

Hebrews-Revelation 3 Transitional Applications

Dr Stauffer in *One Book Rightly Divided* Chapter 12 *Peter's First Century Audience* assigns the Book of 1 Peter entirely to the Church Age. He is largely correct in that respect but he then assigns all the scriptures from Hebrews to Revelation 4:1 entirely to the Church Age because the first recipients, historically, were 1st century believers, although the Books of Hebrews and James are clearly written primarily for *Jews*. Dr Stauffer then cherry-picks verses from those scriptures that do express Church Age doctrine and uses them to insist that all of Hebrews to Revelation 4:1 are exclusively Church Age scriptures. Dr Stauffer has thereby ignored the transitional aspects of Hebrews to Revelation 4:1. As will be shown, even the Book of 1 Peter, though largely for the Church Age, therefore includes some Tribulation content.

See these references¹ for the transitional nature of the scriptures from Hebrews to Revelation 4:1 and for Tribulation aspects of Hebrews-Revelation 4:1.

Table Hebrews-Revelation 4:1 Church Age and Tribulation Doctrine lists verses from Hebrews to Revelation 4:1 that Dr Stauffer has selected on Church Age doctrines with doctrinal summary statements for the recipients from Dr Stauffer's comments on those verses and verses on Tribulation doctrine that this writer has selected with doctrinal summary statements for the recipients.

Dr Stauffer understandably comments following his Chapter 12 on those verses from Hebrews to Revelation 4:1 that exhibit Tribulation doctrine in an attempt to confine their content to the Church Age. Those comments will be addressed subsequently but for now, note in particular with respect to Church Age salvation versus Tribulation salvation this extract² and remarks following.

The Church Age saint³ is:

1. Born again as a new creature in Christ, John 3:3, 2 Corinthians 5:17
2. Indwelt by the Holy Spirit, John 14:16-17
3. Put in Christ Jesus, 1 Corinthians 1:30
4. Baptised into the Body of Christ by the Holy Spirit, 1 Corinthians 12:13
5. Adopted as a child of God by Jesus Christ, Galatians 3:26, Ephesians 1:5
6. Sealed by the Holy Spirit, Ephesians 1:13, 4:30
7. Spiritually circumcised, Colossians 2:11-12.

By contrast the Tribulation saint:

1. Is never said to be born again
2. Is never said to be in the Body of Christ
3. Is never said to have been spiritually circumcised
4. Has his soul stuck to his body, as in the Old Testament
5. Must endure to the end of a period of time in order to sustain his salvation
6. Must do good works to show that his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is genuine
7. Must base those works on the commandments of God as listed in the Mosaic Law.

In sum, Tribulation saints and Church Age saints are different. Dr Stauffer cannot prove otherwise.

Note this extract⁴ that highlights the difference between Tribulation saints and Church Age saints *prophetically*.

...note the following scriptures.

"O man...despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; Who will render to every man according to his deeds: To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the

Gentile; But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: For there is no respect of persons with God” Romans 2:3-11...

...this writer sees Romans 2:3-11 as *prophetic* as a dire warning to “...**them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day**” 2 Thessalonians 1:8-10.

Paul is about to embark on a detailed dissertation of Church Age salvation that he sums up in Romans 3:28, 30 **“Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law...Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.”**

Paul therefore *prefixes* his dissertation with a rebuke to any man who will miss the Rapture because he chooses to **“neglect so great salvation”** Hebrews 2:3 of the Church Age *and will therefore face the judgement of the Second Advent wreaked upon them* “...**that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; When he shall come to be glorified in his saints**” 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9.

Paul then sets out *prophetically* for that individual the *only* way that he can escape that judgement as a Tribulation saint by heeding the admonition of Romans 2:3-11 and *especially* following the particular exhortation that...emphasises that Church Age salvation and Tribulation salvation are *not* the same:

“...God...will render to every man according to his deeds: To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life...glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good...” Romans 2:5-7, 10.

See **Table Hebrews-Revelation 4:1 Church Age and Tribulation Doctrine** that highlight Tribulation salvation as set out in Hebrews-Revelation 3 with associated doctrinal summary statements.

