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DISPENSATION OF GRACE

**THE RAPTURE
OF THE CHURCH**

THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

is

THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

NOT

the Second Coming of Jesus Christ

THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

The Rapture of The Church

and the

Second Coming of Jesus Christ

are two separate events.

The Rapture
of The Church
will happen **BEFORE**

THE 70TH WEEK OF DANIEL

The Second Coming
of Jesus Christ
will happen **AFTER**

During the 70th Week of Daniel, God will:

- 1) complete His discipline of Israel and restore them to Himself; and**
- 2) pour out His divine judgments and wrath on this Christ-rejecting world.**

HEAVEN

Jesus now sits at the right hand of the THRONE OF GOD
Romans 8:34

YOU ARE HERE

BEFORE

Rapture of The Church
1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

Fall of Damascus
Isaiah 17

War of Ezekiel 38-39

God supernaturally intervenes — "Surprise! Everything is going up in flames, but I reach in and pull out Jerusalem!"
Zechariah 3:2 (MSG)

● **BEMA SEAT JUDGMENT** (For Believers—Eternal Rewards)
1 Corinthians 5:10, 2 Timothy 4:8, James 1:12, Revelation 2:10

DANIEL'S 70TH WEEK — 7 YEARS

Two halves—3½ years each
Daniel 9:24-27, Revelation 6-16

- 1) God enacts His divine judgment against those who reject Him in a series of judgments that are poured out on the earth — 7 seals, 7 trumpets, and 7 bowls; and
- 2) He completes His plan of salvation for the nation of Israel.

First 3½ Years

7 SEAL JUDGMENTS
- The 144,000 Sealed

7 TRUMPET JUDGMENTS
- The Two Witnesses
- Rise of The Beast (The Antichrist)

Midpoint:
Abomination of Desolation
Matthew 24:15-16

Second 3½ Years

Second Half called
"The Great Tribulation"
7 BOWL JUDGMENTS

● **MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB**

AFTER

● **THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST**
Matthew 24:30
Revelation 19:11-16

● **SHEEP & GOATS JUDGMENT**
Matthew 25:31-46

THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

Christ rules on earth with an iron fist for 1,000 years of peace.
Revelation 20

When Christ's 1000-year reign ends
Satan is released from the bottomless pit for the battle of Gog and Magog.

● **BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON**

Revelation 16, 19, 20
Zechariah 14

Outcome of Battle of Armageddon:
The Beast and the False Prophet
thrown into the Lake of Fire
Revelation 19:20

Satan thrown into
bottomless pit; shut in and
sealed for 1,000 years
Revelation 20:3

Satan released from the
bottomless pit for final
battle—Gog and Magog
Revelation 20:7

● **THE SECOND RESURRECTION — THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT**

for unbelievers: The books are opened—those whose names are not found in the Lamb's Book of Life are thrown into the Lake of Fire for all eternity.
Revelation 20:11-15

**New Heaven
New Earth
New Jerusalem**
Revelation 21

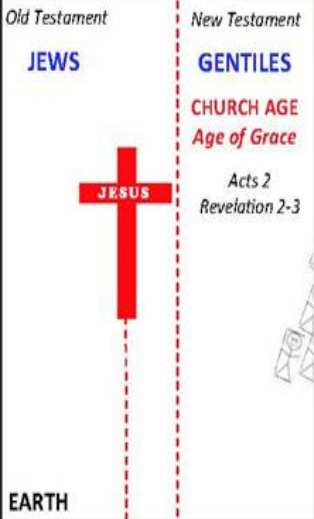
● **BATTLE OF GOG AND MAGOG**

Outcome of Gog & Magog:
Satan defeated and
thrown into the Lake of Fire
forever and ever.
Revelation 20:10

Lake of Fire



THE BOTTOMLESS PIT



LOWER REGIONS OF THE EARTH

PARADISE

(also called Abraham's Bosom)

Believers who died during Old Testament times and had faith and trust in God, their souls went to Paradise (also called Abraham's Bosom).

