

INTRODUCTION AND GREETINGS (WHAT TRIBULATIONS SAINTS NEED TO KNOW)

Greetings to you in the Name Above all names, that of Jesus Christ, the Messiah, King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

My name is Scott Townsend, and I am an average person with a heart for YOU during this most difficult time in human history. You see, I've been a Follower of Jesus Christ for 42-years now, but only in the last 4-5 years has the urgency of our times really taken hold of me. Once I understood where we are on the Bible's Prophetic Timeline, I and many others had to take responsibility to warn people that the Rapture was coming followed by the 7-year Tribulation period. I am the founder of iamawatchman ministries and have assembled a team of pastors, educators, and writers that all played a significant role in creating this Rapture Kit resource.

If you are watching this and the Rapture has occurred, know that the discussion we are having right now is motivated by our love for you. **But, also know this, it is going to be extremely difficult to say what needs to be said to you right now.** Our team has been praying, writing, planning, and delivering these teachings and resources to you for ONE PURPOSE: to help you understand your need for a saving relationship with Jesus Christ, to help you understand the reason you are still here and not with us in Heaven, and to help you navigate the life or death decisions that must soon take place.

This will be hard to hear; and our heart aches for you right now. But, let me say that [you and I] are now part of a team. We are a team of believers—and together, we'll get through this. You see, even now, we are praying for you! May you personally realize, with great clarity, how much the LORD **LOVES YOU** in motivating the person that gave you this Rapture Kit resource. There are many other ordinary people on this side of the Rapture...that have contributed to and prepared this resource...so that at just the right time, it is ready for you.

Before we go further into a series of topics, let me say that you'll hear me refer to you as "Friend", "Brothers and Sisters", "Beloved", or "Tribulation Saints". These are more than descriptive terms—to me they are terms of affection. I trust that they reflect the REALITY of our relationship standing in Christ. You will hear a lot more about our relationship with Christ: why you must understand your need for Christ, why there is still hope for a saving relationship with Christ, SO THAT you may have the hope of Heaven and an eternal future with those you love and that have preceded you in death or the Rapture. If you do surrender your life to Jesus Christ, then no matter your current circumstances, a great reunion is in store! So, this is about love. Love for each other and being part of the broader family of God. It is because of our love for you that we are trying to come alongside you during this incredibly uncertain, stressful, difficult, and evil time.

For some of you—perhaps many of you—you may be shocked, dismayed, confused, and perhaps crushed by the knowledge that the religious framework you thought led to a genuine and saving relationship with God turned out to be in error. You are not alone in this error. But there is hope...TREMENDOUS HOPE that there is still a way...but it will be hard. As we'll see throughout this presentation, there are critical discussions about the TRUTH of the Gospel and a call for YOU to repent, humble yourself, and call out to Jesus Christ for salvation. This call to repent and believe is intentionally repeated throughout this presentation and just note that you will also hear several people speaking encouraging words to you at the end of every segment.

It is impossible for a resource like this to be exhaustive, but our team has done our best to give you a head start. There are many resources on this Rapture Kit designed to further support your decision for Christ and your growing faith. We encourage you to take responsibility for embracing the TRUTH and reaching out to others with the saving information you will learn about from this resource. We have also collated a series of sermons and teachings—some in audio format as well as others in video—that are designed to help educate you so that you can be equipped during this season. I am eternally grateful for the unselfish way they have contributed to this Rapture Kit. Before I go further, remember that these teachings are all made in the timespan before the Rapture actually happened—so sometimes you will hear each of our collaborators speak as though the Rapture hasn't happened yet. This recording was made in January 2021 and it indeed has not happened yet. Additionally, they may also share some thinking or speculation, for which for you now know to be either confirmed or just off the mark. That's okay. Some of these sermon series were taped years ago, but

the content is excellent and will get you up to speed very quickly. We have all tried to do our best to bring you these resources knowing that you will learn a tremendous amount. As you will see, each of them will have a style all their own and their heart is to give you the very best of their many years of formal seminary education, their decades of service and experience as pastors and as Christian educators—all for your good and for your edification! I trust that you will cling to every word and let the Lord help you absorb their knowledge and wisdom in these days.

Finally, let me introduce the major topics of this teaching series. We are going to talk about fear, the grace of God, reliability of Bible prophecy, what will happen, your ministry calling, evangelism, your seal, the mark of the beast, what you must discern, your destiny, finishing well, and a personal message from me at the end. You'll note that we are using the New American Standard version (NASB) and we'll be reading quite a bit of Scripture to underscore the presentation. Note that we're not just plucking out Scripture from different versions or only reading just one verse to support a statement made, because I want to provide the context around the main point for your learning and edification. Scripture references that are quoted are displayed on the bottom of the screen so that the video can be paused and looked up on your own. This Rapture Kit resource has several Bibles included for that very purpose! It is also designed to be shared after the Rapture and you can duplicate and distribute it for free...in fact, we encourage this to spread the Gospel and bring others into a saving knowledge of Christ.

Now, in a moment, we'll begin our first topic: Fear—something that I'm sure you are experiencing right now.