Table Hebrews-Revelation 4:1 Church Age and Tribulation Doctrine

Church Age Verse, Dr Stauffer's Selection	Doctrinal Summary Statement	Tribulation Verse, This Writer's Selection	Doctrinal Summary Statement
Hebrews 1:3, 2 Peter 1:9	Recipients are purged from their sins	Hebrews 2:3	Recipients must not neglect their salvation or they will lose it
Hebrews 3:1	Recipients have the Lord Jesus Christ as their Apostle and High Priest	Hebrews 3:6	Recipients must hold fast hope in the Lord until the Second Ad- vent or be lost
Hebrews 6:18-19	Recipients have a steadfast and sure hope	Hebrews 3:12	Recipients must not fall into unbelief or they will be lost
Hebrews 7:25	Recipients have the Lord Jesus Christ as their Intercessor	Hebrews 3:14	Recipients must them- selves hold fast confi- dence in the Lord to partake of Him
Hebrews 8:12	Recipients have eternal redemption from the Lord Jesus Christ	Hebrews 4:11	Recipients must labour to rest with God
Hebrews 9:15	Recipients have the Lord Jesus Christ as their Mediator	Hebrews 6:4-6	Recipients who wilful- ly depart from God are lost
Hebrews 10:10	Recipients have the Lord Jesus Christ as their Sanctification	Hebrews 6:9-12	Recipients must work to retain salvation
Hebrews 10:14	Recipients are perfect- ed forever by the Lord Jesus Christ	Hebrews 9:28	Recipients must look for the Second Advent for their salvation
Hebrews 10:22	Recipients are given full assurance of faith	Hebrews 10:23-24	Recipients must prove their faith by good works
Hebrews 10:32	Recipients are illumi- nated by the Lord Jesus Christ	Hebrews 10:26-27	Recipients who follow then reject Jesus for Caesar will go to hell
Hebrews 10:34	Recipients await heav- en	Hebrews 10:31	Recipients are not part of the Lord's flesh and bones
Hebrews 11:40	Recipients are prom- ised better things than Old testament saints	Hebrews 10:38-39	Recipients who don't prove faith by good works are lost
Hebrews 12:1	Recipients are running a race on a set course	Hebrews 12:14	Recipients must be ho- ly to see the Lord to be sure of salvation
Hebrews 12:2	Recipients have the Lord Jesus Christ as the Author and Finish- er of their faith	Hebrews 12:17	Recipients must be dil- igent not to forfeit the grace of God

Table Hebrews-Revelation 4:1 Church Age and Tribulation Doctrine, Continued

Church Age Verse, Dr Stauffer's Selection	Doctrinal Summary Statement	Tribulation Verse, This Writer's Selection	Doctrinal Summary Statement
Hebrews 12:6-7	Recipients have received chastening as sons of God	Hebrews 12:25	Recipients must heed the Lord's words to retain salvation
Hebrews 12:10	Recipients are partakers of the holiness of God	Hebrews 12:28-29	Recipients receive the kingdom of Heaven and must serve God or suffer His fire
Hebrews 13:5	Recipients are promised that the Lord Jesus Christ will never leave them nor forsake them	James 1:27	Recipients stay right with God by works i.e. helping poor and bereaved fellow saints, in practice Jew or Gentile
James 1:18	Recipients are begotten by God with the word of truth	James 2:14	Recipients are saved by faith proven by works
James 2:7	Recipients are called by Christ's name	James 2:17-18, 26	Recipients' faith is non-existent if unaccompanied by works
1 Peter 1:3	Recipients are begotten again to a sure hope of immortality	James 2:24	Recipients are justified by faith proven by works
1 Peter 1:4	Recipients have an incorruptible inheritance in heaven	James 4:8	Recipients must seek God for God to draw near to them
1 Peter 1:5	Recipients are kept by the power of God through faith	James 5:9	Recipients who won't help fellow saints are condemned of the Lord
1 Peter 1:10	Recipients' salvation is by grace	James 5:12	Recipients who swear oaths are condemned of the Lord
1 Peter 1:18-19	Recipients are redeemed by the blood of Christ	James 5:19-20	Recipients who turn a fellow saint back from sin save his soul
1 Peter 1:22	Recipients' souls are purified by obedience to the truth	1 Peter 1:13	Recipients must look to the Second Advent to receive grace
1 Peter 1:23	Recipients are born again by the eternal word of God	1 Peter 2:12	Recipients must be honest, turn the other cheek and do good works for opponents to glorify God at the Second Advent
1 Peter 2:24	Recipients are dead to sins and healed by the suffering inflicted on the Lord Jesus Christ	2 Peter 3:14	Recipients must eschew the Mark of the Beast and strive to be blameless at the Second Advent