Upon Jesus' death on the cross, Jesus descended into the lower regions of the earth; when He rose again on the 3rd day He led a host of captives from Paradise to Heaven, appeared to others on earth, then ascended to the right hand of the Father. Ephesians 4:8-10

Paradise Emptied — The Church Age Begins

True believers in Jesus Christ who die now, their souls go directly to Heaven—absent from the body, present with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:8

A great chasm separates Paradise and Hades
Luke 16:26

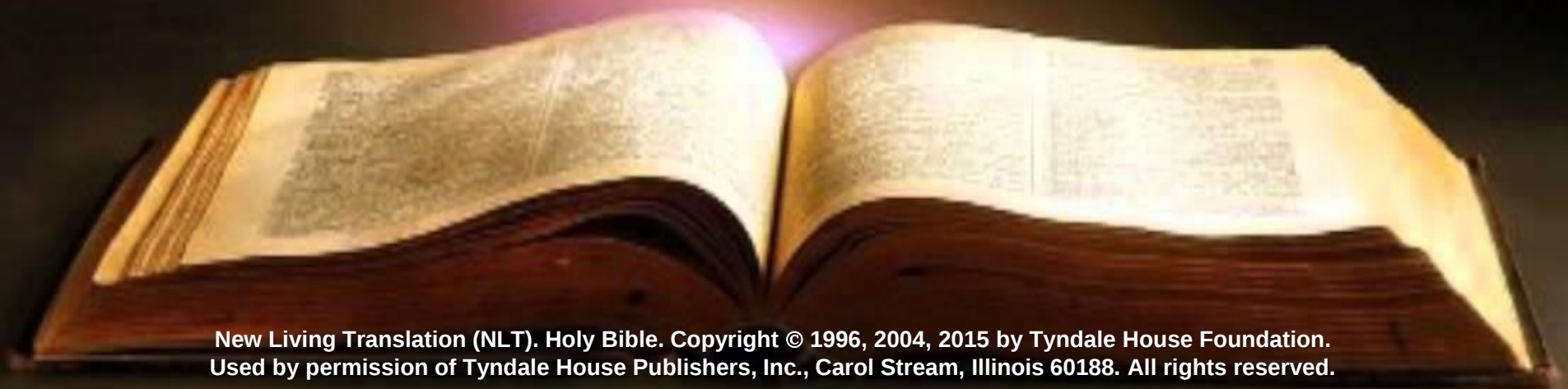
HADES

Unbelieving people from all ages, when they die their souls wait in Hades until the Great White Throne Judgment which follows the defeat of Satan at the Battle of Gog and Magog. They are then cast into the Lake of Fire forever and ever.

Revelation 20:11-15

**For the Lord himself will come down
from heaven with a commanding shout,
with the voice of the archangel,
and with the trumpet call of God.**

– 1 THESSALONIANS 4:16 (NLT)



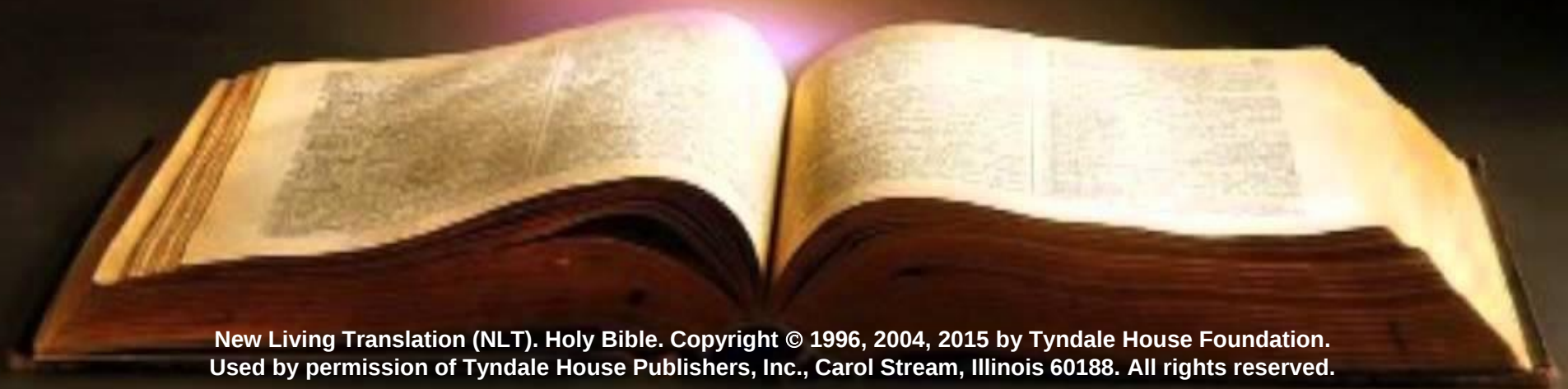
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**First, the believers who have died
will rise from their graves.**

**Then, together with them, we who are still alive
and remain on the earth will be caught up
in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.**

Then we will be with the Lord forever.

