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Foreword

“Thought-provoking”: That’s the expression that came to mind as I read through Charles Thomas’ book on the *Final Harvest*. Charles (better known to me as “Ed”) is a valued member of Grace Bible Church where he has served for several years now in the area of music as an instrumentalist and choral director. His interests in ministry go beyond the musical realm, however, as this volume makes clear. Ed has done his homework in studying the Scriptures. Though you may not agree with all of his interpretations, I’m confident that you’ll come away from your interaction with his conclusions stimulated both in mind and in heart, as I have. And who can quarrel with his fundamental message: “Jesus is coming soon, very soon”! What a day of rejoicing that will truly be!

In happy anticipation of that “final harvest,”

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CHAPTER ONE

Final Harvest

The Rapture

There is very little time left for those of us who are part of the Church, having accepted the wonderful gift of eternal life by confessing our sins and accepting salvation through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! We are part of the final blest generation that will hear the shout and the trumpet sound and be caught up to meet the Lord in the air and dwell with him forever.

We are living in the final months leading to the Rapture. Many will question such a statement and consider it another kind of claim; many have predicted the Rapture in years past and have obviously been wrong. What is planned in this presentation is a completely different approach to the event that has been awaited for two thousand years by millions of people. It is important to understand that God reveals all things that happen ahead of the event. In Amos 3:7 it is stated that “surely the Lord God will do nothing but he revealeth his secret unto his servants, the prophets.”

We have been waiting for this to happen for almost two thousand years. The generation that exists now is one that has lost

interest in the hope for the coming of Jesus Christ to meet us in the air. This has ceased to be of interest in most churches that choose strong contemporary emphasis. The majority of church members today are Gentiles. We do not use this term in today's world, but biblically it is a very important term. It sets apart those of us who are Gentiles from God's people who were set apart, the Jews, based on the tribe of Judah. God used the Jewish nation to give to us the Bible; the Savior, Jesus Christ; the Mosaic Law; most of the beautiful music of history; the majority of Nobel Prize winners; and many other creations and the oracles of God. They are the channel through which the path to eternal life was issued.

The information that will be shared in this presentation is from the Bible, the Torah (the first five books of the Bible), and other Old Testament books. The Bible is the most important book ever written by God through his Jewish prophets and a couple of us Gentiles. The most important thing about the Bible is that every word is important and true. Psalms 117 says: "O praise the Lord, all ye nations (Gentiles): praise him all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord (the Bible) endureth forever. Praise ye the Lord." Of all the books ever written, this is the only one that will last forever. If you want to make it into God's kingdom, this is the book to read every day of your life. It will be the most important decision you will ever make. There are only two choices for eternity: eternal bliss or eternal damnation. What will be your choice? Think about it.

The emphasis of this part of the study will be the Jewish eternal festivals and their long-term effect and application to the

Church and its past, present, and future. Subjects to be covered are related to the major events in which Jesus Christ was the singular participant and was the eternal fulfillment of all of God's requirements under the Mosaic Law. The most incredible and singularly the most important to humanity was his death on the cross and his resurrection from the dead. Because of this, all mankind had his sins covered by Jesus' sacrifice as the Lamb of God on the cross. Mankind is now able to have his sins forgiven through what Jesus Christ did on the cross.

The most fascinating development in this year of 2010 is the fact that this year works out to be the sixty-third year since the rebirth of the nation of Israel. This unique and special event, which saw a nation come into being in only a single day, is incredible. Isaiah 66:8 states that such a thing would happen. "Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth (give birth) in one day? or shall a nation be born at once?"

This is a very special year. Most of us, when considering the rebirth of Israel after nearly two thousand years, would think that this year is the sixty-second year, given the fact that 2010 is sixty-two years after the rebirth of Israel. This is true using the solar calendar and counting the number of years. What is important is that God has given the world, through the Jews, his own forever calendar through the Torah. The Jewish calendar is a lunar calendar with months of thirty days. There are also two separate years going on simultaneously. They are six months apart. The Sacred Year begins in Nissan and occurs in our months of March or April. The Civil Year occurs six months later in Tishri and is New Year's Day and the beginning

of Rosh Hashanah.

The “day” in the Jewish tradition begins at sundown the night before as is stated in Genesis 1, where God created the earth in six days and rested on the seventh, which was designated the eternal Sabbath. On each day of creation God completed his effort with the statement, “evening and morning were the first day.” Subsequently the Jewish people acquired this pattern for their nights and days as well.

If the date of May 14, 1948, was considered as the official re-birth of the nation of Israel, then one can consider this date in terms of the Jewish calendar in 1947 in the fall, most likely September, when the Jewish New Year begins. This then places the actual Jewish year to begin in 1947. If that is the case, then September 2010 will be beginning of the *sixty-third* year on the Jewish calendar.

The question occurs, why is this so important? It is very important because God is a God of numbers, using this label on one of the books in the Torah. This is one number that God uses numerous times in scripture: the number seventy. It is a number that was part of some very major events. In Daniel 9, the angel presents Daniel the seventy weeks for the completion of Israel’s judgment. Israel still has one week to complete to reach the goal that was set by the angel.

1. The Jews returned to Jerusalem after seventy years in captivity with Nehemiah.
2. Jacob came into Egypt to dwell with Joseph with seventy members of the family.

3. There are seventy men in the Sanhedrin.
4. Titus destroyed Jerusalem and killed one and a half million Jews in 70 AD.
5. There are seventy shekels in the bowls in Numbers.
6. Seventy men were sent out by Jesus Christ after the resurrection in Luke.

This is important for us today because the number seventy is the sum if one adds *sixty-three* years to the *seven* years of the Tribulation. This in turn would direct you to the conclusion that 2010 could be the year of the Rapture to begin the final day of the Lord, the Tribulation. Within a very short time after the Rapture, the Covenant, detailed in Daniel 9, will be confirmed by many to begin this incredible destruction of the world and Israel in Revelation 6-20.

This incredible sequence of events will be precisely what our God, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever, would do to destroy the evil of this world and bring in the millennium after Jesus Christ's second coming. What he did in the past he will continue to do in the future. The number seventy represents God's way of bringing the past and the future together for those of us who are awaiting that incredible "twinkling of an eye" departure!