

The Blessed Hope!

“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;” –(Titus 2:13)

Diamond & Nugget #21

Millennial Reasons for the Rapture before the Great Tribulation

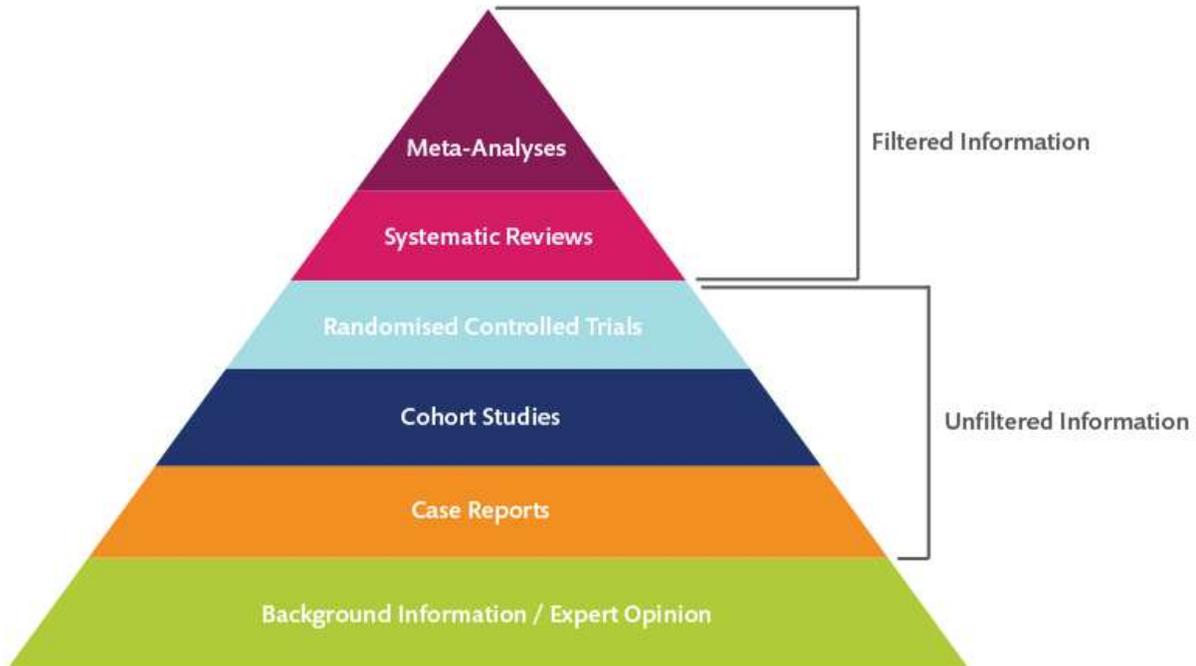
One of the most important reasons to believe in the Millennial Reign or 1,000 years of Jesus Christ’s rule and reign is Revelation 20. Revelation 20, explicitly notes that a period of 1,000 years remain after the Battle of Armageddon. It gets hard for many to accept this concept teaching, which by the way was given to the Apostle John from the Lord Himself! It sounds similar to Rodney Dangerfield, the comedian who got no respect on the Johnny Carson “Tonight” show. Seriously much of the church does not believe in the Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ. That is so sad and serves Satan’s deception so effectively to attack the church.

The Greek word *χίλιοι* (*chilioi*) means 1,000 years, and it is explicit in its meaning. It is found **6X** in Revelation, and **21X** elsewhere throughout the New Testament, but my focus here is mainly on Revelation, chapter 20, verses 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. I had a seminary professor at Pittsburgh Theological (PCUSA) Seminary in 1970, who said that it did not mean a 1,000 years, it merely meant a long time. At that point in time I had yet to take a course in Intro Greek and so I believed what the instructor said. It was years later that I investigated Greek words that are used to denote time, and you can trust that Revelation 20 passages mean exactly what is translated into English. Greek has multiple words to define time in a variety of ways, each with precise specificity.