– 1 THESSALONIANS 4:16b-17 (NLT)



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SIDE NOTE

**Who will hear this commanding shout
and the trumpet call of God?**

Everyone?

Or just born-again believers?

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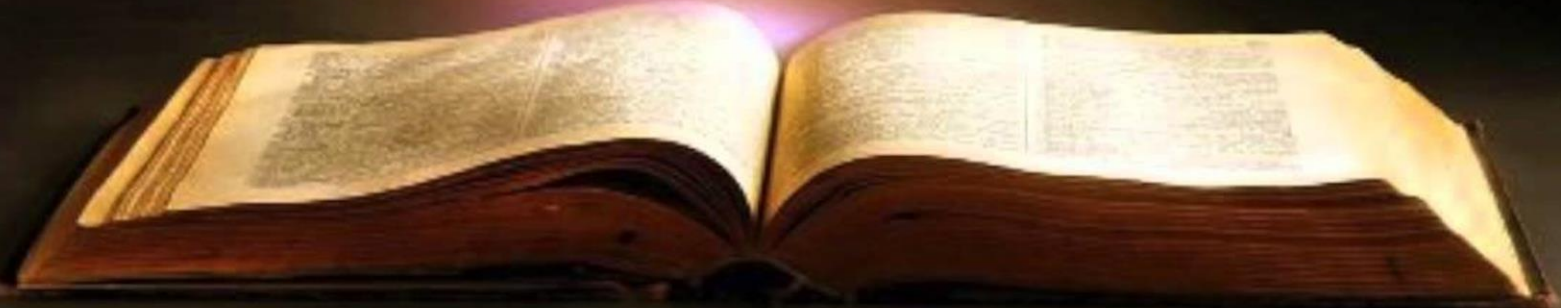
**In similar cases cited in the Bible
people for whom the commands
(coming from the heavens)
were not intended,
either did not see or did not understand
what was happening.**

SIDE NOTE

For example:

**Only I, Daniel, saw this vision.
The men with me saw nothing,
but they were suddenly terrified
and ran away to hide.**

– DANIEL 10:7 (NLT)



SIDE NOTE

**The trumpet call is to
believers in Jesus Christ who
have been born-again in the Holy Spirit.**

So will unbelievers hear this trumpet call?

**Since unbelievers are spiritually dead,
most likely not.**

However...

SIDE NOTE

unbelievers will definitely be impacted in a major way by what follows.

The Holy Spirit within The Church is the restraining power that limits evil. After The Church is removed in the Rapture, lawlessness and moral depravity will flourish.

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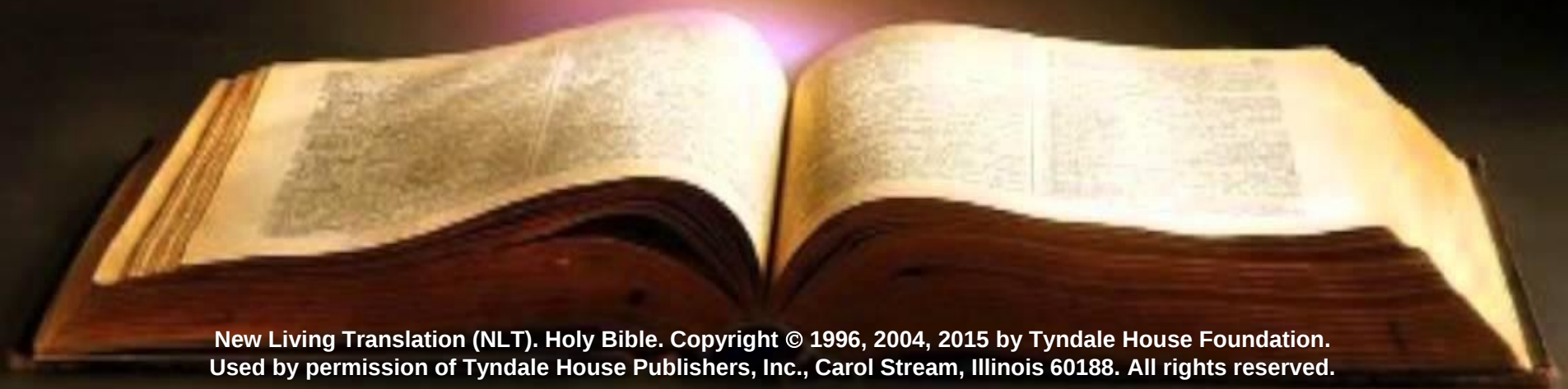
**1st Corinthians Chapter 15
tells us...**

But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret.