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Church Age Verse, Dr Stauffer's Selection	Doctrinal Summary Statement	Tribulation Verse, This Writer's Selection	Doctrinal Summary Statement
1 Peter 4:10	Recipients are stewards of the manifold grace of God	1 John 2:24	Recipients must keep in mind what they were first taught about the Lord to keep on in Him
1 Peter 4:16	Recipients are called Christians	1 John 2:28	Recipients must keep on in the Lord to avoid shame at the Second Advent
1 Peter 5:12	Recipients are standing in the true grace of God	1 John 2:29	Recipients that live righteous lives are born of the Lord
1 Peter 5:14, 1 John 5:20	Recipients are in Christ	1 John 3:6	Recipients must not sin by serving the Beast to see and know the Lord at the Second Advent
2 Peter 1:1	Recipients have faith through the Lord Jesus Christ	1 John 3:7	Recipients that live righteous lives are righteous thereby
2 Peter 1:4	Recipients are partakers of the divine nature	1 John 3:8	Recipients must not sin by serving the Beast in order to avoid becoming of the devil
2 Peter 1:10	Recipients are called brethren	1 John 3:10	Recipients prove that they are of God and not the devil by living righteously and helping fellow saints
2 Peter 3:15-16	Recipients are brethren with Paul and recipients of his Letters	1 John 3:14	Recipients must love fellow saints to retain eternal life
1 John 2:1	Recipients have the Lord Jesus Christ as their Advocate with the Father	1 John 3:15	Recipients must love fellow saints or forfeit eternal life as murderers
1 John 2:1-2	Recipients have the Lord Jesus Christ as the Propitiation for their sins	1 John 4:7-8	Recipients must love and help each other to be born of God and to know God
1 John 2:12	Recipients have their sins forgiven through the Lord Jesus Christ	1 John 4:15	Recipients must confess Jesus is the Son of God, by implication not the Beast, to dwell in God and God in them

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Church Age Verse, Dr Stauffer's Selection	Doctrinal Summary Statement	Tribulation Verse, This Writer's Selection	Doctrinal Summary Statement
1 John 2:25, 5:11-13	Recipients have eternal life by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ	1 John 5:1	Recipients must openly believe Jesus is the Christ, by implication not the Beast, to be born of God
1 John 3:2	Recipients will be changed into the likeness of the Lord Jesus Christ	1 John 5:16-17	Recipients should pray for deliverance from sin for fellow saints except for forsaking the Lord and taking the Mark of the Beast, bringing death and hell
1 John 4:4	Recipients are indwelt by the Lord Jesus Christ	3 John 11	Recipients must do good to be of God because anyone doing evil is not of God
1 John 4:16	Recipients are indwelt by God	Jude 21	Recipients must work to retain God's love and keep looking to the Lord's mercy for eternal life
1 John 5:4	Recipients have faith that overcomes the world	Jude 23	Recipients though in fear of the Millennial lake of fire themselves must pull from it, contaminated clothes and all, anyone destined for it but now desperate to be free from the Mark of the Beast and hell
3 John 6, 9-10	Recipients are church members	Revelation 2:7	Recipients who overcome the world, the flesh and the devil will thereby eat of the tree of life for eternal life
Jude 1	Recipients are preserved in the Lord Jesus Christ	Revelation 2:11	Recipients who overcome the world, the flesh and the devil will thereby avoid the second death
Jude 25	Recipients have God as their Saviour	Revelation 2:17	Recipients who overcome the world, the flesh and the devil will thereby eat of the hidden manna until the tree of life is available

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Church Age Verse, Dr Stauffer's Selection	Doctrinal Summary Statement	Tribulation Verse, This Writer's Selection	Doctrinal Summary Statement
Revelation 1:5	Recipients are washed from their sins in the blood of Christ	Revelation 2:26, 28	Recipients who by works overcome the world, the flesh and the devil will thereby be given a personal relationship with the Lord
Revelation 2:3	Recipients have laboured patiently for the Lord in Christ's name	Revelation 3:5	Recipients who overcome the world, the flesh and the devil will thereby not have their names blotted out of the book of life
		Revelation 3:12	Recipients who overcome the world, the flesh and the devil will thereby each be made a pillar in the temple of God by the Lord
		Revelation 3:21	Recipients who overcome the world, the flesh and the devil and are martyrs will thereby share the Lord's Millennial reign

