealed in the flesh, Was vindicated in the Spirit, Beheld by angels, Proclaimed among the nations, Believed on in the world, Taken up in glory.

Then there's another question;

(Y) What about those who have never heard the Gospel, how can they be saved?

Here's how!

JOH 1:9 There was the true light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.

No matter who it is, they can be saved even if they never heard the Gospel.

For example, look what Paul wrote in the book of Romans.

ROM 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

In other words, According to JOH 1:9, where TLJC enlightens every man who comes into the world with truth, they willingly suppress it.

ROM 1:19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; (WHY?) for God made it evident to them.

Notice;

Even if they do not hear the truth, they have the truth that God has placed within their conscience.

ROM 1:20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes,

This refers to things that we do not see but we know are there.

His eternal power and divine nature,

Note He reveals His power and divine nature and they are said to

have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

What has been made refers to the Sun, Moon, Stars, all of nature itself.

PSA 19:1 The heavens are telling of the *glory* of God; and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.

Note here that;

The glory of God is looking at nature as He created it perfect; DEU 32:4.

Look at ROM 2:14 For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves,

ROM 2:15 in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness, and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them,

ROM 2:16 on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.

Again the question:

Y What about people who have never heard the Gospel?

Well,

They either have nature speak to them or they are safe because they never reach the age if accountability or they were born without the ability to make a decision.

And;

Because of the glory of God, they are safe although they did not get saved because they did not the *ability* to choose or they are *under the age* of accountability.

Turn to the book of Jonah and look at the last verse in the book which is JON 4:11 =2SA 12:23.

As we read the entire story of;

The sorry evangelist Jonah, who was depressed because he hated the Ninevites who God was about to destroy as a nation, if they did not repent, but they did and God spared the nation.

This made Jonah depressed because He hated the Ninevites and wanted to see *Fire and Brimstone* come down from heaven to consume them.

Illustrating the principle that;

An evangelist or an ambassador for Christ doesn't have to like the people he or she has been sent to.

Now, God was teaching Jonah about His grace and He wanted to teach him what a gracious and compassionate God He was, and so He said this to Jonah, look at JON 4:11.

JON 4:11 "And should I not have compassion on Nineveh, the great city in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know the difference between their right and left hand, as well as many animals?"

Even the animals will be blessed by God even though they cannot think mentally like we do.

By the way, this verse seems to say that your pet animal will be in Heaven.

Since our main passage is in the book of Revelation, turn to REV 6.

We know animals are in heaven there because at the Second Advent we come back with our Lord on white horses; REV 6:2.

REV 6:2 <u>And I looked, and behold, a *white horse*, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him; and he went out conquering, and to conquer.</u>

Also, we read in REV 19:11;

REV 19:11 And I saw heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and He who sat upon it is called Faithful and True; and in righteousness He judges and wages war.

There are also black horses in Heaven; REV 6:5.

REV 6:5 And when He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, "Come." And I looked, and behold, a *black horse*; and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand.

By the way,

None of those verses say that John saw something that "looked like a horse," he said "he saw a "white horse" and a "black horse" literally.

This is why we should all be very careful how we treat animals;

PRO 12:10 A righteous man has regard for the life of his beast, but the compassion of the wicked is cruel.

As a part of His glory and why we bow down before Him at the Big Genuflex, we also note that;

The Lord Jesus Christ is going to make the most radical change in history at His Second Advent.

He supersedes Satan as the ruler of this world at the second advent when there will then be 1000 years of perfect environment.

There is no way that the world can be destroyed by man's use of nuclear weapons.

When REV 1:7 says Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him,

The phrase "every eye will see Him" indicates the entire human race alive at the Second Advent of Jesus Christ.

While the earth is a sphere rotating on its axis (the reason for the perfect environment on the Millennium) every eye which is capable of sight will see the return of TLJC. And;

While on the surface this appears to be impossible but as LUK 1:37 says "For nothing will be impossible with God."

It is a dogmatic fact that "every eye will see Him."

The question emerges;

Y How is this possible?

The real answer is found in eleven passages of the Word of God that I would give you if we were studying the Doctrine of the Big Genuflex.

But;

REV 1:7 is a specific reference to the mourning of Israel at the Second Advent which is why every eye will see Him, but [then it describes a certain category of individuals who will see Him] even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him.

Those who pierced Him basically refers to the Jews or the Nation of Israel.

For, and this is why we repeat and why we look at every word in every verse.

For in:

PRO 30:5 Every word of God is tested;

And, is all the word of God meaningful to us or not?

Should we say that;

We will only follow the rules and commands of the dispensation we are a part of like they did in Jeremiah's day.

JER 18:12 For we are going to follow our *own plans*, and each of us will act according to the stubbornness of his evil heart.'