**We will not all die,
but we will all be transformed!**

**It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye,
when the last trumpet is blown.**

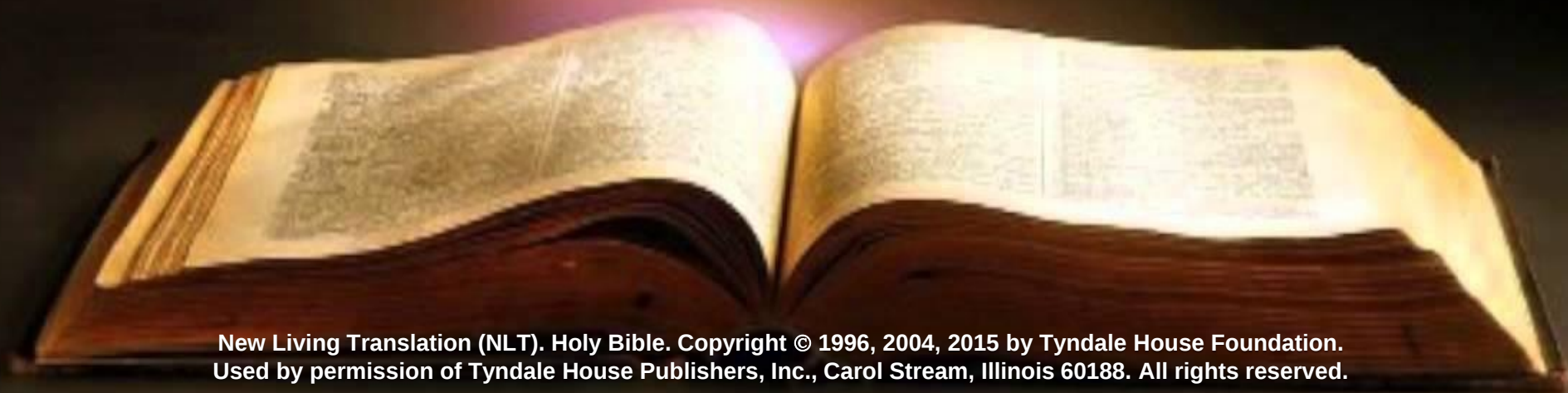
**For when the trumpet sounds, those who
have died will be raised to live forever.**



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And we who are living will also be transformed.

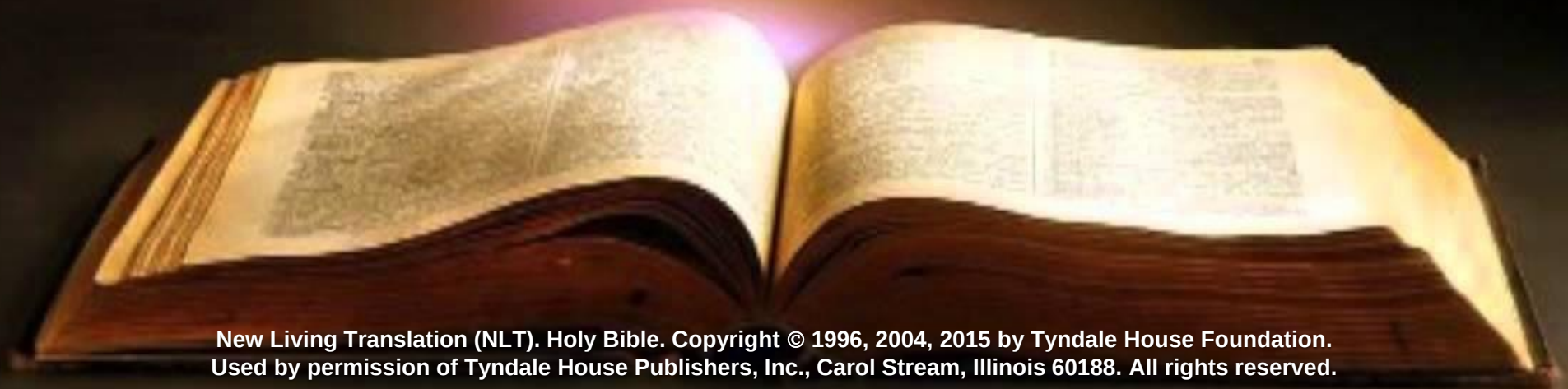
**For our dying bodies must be transformed
into bodies that will never die;
our mortal bodies must be transformed
into immortal bodies.**