In past segments of these “Diamonds & Nuggets” I have dealt with straight-on Biblical evidence for the Pre-Tribulation Rapture. In this segment I want you to understand that not all evidence is blatantly evident, but to understand the Bible because of the Creator’s way of revealing truth so as to allow “Scripture interprets itself”. No doubt you have heard many well-known Bible teachers state that the Bible does “interpret itself”. Some might describe this as “circumstantial evidence” similar to what is brought out in a criminal jury case in court.

A systematic level for collecting evidence designed in the 1980s provides us a way of organizing and analyzing data, in this case, the weighting of Biblical evidence for the Pre-Tribulation Rapture. The levels of evidence pyramid provide a way to visualize and organize both the quality of evidence and the amount of evidence available. For example, systematic reviews are at the top of the pyramid, meaning they are both the

highest level of evidence and the least common. As you go down the pyramid, the amount of evidence will increase as the quality of the evidence decreases.



This Hierarchy of evidence-gathering provides a framework for ranking evidence evaluating, such as engineering applications to healthcare interventions to tort law and has become a tool to quantify level of importance in forming conclusions and significance. It aides us in gleaning Scripture understanding through logic.

Each of the following points is derived through logical Scripture analysis, inference, implied, and consequential to specific events or data found elsewhere in Scripture. This is based upon 2nd Timothy 2:15: ***“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”***

The 2nd Timothy 2:15 passage is vitally critical in how we understand the Bible. As an example, something as basic as “baptism” in the Bible is far more complex than most imagine. For example, are you aware that the Bible discusses 14 different kinds of baptism? As a United Methodist Church pastor, I would do baptisms in one of three ways: Sprinkling, Pouring, and Immersion – all accepted methods in the UMC. This was a matter of preference or choice of the adult or parent, in the case of an infant or a young person desiring baptism.

Scripture does identify 14 different baptisms. Because the Bible is so structured on a Dispensational design pattern, it becomes necessary to further define what we mean in the term baptism. It is a common mistake to think that water baptism is the only baptism in the Bible. Every time the word “baptism” is mentioned people wrongly assume water is involved. The Bible mentions many baptisms, and many of them are dry (without water) including the one and only baptism required for being a member of the body of Christ.

“...One Lord, one faith, one baptism,...” – [Ephesians 4:5](#)

This one baptism is our baptism into Christ by the Spirit -([1st Corinthians 12:13](#)). This is the one baptism taught by the apostle Paul, and the only one that accompanies salvation in this dispensation -([1st Corinthians 12:13](#); [Romans 6:3](#); [Galatians 3:27](#); [Colossians 2:12](#))

Here is the list of distinct baptisms in the Bible. Only numbers 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 10 are wet. Can you find the common thread among the baptisms that include water?

1. **Noah’s type baptism**

Peter mentions that eight people were saved by water in an ark as a type of a future baptism. Water is present, but the people are dry.-([Genesis 6:13](#); [1st Peter 3:20-21](#))

2. **Baptism unto Moses**

Paul presents Israel’s baptism unto Moses *“in the cloud and in the sea”*. Water is present, but the people are dry. -([1st Corinthians 10:1-2](#); [Exodus 14:29](#))

3. **Israel’s ceremonial cleansings**

These cleansing rituals were required under the Mosaic Law for the cleansing of the people. -([Numbers 19:13](#); [Leviticus 11:25](#); [Exodus 19:14](#); [Exodus 30:17-21](#); [Hebrews 9:10](#))

4. **Levitical priesthood baptisms**

These washings were required in order to become a priest under the Law of Moses.

-([Exodus 29:4](#); [Leviticus 8:6](#); [Numbers 8:7](#))

5. **Traditional Jewish baptisms**

These baptisms were not mandated under the Law but were part of Jewish tradition.