The word of God says otherwise in Jeremiah when the Lord said;

JER 29:11 'For I know the *plans* that I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.

This is why:

2TI 3:16 *All Scripture* is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

So,

In Rev 1:7, it is not the mourning of the entire world.

These are Jewish tribes that behold Him and the occasion is the regathering of Israel by our Lord Jesus Christ who they now realize was and is their Messiah.

It refers to the land of Israel and the regathering of Israel in the land as they "will grieve" because of him.

This is just the beginning of why there is a Big Genuflex after we see Him and all His glory for the first time ever.

Now. look at the next verse, REV 1:8 where there were offered sacrifices which are actually recorded under the phrases "Alpha and Omega."

REV 1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

The Alpha and the Omega," says that they offered all five of the sacrifices in the book of Leviticus which speak of our Lord's work on the cross.

Each offering would portray some aspect of redemption, reconciliation, or propitiation, which is the gift of eternal salvation through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

He says that He is the "Alpha and Omega,"

Alpha is the designation of our Lord's deity and a reference to the glory of Jesus Christ related to the fact that Jesus Christ is God.

It is related to His divine essence plus the fact that Jesus Christ is the creator of the world.

Omega, on the other hand refers to our Lord Jesus Christ in hypostatic union.

Therefore,

The Omega glory of Christ is related to the First Advent which is what the Jews have ignored; JOH 1:10-11.

JOH 1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

JOH 1:11 He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

It refers to the fact that historically He has come.

Remember that;

The First Advent of Christ includes His Virgin Birth, the Hypostatic Union, the residence of our Lord inside the PPOG, His Impeccability, His Saving work on the cross, His Resurrection, Ascension, and Session.

At that time, because He fulfilled the Father's plan, He received His omega glory.

It is the royal patent which He received under the title of King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Our Lord's first royal patent is related to His deity and His title is Son of God, His Royal Family is God the Father and God the Holy Spirit.

Our Lord's second royal patent came at the point of His physical birth.

He was Born a son of David.

His title is Son of David, it is the title of royalty, the Davidic dynasty is the Royal Family of Israel, but that is not like the Royal Family of the Church-age.

Then;

When He was seated at the right hand of the Father after His resurrection, He was given a royal patent but it did not carry with it a Royal Family.

Therefore,

We have the discontinuing of the Age of Israel and the insertion of the Church-age and the Royal family of God called Theologically **Intercalation.**

This means that the dispensation of Israel was halted and the Lord inserted the Church-age.

As a believer, you are not just a child of God, you are a member of the Royal Family of God.

Being in this dispensation therefore carries great responsibility.

And, in the doctrine of the Rapture, it is extremely important that we understand all these doctrinal principles as they are related to each other.

The Omega glory of Jesus Christ mentioned in REV 1:8 indicates that Jesus Christ controls history.

In commentary form;

REV 1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is (He's always been) and who was (Hypostatic Union) and who is to come (Second Advent), the Almighty."

This means that;

The Church-age is the dead-spot as far as prophecy is concerned because it is the historical dispensation in which the Royal Family of Christ is being *formed* to *return* with Him at the Second Advent.

We live in a dispensation of no prophecy.

Instead of prophecy, we have something of great significance: historical trends that bless the nation that you live in because the pivot is large enough to spare the nation. MAT 5:13-14.

Church-age believers reside between the two greatest prophetic events of history, the First and Second Advents of Christ.

The First Advent = Jesus Christ in His omega glory becomes the key to our interpretation of history on a daily basis.

We receive enough of this information from the media and ignore the slant they give to it and interpret the facts in relationship to the historical trends.

Historical blessing is administered through the client nations to God.

Whereas;

Historical disaster results from a maximum number of believers living in the cosmic system and is usually administered through some evil nation.

This is called;

God using evil one to discipline evil two.

Evil one is an evil ungodly nation that God allows them to discipline evil two who are believers in apostasy or reversionism. Some call it backsliding. The reasons why we have a Big Genuflex is;

1. (Y) From His Alpha glory, which is the beginning, Jesus Christ is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Therefore;

2. (Y) The Jews have certain privileges related to their founding as a race since they are the last pure race of history.

There is no such thing as a pure race any longer, including the Jewish race.

The first privilege, believe it or not, was the 400 years of slavery which gave them the necessary discipline and character to be formed as a client nation.

3. (Y) As the Alpha and the Omega glory, Jesus Christ is the future ruler of Israel. He was born the ruler of Israel; He was born the Son of David.

This is why we noted all those passages that dealt with our Lord's Royal Family.

- 4. (Y) The Jewish race was founded on recognition of the alpha glory of Christ, for Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were all believers in TLJC and were able to relate their animal sacrifices to His future work on the cross.
- 5. (Y) Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were born again through faith in Jesus Christ whom they recognized as their God, their Savior, and their King.