Notes on Table

1. Total verses for Church Age salvation = 59
2. Total verses for Tribulation salvation = 65
3. Re Hebrews 10:26-27⁵, cross referencing to Psalm 19:13 **"Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression."** **"the great transgression"** prophetically at the First Advent is the Jews' rejection of the Lord Jesus Christ in favour of Caesar in John 19:15 **"...they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar."**

Prophetically, Hebrews 10:26-27 – and Psalm 19:13 with respect to the Tribulation - refer to an individual, particularly a Jew, who initially aligns with them **which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ...and the faith of Jesus"** Revelation 12:17, 14:12 but then wilfully falls away to the End Times Caesar after the manner of Revelation 13:4 **"And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?"** That individual thereby incurs the condemnation of Hebrews 10:27 **"...a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries."**

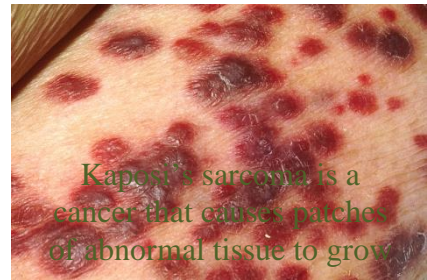
"the adversaries" are **"...the devil that deceived them...cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever"** Revelation 20:10.

That condemnation is emphasised in Revelation 14:9-10 **And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb."**

4. Re Hebrews 12:28-29 see these references⁶ and Daniel 7:27 **"And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him"** with respect to Tribulation saints.
5. Re James 1:27, 2 Peter 3:14, Jude 23 **"keep...unspotted from the world...be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot...hating even the garment spotted of the flesh"** see this extract⁷.

...even burn the sinner's clothes to save him from fire. See extract and graphic⁸ this writer's emphases.

...as far back as 1872 a skin expert at the University of Vienna called [Moritz Kaposi](#) spotted these same marks in a group of his patients. Kaposi recognised that the lesions were actually a type of cancer – the purplish colour was from the tumour's blood vessels leaking into the surrounding tissue. A couple decades later this cancer became known as [Kaposi's sarcoma](#), or KS for short...[In the 1980s] US doctors soon realised that they were witnessing an unprecedented rise in people with KS, but they were flummoxed as to why. **The only clue was that all the young men who were being diagnosed with KS at this stage were homosexual.**



Kaposi's sarcoma is a cancer that causes patches of abnormal tissue to grow

"...Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire...But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost...of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh" Jude 7, 20, 22-23.

6. Re James 1:27, 5:9, 1 John 3:10, 14-15, 4:7-8 with respect to Tribulation saints ungrudgingly helping other such saints, in particular the poor and the bereaved, as part of salvation, see these references⁹.

See further for **"a pattern of good works"** Titus 2:7 versus **"being...unto every good work reprobate"** Titus 1:16 Matthew 25:34-46 **"Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal."**

Note that Matthew 25:34-46 reveal how with respect to Jews helping their own brethren, *the Lord Himself is speaking prophetically through Paul* in Hebrews 10:34 **“For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.”** The addressees¹⁰ of Hebrews 10:34 would certainly be eligible to receive the Lord’s commendation of Matthew 25:34 **“Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”**

Note further that Dr Stauffer refers in passing to Matthew 25:46 on pp 549-550 of his book where he comments briefly that **“the righteous”** already have life eternal. He makes no detailed comments on Matthew 25:34-46 which unequivocally set out that during the Tribulation individual destiny is determined by *works* versus *lack of works* with respect to **“life eternal”** versus **“everlasting punishment”** Matthew 25:46. Perhaps it is a case that when confronted by Matthew 25:34-36, 41-43 **“Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me...Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not”** Dr Stauffer became like one of those rebuked by Nehemiah in that **“...Then held they their peace, and found nothing to answer”** Nehemiah 5:8.

7. Re 1 John 2:24, 2:28, 4:15 and being in Him, in the Lord and in God in the Tribulation note this extract¹¹.

3. **Revelation 14:13.** Revelation 14:13 confers a blessing on the faithful End Times saint who in the End Times fulfils Revelation 2:10 **“Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.”**

However Revelation 14:13 exhibits further differences between the End Times saint and the Church Age saint in that the End Times saint is **“in the Lord”** in that he has declared himself to be in *the Lord’s* kingdom as revealed in Revelation 12:10 **“And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.”**

He has thereby exiled himself voluntarily and *practically* from the beast’s kingdom that suffers the judgement of God in Revelation 16:10-11 **“And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.”**

By contrast the Church Age saint undergoes a purely *spiritual* transformation **“...from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God...”** Acts 26:18 which results in **“...newness of life”** Romans 6:4 via the infusion of **“...the life of God...”** Ephesians 4:18 into him that does *not* apply to the End Times saint as Paul testifies further in 2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 3:26 **“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new...For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.”**

That **“...their works do follow them”** Revelation 14:13 for the End Times saint is *not* the same for the Church Age saint for whom Paul testifies and to which today’s believer should carefully take heed **“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every**

one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad” 2 Corinthians 5:10.