-([Matthew 15:1-2](#); [Mark 7:1-9](#); [Luke 11:38](#))

6. **John’s baptism**

John came to Israel baptizing with water for the remission of sins so that they could enter the promised kingdom to Israel and identify their Messiah. -([Matthew 3:5-6](#); [Mark 1:4](#); [Luke 3:3](#); [John 1:31](#); [Luke 7:29](#); [Acts 10:37](#))

7. **Jesus’ baptism by John**

Jesus, who knew no sin, was baptized by John to fulfill all righteousness under the law. -([Matthew 3:13-17](#); [Mark 1:9-10](#))

8. **Baptism with fire**

Jesus would baptize the nation with fire as they went through the tribulation. This trial baptism would damn the unfaithful to hell. -([Isaiah 4:4](#); [Malachi 3:2-3](#); [Matthew 3:11](#); [Luke 3:16](#))

9. **Jesus’ baptism unto death**

Jesus’ second baptism which he accomplished at the cross where He was identified with the sins of Israel and the world. -([Matthew 20:22-23](#); [Mark 10:38-39](#); [Luke 12:50](#))

10. **Pentecostal water baptism**

Peter’s presentation of water baptism for the remission of sins in the name of

Jesus. This was John's baptism plus the name of Jesus.-([Acts 2:38](#); [Mark 16:16](#); [Matthew 28:19](#); [Acts 22:16](#); [Ezekiel 36:25](#))

11. Pentecostal Spirit baptism

This is the baptism with the Holy Spirit by Jesus Christ from heaven poured out upon the believing remnant of Israel with signs and powers following. -([Isaiah 44:3](#); [Matthew 3:11](#); [Mark 1:8](#); [Luke 24:49](#); [Acts 2:17-18](#), [38](#); [Acts 8:15-17](#); [Acts 11:16](#))

12. Gentile baptism of Cornelius

Cornelius was baptized with the Holy Spirit as a sign to Peter. Peter subsequently baptizes Cornelius and the other Spirit-filled Gentiles with water in a different order but for the same reason as Pentecost. -([Acts 10:45-48](#))

13. Baptism for the dead

This baptism is debated heavily and is most likely synonymous with one of the other baptisms. If this is true, "for the dead" would signify the circumstance under which those believers were baptized. -([1st Corinthians 15:29](#))

14. Baptism into Christ

The only baptism taught by Paul which identifies the believer with Christ, His death, and resurrection. This baptism is performed by the Spirit and does not include water.

-([1st Corinthians 12:13](#); [Ephesians 4:5](#); [Colossians 2:12](#); [Galatians 3:27](#); [Romans 6:3-4](#))

What I have just shared validates my basic premise of Dispensationalism as the primary and the only correct or proper way of interpreting the Bible. To do it any other way violates the principles of Hermeneutics. It also leads to great confusion, unanswered questions, needless futile issues, and creates needless twisting of the text to fit a round peg into a square hole. Now let's get back to my focus evidence that supports the Pre-Trib. Rapture.

- ✓ A Pre-Tribulation Rapture is demanded by a dispensational/economy view of Scripture, which sees a distinction between the Kingdom purpose of God and the "Mystery" purpose that was not yet prophesied in the Old Testament. Since there is no one verse that would establish the timing of the Rapture as pre, mid or post Tribulation, it is the scope of Scripture by which we must determine how to rightly divide the Word of Truth regarding this issue.
- ✓ Israel must continue to be a specific entity, distinct from the Church, so that God can fulfill those of His promises to them that are not as yet fulfilled. Many prophecies that were made to Israel concerning their judgment and their glory remain unfulfilled. Unless there is a distinction recognized between God's purposes for Israel (to restore them to a glorious kingdom) and to the Church of the Body of Christ (whose citizenship is currently in heaven, seated with the Lord, etc.), many parts of the Bible cannot be reconciled without allegorizing promises that would have been understood literally by the people to whom they were given. The result of such semantic word twisting is that God then becomes a liar.