6. (Y) Abraham, Isaac and Jacob set a *precedent* for the Jewish race in their recognition of both the alpha and the omega glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This precedent was perpetuated by Moses the founder of the client nation to God when he wrote in;

DEU 6:4 which says "Shama (Hear) Israel, Adonai (Lord) Elohenu (God), Adonai (Lord) echard (unique).

The verse is recited every Saturday in the orthodox Jewish Temples.

The key word here is echard translated unique.

And....

The Lord is unique because He is different than God because He is also Human forever.

He is also unique because He is different than man because He is also God or deity forever.

He is not half man and half God; He is 100% Human and He is 100% Deity or God.

Translation of DEU 6:4 is Hear, O Israel! Jehovah is our God, Jehovah is one (unique)!

In fact, Paul dealt with this in ROM 10 when he was teaching the Jews about what that verse. which is recited every Saturday by Jews who go to the average Jewish Temple, actually means even till this day.

So, he says in beginning in ROM 10:1;

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ROM 10:1 <u>Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is</u> for their salvation.

ROM 10:2 For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge.

ROM 10:3 For not knowing about God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God.

ROM 10:4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

ROM 10:5 For Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on law shall live by that righteousness.

ROM 10:6 <u>But the righteousness based on faith speaks thus, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down),</u>

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ROM 10:7 or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). "

ROM 10:8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith which we are preaching,

ROM 10:9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved;

ROM 10:10 for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

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ROM 10:11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed."

ROM 10:12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call upon Him;

ROM 10:13 for "Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved."

ROM 10:14 How then shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

ROM 10:15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!"

This passage is based upon what the Torah, the Old Testament Bible for the Jews, says.

For example, in DEU 14, Moses writes:

DEU 30:14 "But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may observe it.

All through ROM 10 we have quotations from the Torah used by the apostle Paul to try and convince the Jews to be saved.

We know that is his desire for the Jews, especially being a Jew himself.

Again, speaking of the Jews. He writes in;

ROM 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation.

Notice the two verses we noted so far from our main passage;

REV 1:7 Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. Even so. Amen.

REV 1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Many thousands of people will reject Christ during the Tribulation even though they hear the greatest and soundest and most lucid gospel message of all time.

And; What a shock it will be to reject Christ as personal Savior and then see Him return to the earth.

As the key to prophecy, Jesus Christ will be observed by the entire population of the earth at the Second Advent.

We should also notice that;

As the eternal ruler of client nation Israel, Jesus Christ will restore Israel as a nation or people He has chosen.

All the Jews will be gathered in the land for the *fulfilment of the unconditional covenants* to Israel and they are going to grieve.

Why?

Israel failed to believe in Christ for salvation and lost their client nation status during the times of the Gentiles, which includes the Church-age.

There are certain parables which describe this grief in terms of the baptism of fire, like the wheat and the tares, the ten virgins.

In view of the great evangelism of the Tribulation there is no excuse for any Jew rejecting Jesus Christ as their Savior.

The rejection of Jesus Christ results in divine judgment and the removal of all unbelieving Jews from the earth.

This alone is enough reason for the grief expressed by unbelievers.

The grief of Jewish believers is different for they are expressing lamentation for the failure of Israel as a client nation to God.

They are expressing not only their occupation with the person of Christ but patriotism also.

And Just as REV 1:7 expresses the fact that Jesus Christ is the key to *prophecy* so the next verse expresses the doctrine that TLJC is the key to *history*.

REV 1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Principles:

- 1. (Y) No prosperous nation or client nation to God, as Israel was, even in prosperity, perpetuates its spiritual life if they do not obey the commands or doctrines of God; LEV 26:14-46.
- 2. (Y) Prosperity, for the carnal believer, inevitably results in neglect of truth or doctrine; 1CO 3:1-3.

Therefore;

3. (Y) Many believers take the prosperity they received from the PPOG and seek to enjoy what they gained from living in the plan of God by taking their prosperity to live in the cosmic system.

Since we are in the book of Revelation, look at REV 3:14.

REV 3:14 "And to the messenger of the church in Laodicea write: The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, says this:

Now in Rev 3:15, We have an estimate of the situation.

REV 3:15 'I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I would that you were cold or hot.

REV 3:16 'So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.

Now, in verse 17, we note that these people who are in this category have certain kinds of prosperity.

They may have certain kinds of success and prosperity but their success and prosperity does not bring them happiness.

REV 3:17 'Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked,

"wretched" = no capacity for prosperity.

"miserable" = no happiness from prosperity.

"poor or impotent" = no power or strength in prosperity.