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Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled:

**"Death is swallowed up in victory.
O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?"**

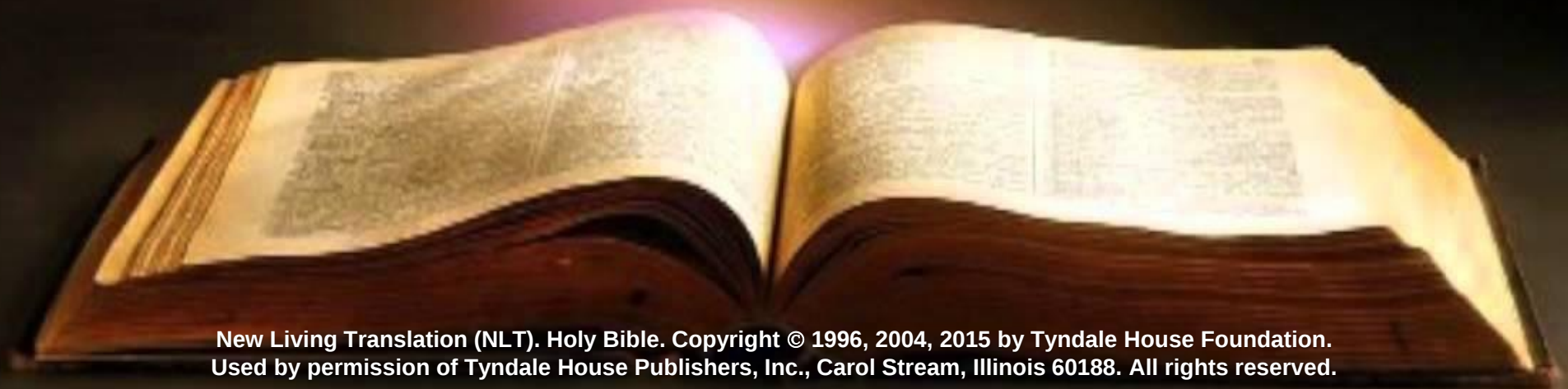


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**For sin is the sting that results in death,
and the law gives sin its power.**

**But thank God! He gives us victory
over sin and death
through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

– 1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-56 (NLT)



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**is Jesus removing all born-again believers,
– collectively called "The Church"
or "The Bride of Christ" –
before the 70th Week of Daniel begins.**

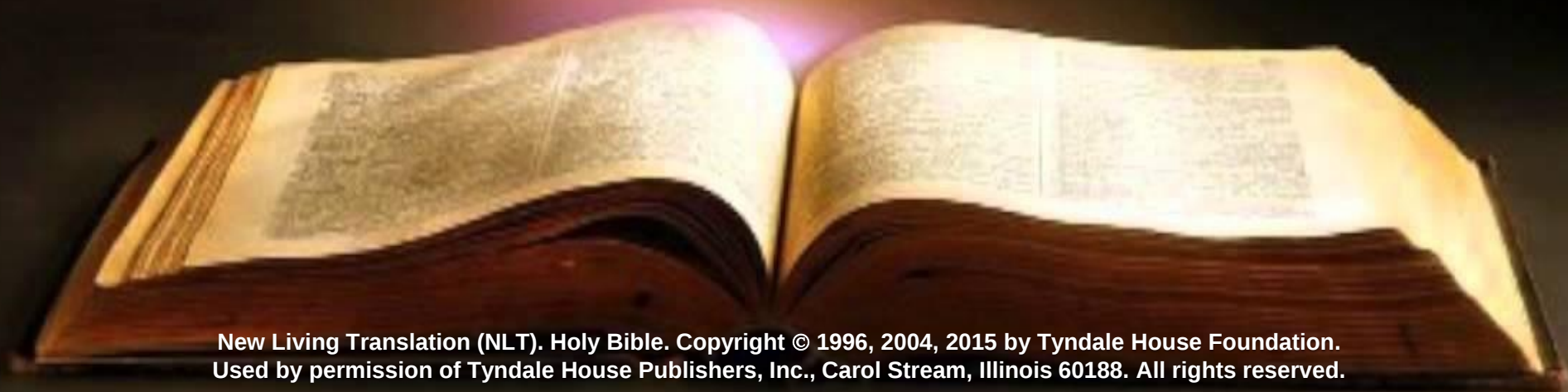
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**After The Church is removed,
at the appointed time
God will begin to pour out
His divine judgments and wrath
on this Christ-rejecting world.**