8. Re 1 John 2:29, 4:7-8, 5:1 and being born of the Lord in the Tribulation context see this extract¹².

Concerning the expressions *“born of God...him also that is begotten of him”* and *“keep his commandments”* 1 John 5:1, 2, 3, the Tribulation saint that *“...preached Christ...that he is the Son of God”* Acts 9:20 appears therefore to undergo a transformation *that could be likened to a new birth* like that of Saul. *However, that transformation was not permanent for Saul after the manner of the Church Age saint according to Romans 6:4-5, 9 “Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection...Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.”*

See for Saul’s transformation and his subsequent regression 1 Samuel 10:6, 9, 16:14 *“And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man...And it was so, that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day... But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.”*

The transformation lapsed in Saul’s case through his disobedience to “the word of the Lord” 1 Chronicles 10:13 and, instead of repentance on Saul’s part, his appeal to *“a spirit of an unclean devil”* Luke 4:33 no doubt allied to *“...that man of sin...the son of perdition”* 2 Thessalonians 2:3.

“So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the LORD, even against the word of the LORD, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to enquire of it” 1 Chronicles 10:13. Note that God therefore took His mercy from Saul, as the Lord declares to David, speaking of Solomon in 2 Samuel 7:15 *“But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee.”*

Note in passing how James expresses that transformation that God bestowed on Saul in the Tribulation context with respect to *“...the keeping of the commandments of God”* 1 Corinthians 7:19 with Revelation 12:17, 14:12 in James 1:18 *“Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures”* which matches, again in the Tribulation context, Revelation 14:4 *“...These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.”* That redemption is *not “redemption through his blood”* Ephesians 1:7, Colossians 1:14 as in the Church Age but deliverance in the Tribulation context for Israel as in Psalm 25:22 *“Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles”* answered in the Tribulation according to Jeremiah 30:7 *“Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob’s trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.”*

The first fruits of James 1:18, Revelation 14:4 are the beginning of the *full fruits* of God’s transformation bestowed on Saul bestowed *permanently* on God’s nation of Israel at the Second Advent according to Isaiah 66:8 *“Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children”* and Jeremiah 32:39 *“And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them.”*

With further reference to the doctrinal Tribulation application of 1 John 5:1, *it must be emphasised that sustaining the transformation that God bestowed on Saul will therefore be contingent for the Tribulation saint on his obedience to Malachi 4:4 “Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judg-*

ments.”

That remembrance is in turn fulfilled *doctrinally* by the Tribulation saint in 1 John 5:3 “*For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous*”...because the Lord’s summation of the commandments is *not* grievous to follow for either the Church Age saint or the Tribulation saint but rather a blessing even “*with persecutions*” Mark 10:30.

“*Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets*” Matthew 22:37-40.

9. Re 1 John 4:15, 5:1 and recipients confessing and openly believing that Jesus is the Son of God, by implication not the Beast, see this extract¹³ that applies to both 1 John 4:15, 5:1.

Note first with respect to 1 John 5:1 “*Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him*” that an unclean spirit can and does believe that Jesus is the Christ and *professes it* during the First Advent. Dr Stauffer fails to address that salient fact, so it is addressed now. Note these scriptures.

“*And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice, Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God*” Luke 4:33-34.

That spirit’s profession is valid even though prompted by hate and fear instead of love after the manner of John’s declaration “*...every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him*” as exemplified by the Ethiopian in Acts 8:36-37 “*And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.*”

In addition, that spirit’s profession is valid even though clearly no such spirit as a result of such a profession “*...is born of God.*”

It is therefore realistic to view 1 John 5:1 “*Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God...*” as referring *doctrinally* not to the Church Age saint but to the Tribulation saint who becomes like Paul in Acts 9:20 “*And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God*” but thereby in the Tribulation specifically repudiates “*...that man of sin...the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God*” 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 but “*Who is a liar...that denieth that Jesus is the Christ...He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son*” 1 John 2:22. That repudiation cannot be expressed directly by the Church Age saint because “*...that man of sin...the son of perdition*” has yet to seat himself “*...in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God*” 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4.