Those refuting the Pre-Tribulation Rapture are forced to rely on “spiritualizing” or “allegorical zing” the text.

- The Great Tribulation -(Matthew 24:21) is a judgment against Israel, the necessary consequence of their unbelief and disobedience. God swore in His wrath that they would not enter into their rest without judgment. It is also called “Jacob’s trouble,” and refers to a time of judgment as mentioned in Jeremiah 30:7; Deuteronomy 30:1-3; Isaiah 61:2 and 3; Zechariah 12:10; Isaiah 54:7-17 and Jeremiah 30:11. It is called “Jacob’s” trouble because Israel was referred to as “Jacob” when they walked in their own fleshly ways instead of being obedient to God.
- The Great Tribulation is a time of chastening for the nation of Israel to bring them to repentance and to prepare them to receive their promised Messiah. The other purpose of the (GT) is to punish the nations, not only for their sins, but also for their treatment of His chosen people -(Isaiah 63:1-6; Ezekiel 38:14-23). The Old Testament prophets have much to say about these two purposes, but they say nothing whatever about the purpose of God in the Body of Christ, much less anything about a time of chastisement for the Church.
- The Tribulation is one of the major themes of Old Testament prophecy, and the people and events of the Tribulation are clearly predicted. Since there is not one word about the Body of Christ in Old Testament prophecy, it is logical to conclude that the Body has no place in the Tribulation, especially since there is no statement in Scripture contrary to that fact. If the Church of the Body is to be the main participant in the Tribulation, why is there much mention of Israel, but not a word about the Body of Christ?
- Something happened to suspend the prophetic clock after the “69th week” of Daniel 9:24-27. The Church of the Body, kept secret and unrevealed, would qualify as something sufficiently momentous that God would suspend His regularly scheduled program and insert a “parenthesis” into prophetic history. Once this unrevealed period is complete, then Daniel’s “70th week” will begin, and the Tribulation period will take place. Without the insertion of the Church Age into this flow of prophetic history, there is no logical explanation for the undeniable period that has elapsed between the 69th and 70th weeks of Daniel 9 without resorting to an allegorical view of Scripture. Chuck Missler contended that Daniel 9:24-27 was the most important passage of Scripture.
- There was a period of time between the sufferings and the glory of Christ that the prophets and others inquired into without success -(1st Peter 1:10-12). That is because it was a Sacred Secret kept hidden by God. It was known that the Gentiles would be blessed by the Messiah, but not that they would be full heirs and partakers of the promises to Israel, nor that the Church of the Body of Christ would be a “new man” comprised of neither Jews nor Gentiles, with its own

promises and riches, the “unsearchable riches of Christ” -(Ephesians 3:8), independent of the “New Covenant” to Israel.

- The Church that began on the Day of Pentecost is united by one spirit -(1st Corinthians 12:13), and is an assembly of former Jews and former Gentiles. Galatians 3:28 says, “*there is neither Jew nor Greek... for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*” Ephesians 2:15 says, “***that in Himself [Christ] He might make the two [Jew and Gentile] one new man.***” The “Church” specifically built by Jesus in the Gospels period was composed of Jews only - the circumcision - (Romans 15:8). The apostles were told they would judge the twelve tribes of Israel when Jesus established His kingdom. This program was suspended and is being held in abeyance until the fullness of the Gentiles is complete. After the Rapture, the earth will again be populated by Jew and Gentile, exactly as described in the book of Revelation. 144,000 Jews will be saved out from “the multitude” of saved Gentiles. This separation in the book of Revelation is exactly what we see in the Old Testament and the Gospels, and is contrary to what we see in the Church Epistles. Therefore, the book of Revelation must describe a time after the present administration of the Sacred Secret ends.
- The Bible describes different “comings” of the Lord Jesus Christ. When Christ comes for His saints, we will meet Him in the air -(1st Thessalonians 4:13-18). There is no such meeting described or even hinted at in the Old Testament, the Gospels or the book of Revelation. Clearly, the Rapture cannot be the same event as the Lord returning to the Mount of Olives “***with ten thousand of his saints,***” because He then comes to the earth -(Zechariah 14:4). Ezekiel 37:11-14 says that when the Old Testament Jewish believers are raised from the dead (at the Resurrection of the Just), they go into the Promised Land. The Gospels also clearly say that Jesus Christ comes to the earth and conquers it, gathering the people from the four corners of the earth and separating the sheep from the goats. If this coming is the same as the Rapture of the saints (i.e., the “sheep”), wouldn’t there only be goats left on the earth? How then would He find any sheep to separate from them?