"blind" = no perception of truth.

"naked" = no uniform of honor in time and therefore no uniform of glory in eternity.

REV 3:18 I advise or counsel you to buy with perception of doctrine,

<u>from me gold = something of value.</u>

<u>"refined by fire"</u> = the gold of Bible doctrine refined by fire is the inspiration of canonicity.

"in order that you may become rich" = prosperous through spiritual wealth.

"and white garments" = the uniform of glory worn over your resurrection body.

that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed;

The shame of your nakedness will be revealed at the judgment seat of Christ.

and eye salve to anoint your eyes, that you may see or perceive spiritually with the eyes of your heart.

REV 3:19 <u>'Those whom I [phileo] love, I reprove and discipline; be zealous therefore, and repent.</u>

REV 3:20 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with Me.

That knock at the door is warning discipline because God loves you.

This describes believers who have a measure of wealth and they are prosperous but they have forgotten the source of their prosperity and live in the lusts of their soul.

JAM 4:3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures. Principle # 4

4. (Y) In the cosmic system the believer becomes preoccupied with the results of prosperity rather than the origin of where it came from; 2TI 2:1-5.

His life is wrapped up in pleasure, promotion, success, status symbols, social life, sex, wealth, material things, etc.

5. (Y) The issue is are you focused on the gift or the Giver.

There are a few passages in the OT that teach that.

For example,

DEU 6:10 <u>"Then it shall come about when the Lord your God brings</u> you into the land which He swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you, great and splendid cities which you did not build,

DEU 6:11 and houses full of all good things which you did not fill, and hewn cisterns which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant, and you shall eat and be satisfied,

DEU 6:12 then *watch yourself*, lest you *forget* the Lord who brought you from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

Go forward to chapter 8 beginning with Deu 8:6.

DEU 8:6 "Therefore, you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him.

DEU 8:7 "For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing forth in valleys and hills;

DEU 8:8 <u>a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates</u>, a land of olive oil and honey;

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DEU 8:9 <u>a land where you shall eat food without scarcity, in which you shall not lack anything; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper.</u>

DEU 8:10 "When you have eaten and are satisfied, you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land which He has given you.

DEU 8:11 "Beware lest you forget the Lord your God by not keeping His commandments and His ordinances and His statutes which I am commanding you today;

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DEU 8:12 <u>lest</u>, when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built good houses and lived in them,

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DEU 8:13 and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply, and all that you have multiplies,

DEU 8:14 then your heart becomes proud, and you forget the Lord your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

Principle # 6

6. (Y) The prosperity test is the most subtle and difficult of all tests for both the individual and the nation involved.

That what this grieving is about in verse seven of REV 1.

In the prosperity test, there are people have selected the wrong thing and now they are grieving because they have made an irreparable mistake.

That is especially true in the Tribulation.

If you are still alive there is no such thing as an irreparable mistake for you as a believer.

You may pay for it and you will suffer for it, but it isn't irreparable as long as you're alive.

(Pinch yourself!)

7. (Y) It is subtle because it requires as much if not more doctrine for both capacity and perpetuation of prosperity.

It is subtle because it takes more doctrine to pass the test than anything else, and the prosperity test is difficult because you forget the origin of the prosperity.

8. (Y) Too often prosperity becomes the enemy of right priorities or true scale of values.

LUK 12:13 And someone in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me."

LUK 12:14 But He said to him, "Man, who appointed Me a judge or arbiter over you?"

LUK 12:15 And He said to them, "Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions."

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LUK 12:16 And He told them a parable, saying, "The land of a certain rich man was very productive.

LUK 12:17 "And he began reasoning to himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?'

LUK 12:18 "And he said, 'This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

LUK 12:19 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry."

LUK 12:20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?'

LUK 12:21 "So is the man who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

9. This ties in with manifest destiny where there is a struggle for freedom, then there is the establishment of freedom through military victory.

There is capacity for freedom and the enjoyment.

There is the test of freedom because prosperity comes through military victory which is how we secure our freedom.

10. (Y) The prosperity of the nation eventually destroys the nation.

(take ours)

11. (Y) When people are prosperous, they start looking for pleasure and doctrine takes a back seat and so does freedom.

So,

12. (Y) The true expressions of prosperity are freedom and doctrine but the inevitable expressions of prosperity come from the cosmic system, and that means pleasure with problems.

It is possible to perpetuate prosperity under freedom but it is not probable for any length of time.

Start with the old sin nature and you have your first cause, but it requires a large pivot of mature believers.

It requires consistent positive volition toward doctrine for that prosperity to be perpetuated.

As goes the believer so goes the client nation.

In the course of this it was decided by western European culture that;

Since these things were so significant, we must have salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ and freedom through military victory.