[Overviews of THE SEAL JUDGMENTS, THE TRUMPET JUDGMENTS, and THE BOWL JUDGMENTS are found in THE 70TH WEEK OF DANIEL section]

**But he will pour out his anger and wrath
on those who live for themselves,
who refuse to obey the truth
and instead live lives of wickedness.**

– ROMANS 2:8 (NLT)



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"live lives of wickedness"

Don't supplant what *you* think
constitutes wickedness in God's eyes
and deceive yourself into thinking
you are okay because you think
you're a "good" person.

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**Without Jesus Christ as your Savior,
you are not okay
– you are perishing
into eternal condemnation.**

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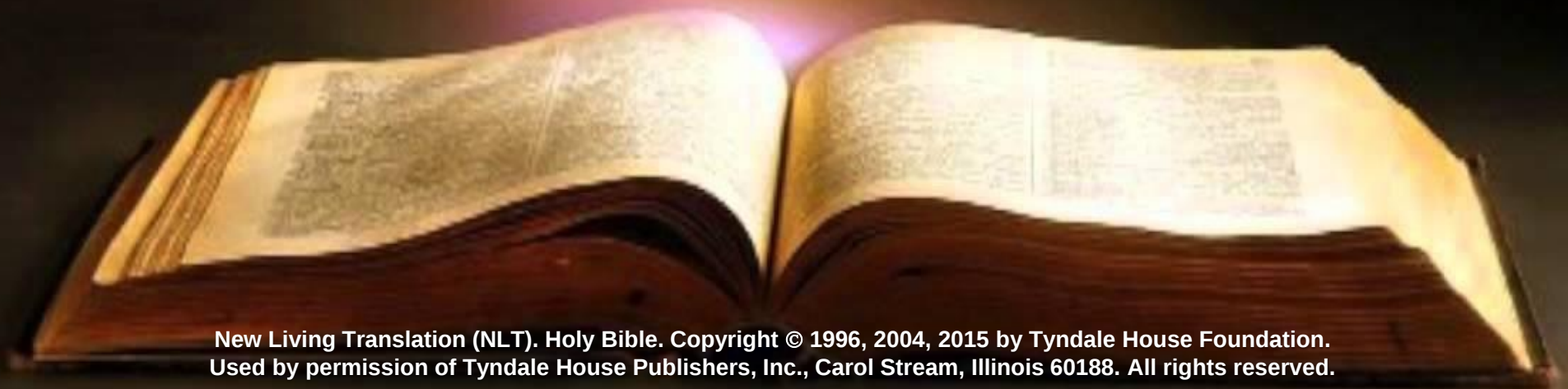
Unbelief

**is the only unforgiveable sin and
will result in your eternal destruction.**

**"There is no judgment against anyone
who believes in him.**

**But anyone who does not believe in him
has already been judged for not believing
in God's one and only Son."**

– JOHN 3:18 (NLT)