Just as there was a distinct event that initiated the Age of Grace, the outpouring of the gift of Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, so there must be a distinct event to close this age. A Rapture of all Christians living and dead would qualify as such an event.

- This truth of a Rapture of the Church is set off with the phrase, “***This we say unto you by the Word of the Lord***” -(1st Thessalonians 4:15), indicating that this truth is a special revelation theretofore not known. It is also for those “***in Christ,***” a phrase indicating those who are born-again believers in the Body of Christ. Chapter 5 describes the coming of Christ back to earth at the “***Day of the Lord***” -(1st Thessalonians 5:3) and the sudden destruction of the ungodly, or those who are not Christians. Of this event, Paul says Christians have no need to

know the **“times or the seasons,”** because that day of destruction will come as a **“thief in the night,”** and we will have been raptured.

- 1st Corinthians 15:51 indicate that His coming in the air and the sudden transformation of believers is a “secret,” or previously unrevealed truth. In contrast, all throughout the Old Testament is the promise of His coming to the earth to establish His kingdom. There must be a difference between what was “secret” and what was well known.
- The Second Coming of Christ to the earth is preceded by many signs in the heavens and on earth -(Matthew 24:29-31; Luke 21:25-28; Acts 2:19-21; Revelation 6-19). There are no signs to herald Christ’s coming for his Church. This event will come in a split second -(the “twinkling of an eye,” etc.), so that the ungodly will not even recognize what has happened. This is not the case with the Second Coming of Christ to the earth, when **“every eye shall see him”** - (Revelation 1:7).
- If the coming of Christ for His Church is placed on a timetable of events, it loses its imminence. He then cannot come until certain things happen, especially the Great Tribulation. This would seem to contradict 1st Thessalonians 4:12, which says that we are to comfort one another with the words that pertain to his coming to meet us in the air. Titus 2:13 refers to our hope as **“blessed,”** and if our hope must be preceded by a horrendous persecution and tribulation, it hardly seems like a **“blessed”** event. It is logical, though sad, that because of this teaching that the Church must endure the Tribulation, many believers throughout Christian history have prayed that the Day of the Lord would not happen in their lifetime.
- Thessalonians 2:1 refers to “the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” (His Second Coming to the earth to rescue Israel and establish His Kingdom) and **“our gathering together unto Him”** (the Rapture of the Church). Verse 2 says, **“That you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.”** Paul is denying the teaching that the **“Day of the Lord”** had already come, a teaching that apparently was being attributed to Him (**“nor by letter as from us”**). Only those who had been taught that there was a Rapture before the Tribulation would be **“shaken from their composure or be disturbed”** at the thought that the Day of Christ had begun and they were still on earth. Because Paul had taught them that the Rapture would come first, they would be very concerned that either they had been left behind or that Paul had been wrong. Verse 5 indicates that he had been among them teaching on this subject. Someone who had not been taught a pre-Tribulation Rapture would simply say, **“The Day of Christ is here, so hold on to your hat.”**
- “The day of the Lord,” according to 2nd Thessalonians 2:3, **“will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction.”** The first event, **“apostasy,”** clearly comes **“first.”**

This had already begun happening before the end of Paul's life, as indicated by Acts 20:29 and 2nd Timothy 1:15. The second event is the revealing of the man of sin, but this verse does not necessarily say that this revealing must take place first, before the Rapture. There are two possible interpretations of this aspect of the verse. One, the man of sin must be revealed before the day of the Lord. The other option is that he will be revealed in the day of the Lord. The second interpretation fits with the other clear verses about the Rapture, that we are to be waiting for the coming of Christ, and not for signs -(1st Thessalonians 1:10). If the Antichrist must come first, then would we not be looking for Him first, instead of for Christ first?

