

## TIPPING POINT

### Part One: Truth at a Tipping Point

- All around us we see a world in crisis:
- Bible prophecy is a gift from God
- AND THE BIBLE PREDICTS ALL OF THIS WOULD HAPPEN AND IT WOULD BE A MAJOR SIGN OF THE END TIMES!

### 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4

Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, <sup>2</sup> not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. <sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, <sup>4</sup> who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

IN 2 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER TWO THE APOSTLE PAUL GIVES US A PANORAMIC VIEW OF EXACTLY WHAT WILL HAPPEN BEFORE AND AFTER JESUS RETURNS -- AND WE ARE JUST BEFORE THE TIPPING POINT.

SCENE ONE: A WORLD IN REBELLION TO GOD WITH THE MAN OF SIN READY TO LEAD THEM.

Apostasia = "Falling away"

## SCENE TWO: THE TIPPING POINT

### 2 Thessalonians 2:5-8

Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? <sup>6</sup> And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

- THE RESTRAINER IS THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE CHURCH

### JESUS' TWO EXAMPLES REGARDING THE RAPTURE THAT WE MUST REMEMBER:

#### Luke 17:26-37

And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: <sup>27</sup> They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. <sup>28</sup> Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; <sup>29</sup> but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. <sup>30</sup> Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed. <sup>31</sup> “In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods are in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back. <sup>32</sup> Remember Lot’s wife. <sup>33</sup> Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it. <sup>34</sup> I tell you, in that night there will be two people in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left. <sup>35</sup> Two women will be grinding together: the one will be taken and the other

left. <sup>36</sup> Two men will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left.” <sup>37</sup> And they answered and said to Him, “Where, Lord?” So He said to them, “Wherever the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together.”

## The Parallels Between Noah, Lot and Our Generation

### HIS WARNING: REMEMBER LOT’S WIFE

Luke 21:34-36

“But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. <sup>35</sup> For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

### SCENE THREE: TOTAL WORLD DECEPTION

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12

The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, <sup>10</sup> and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. <sup>11</sup> And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, <sup>12</sup> that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

THE TRIBULATION AFTER THE RAPTURE WILL MAKE THE JUDGMENTS OF NOAH AND LOT LOOK LIKE A SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY. IT IS A CATASTROPHIC JUDGMENT THAT LASTS FOR SEVEN YEARS AS SATAN RULES THE EARTH THROUGH THE LAWLESS ONE.

THE THREE SCENES FROM 2 Thessalonians.

SCENE ONE: A WORLD IN REBELLION TO GOD WITH THE MAN OF SIN READY TO LEAD THEM.

SCENE TWO: THE TIPPING POINT

SCENE THREE: TOTAL WORLD DECEPTION

This is a time to dedicate ourselves to live for God and to make a stand for truth in our lives and society!