It is of course by comparing scripture with scripture, 1 Corinthians 2:13 “*Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual,*” that yields the above analysis for 1 John 4:15, 5:1 but by applying that procedure, today’s believer is assured of the personal fulfilment of Psalm 119:104 “*Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.*”

10. Re Jude 23 see this reference¹⁴ on the Millennial lake of fire “*...their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh*” Isaiah 66:24.
11. Re Revelation 2:7 see these references¹⁵ with respect to the post-Church Age saints who retain eternal life by eating of “*the tree of life*” Revelation 22:14.

12. Re Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 26, 28, 3:5, 12, 21 on overcoming the world, the flesh and the devil and the reign for Tribulation saints, which requires martyrdom, see this extract¹⁶.

Response 2

...Revelation 12:11 shows that it is the individual Tribulation saint who must overcome the devil and *if necessary* undergo martyrdom in order to be among the overcomers whom John describes as **“...the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years”** Revelation 20:4...

Concerning the difference between the Church Age saint and the Tribulation saint that Dr Stauffer has overlooked, see this reference¹⁷...

...the Tribulation saint does *not* have [that threefold victory over the world, the flesh and the devil that the Lord has already won for the Church Age saint] pre-Second Advent and [therefore *he, not the Lord*] must overcome *by adding a true testimony and a willingness to be martyred for it* to faith in **“the blood of the Lamb”** [to sustain his salvation insofar as for all saints **“...the blood of Jesus Christ...cleanseth us from all sin”** 1 John 1:7] according to [the full sense of] Revelation 12:11 **“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.”**

Spiritually matching Revelation 12:11 Church Age saints **“...redeemed...with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot”** 1 Peter 1:18-19 of course:

- Must **“testify the gospel of the grace of God”** Acts 20:24
- Plead **“the blood of Christ”** for daily victory over sin and temptation, *Ruckman Reference Bible* p 1608, insofar as **“How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”** Hebrews 9:14
- **“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you”** James 4:7, even though that resistance incurs an experience for *any* saint like that of Paul in 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 **“We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed.”**

Revelation 12:11 indicates that the Tribulation saint follows those steps* *but it must be emphasised that those steps are post-salvation for the Church Age saint*. By contrast, which contrast Dr Stauffer has overlooked, the Tribulation saint in Revelation 12:11 *must* follow the steps listed there in order to sustain his salvation by following Matthew 24:13 **“But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved”** - see remarks below with respect to Matthew 24:13 - even to martyrdom *and* obeying the admonitions of Revelation 14:6-7, 9-11. *Though testifying **“this gospel of the kingdom”** Matthew 24:14 in contrast to **“the gospel of the grace of God”** Acts 20:24

“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters...And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb” Revelation 14:6-7, 9-10.

Those admonitions do *not* apply to Church Age saints of whom Paul states *doctrinally* **“Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the**

good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved” Ephesians 1:5-6.

In addition, Dr Stauffer has limited scriptures that clearly cannot be applied to Church Age salvation to physical salvation only. He dogmatically refers in turn in that respect to Matthew 24:12-14, Jeremiah 23:5-6. See *One Book Rightly Divided* p 52.

Inspection of Matthew 24:12-14 shows that the context of Matthew 24:13 is not merely physical, as Dr Stauffer wrongly asserts it to be:

“And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come” Matthew 24:12-14.

The immediate context of Matthew 24:13 is therefore *not* physical salvation but evil abounding and in turn increasing rejection of Mark 12:30-31 *“And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.”*

13. See Dr Ruckman’s work¹⁸ on particular Tribulation salvation scriptures Revelation 12:11, 17, 14:12 *“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death...And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ...Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.”*
14. Re Revelation 2:26, 28 *“...the morning star”* Revelation 2:28 is *“I Jesus...I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star”* Revelation 22:16.
15. Re Revelation 3:12 note Paul’s reminders to Church Age saints *“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?...What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?”* 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19.

In sum, **Table Hebrews-Revelation 4:1 Church Age and Tribulation Doctrine**, the accompanying notes and more detailed resources show that the scriptures from Hebrews to Revelation 4:1 are not limited to the Church Age but are transitional in that those scriptures contain numerous passages with specifically Tribulation doctrinal application. Dr Stauffer cannot prove otherwise.



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