- 2 Thessalonians 2:3-11 indicates that the man of sin cannot be revealed until there is a removal of a restraining power. There is no better explanation for what could be restraining the revelation of the Antichrist than the presence of the Church of the Body. Once Christians are gathered together by Rapture, there will be nothing to restrain the advent of the Antichrist, and He will move ahead to deceive the earth.
- At the Second Coming of Christ to the earth, angels will announce His coming and gather all the faithful Jews back to their homeland. All will see the Lord coming in glory and will mourn -(Matthew 24:30). On the contrary, when the Church is raptured, the earth will be left in "great delusion" -(2nd Thessalonians 2:11).
- In a post-Tribulation position, there is no place for the judgment seat of Christ to take place, wherein Christians will be judged for the things done in their body, and either rewarded or punished. Christ simply comes to the earth and deals with all the saints on the earth without distinction between those who have responded to the Gospel of Christ in the Church Age and those who have responded to the Gospel of the Kingdom. In the pre-Tribulation position, there are at least seven years between His coming for His saints and His coming with His saints, and in this period of time the judgment seat of Christ will take place.
- The "churches" referred to in the book of Revelation are of a Jewish character. The issue as declared in Revelation 2:9 and 3:9 is ***"those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan."*** The "angel" or messenger of these churches was the second in command in the synagogue, a position verifiably part of the synagogues of the first century.
- The latter part of Revelation includes a period known as "the wrath," i.e., the wrath of God. Romans 5:9; 1st Thessalonians 1:10 and 5:9 specifically say that Christians are delivered from ***"coming wrath."***
- When Jesus comes to the earth at his Second Coming, there will be no Rapture, but believers will remain on the earth in their natural bodies to be incorporated into the Millennial Kingdom -(Revelation 5:10; Matthew 25:31-46).

- Revelation 6:8 says that early on in the Tribulation a quarter of the earth's population is destroyed -(about 2 billion people). A cataclysmic event of this magnitude will be fairly obvious, especially with modern electronic media covering such an event. Apparently, this has not happened.
- The 70th week of Daniel 9 is precipitated by a covenant made between the Antichrist and Israel. Israel has made many covenants with various parties, but there is no convincing evidence that any of them has been made with the Antichrist of Scripture.

Many of us are sensing that the country is in deep trouble, rightfully so. I would reiterate here a point that I have made for a long time. Scripture as we understand it has been skewed because of a myopic attitude being 28% prophecy. I content that this term is misleading for many reasons. I would point out that the Word of God is for our learning, edification, and instruction. But more to the point, those passages we read as prophecy are better understood as "history being told in advance." You might say that is the same as prophecy and my point is a rhetorical metaphor or duplicitous.

Let me suggest to you that Isaiah 46:10, would imply something very different, a much more profound implication. ***"Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:"***

Or John 13:19: ***"Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he."***

Revelation 19:10 states: ***"And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."***

A deeper study of these and nearly a hundred other verses have deeper importance. ***"The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy"*** means that the purpose of prophecy is to bear witness to Jesus, to exalt Him, and to reveal His redemptive work. It does not exalt the prophet.

I remind you that you came into this incarnation for a reason. This is the most amazing time in human history to be alive. Step up and claim your destiny. Charles Hughs Smith wrote a piece that speaks to where we are in relationship to the Rapture event. Charles Hughs Smith called the virus crisis as an "Extinction Level Event." This is one of the best ways to describe the collapse being imposed on the world by the likes of the World Economic Forum founder Klaus Schwab and the House of Rothschild.