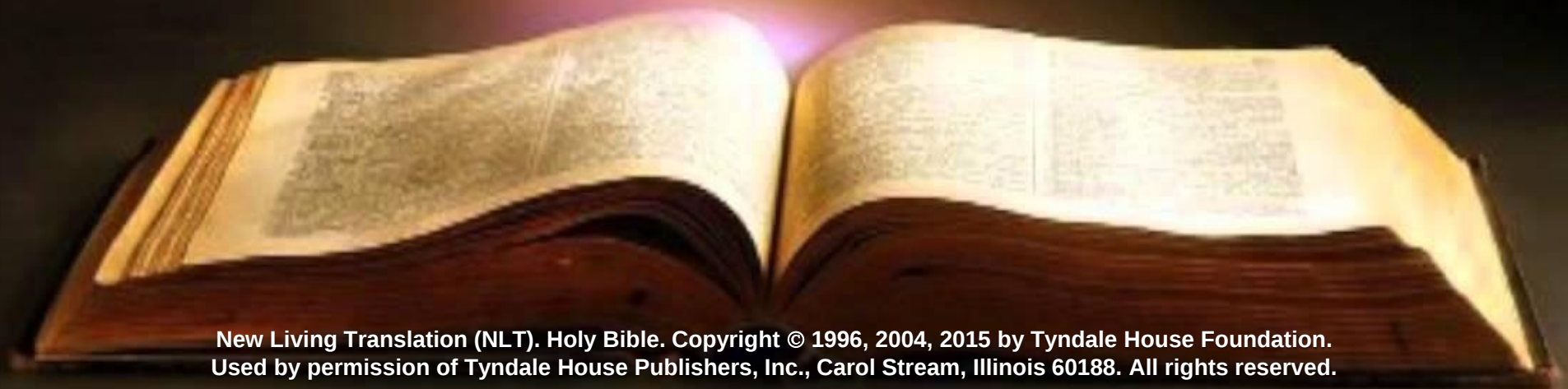
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**The wrath of God is NOT poured out
on born-again believers
because...**

**For God chose to save us
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
not to pour out his anger on us.**

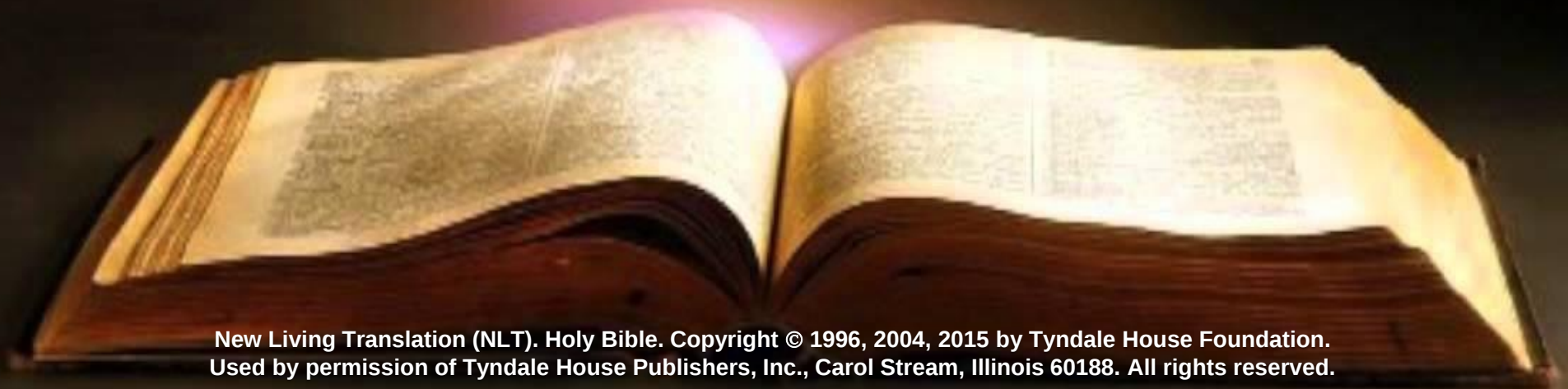
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**Yes, Adam's one sin
brings condemnation for everyone,
but Christ's one act of righteousness
brings a right relationship with God
and new life for everyone.**

– ROMANS 5:18 (NLT)

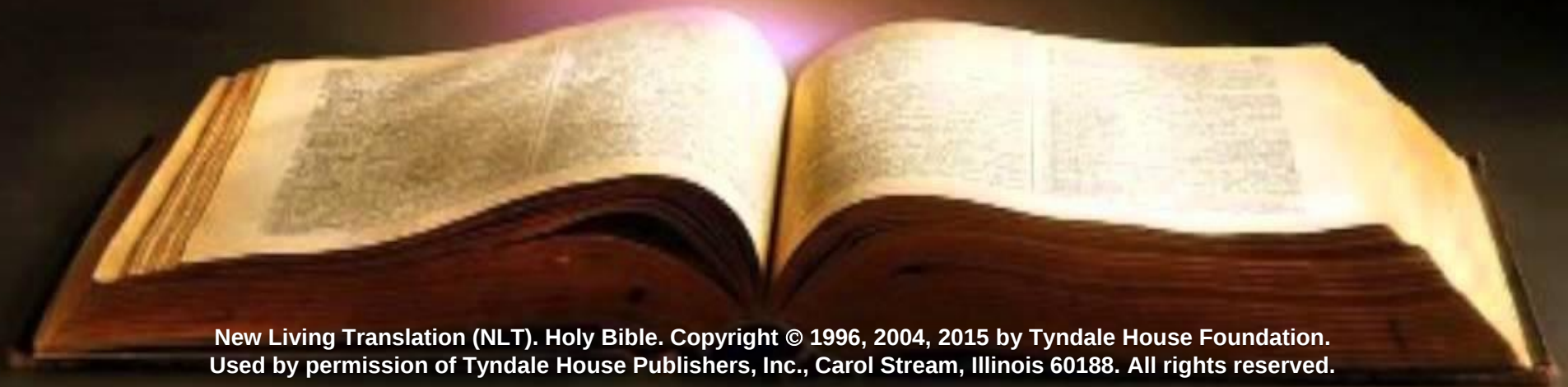


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**Because one person disobeyed God,
many became sinners.**

**But because one other person obeyed God,
many will be made righteous.**

– ROMANS 5:19 (NLT)



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**Jesus paid our sin debt,
taking the punishment that we deserved
upon Himself on the cross at Calvary.**

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**This is the "great exchange"
– that Christ
took our sins and punishment
upon Himself and in exchange**

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**laid His perfect righteousness on us
which makes us righteous before
Holy God.**

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**And that's why you need
Jesus Christ as your Savior.**

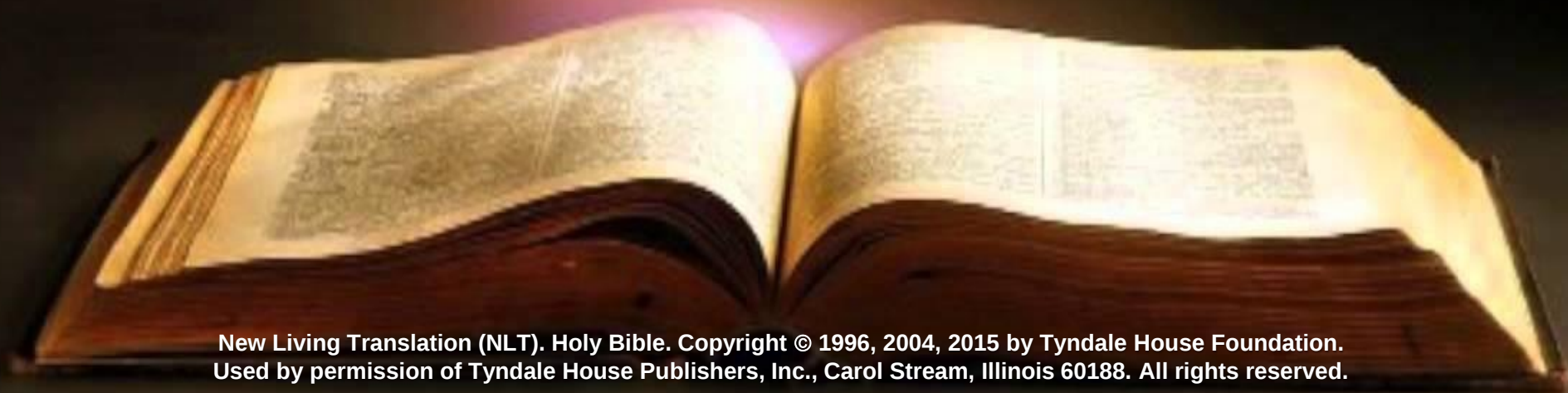
**Believing in Jesus Christ
is the only way
to be made right with God.**

SALVATION – DO IT NOW

Go to ➡ SALVATION: JESUS + NOTHING
or ➡ ABCs of SALVATION

**Seek the Lord while you can find him.
Call on him now while he is near.**

– ISAIAH 55:1 (NLT)



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Not now?



Well, then brace yourself...

Go to ➡ **THE 70TH WEEK OF DANIEL**
and take a look at what will follow after
The Rapture of The Church
so you're not totally blindsided
by the hell on earth that's coming.