As negative as this is, the Fourth Industrial Revolution; Bill Gates ID2020; push for a mandatory vaccine for what is being called an ordinary cold virus, a vaccine identity that

accompanies a “microchip” system which includes the cashless society of which dissidents will be eliminated, it is prime time live for the Lord to call out with a shout.

Those who rush to get on the bandwagon of this demonic plan face their DNA being modified like a GMO tomato, turning them into enslaved servants to the New World Order. This is the penultimate event, the climax before the Pre-Tribulation Rapture, and tomorrow, July 19th has never looked so promising as it does right now!!!!!!

Charles Hughs Smith says:

“The lower reaches of the financial food chain are already dying, and every entity that depended on that layer is doomed.

Though under pressure from climate change, the dinosaurs were still dominant 65 million year ago--until the meteor struck, creating a global "nuclear winter" that darkened the atmosphere for months, killing off most of the food chain that the dinosaurs depended on. (See chart below.)

The ancestors of modern birds were one of the few dinosaur species to survive *the extinction event*, which took months to play out.

It wasn't the impact and shock wave that killed off dinosaurs globally--it was the "nuclear winter" that doomed them to extinction. As plants withered, the plant-eating dinosaurs expired, depriving the predator dinosaurs of their food supply.

This is a precise analogy for the global economy, which is entering a financial "nuclear winter" extinction event. As I've been discussing for the past few months, *costs are sticky but revenues and profits are on a slippery slope.*

Businesses still have all the high fixed costs of 2019 but their revenues are sliding as the "nuclear winter" weakens consumer spending, investment in new capacity, etc.

Despite all the hoopla about a potential vaccine, no vaccine can change four realities: One, consumer sentiment has shifted from confidence to caution and from spending freely to saving. This is the financial equivalent of "nuclear winter": there is no way to return to the pre-impact environment.

Two, uncertainty cannot be dissipated, either. There are no guarantees a vaccine will be 99% effective, that it will last more than a few months that it won't have side-effects, etc. There are also no guarantees that consumers will resume their care-free spending ways as credit tightens, incomes decline, risks emerge and the need for savings becomes more compelling.

Three, consumer behavior and uncertainty have already changed, and so businesses that cannot survive on much lower revenues won't last long enough to emerge from the "nuclear winter" of uncertainty and a shift in sentiment.

Four, assets based on 2019 revenues, profits and demand are now horrendously overvalued, and the repricing of all assets will bring down the *predators, i.e. the banks*.

As I've noted here before, the top 10% of households account for almost 50% of consumer spending. These households are older, and own the majority of assets -- between 80% and 90% of stocks, bonds, business equity, rental real estate, etc. This is the demographic with the most to lose in returning to care-free air travel, jamming into crowded venues and cafes, etc.

This demographic has "been there, done that" and foregoing fine dining, sports events, concerts, cruises, etc. is not much a burden and may actually be a relief.

Meanwhile, the entire food chain of landlords, banks, local government, employees, etc. depends on enterprises returning to 100% of 2019 revenues. As tenants stop paying rent, landlords default on mortgages, sending banks into insolvency, leaving local government with less tax revenues and employees with fewer job prospects.

To a degree few appreciate, the "recovery" since 2009 has been dependent on over-spending, over-borrowing and over-speculating: as spending, borrowing and speculation all pull back to what would have been "normal" levels two generations ago, the economy collapses because it's become completely dependent on over-spending, over-borrowing and over-speculating.

As consumers and businesses retrench, borrowing declines while defaults and bankruptcies eviscerate bank profits and balance sheets. As spending declines, businesses with high fixed costs and pre-pandemic business models (crowding people together in close quarters, etc.) cannot generate enough revenues to survive. As the collateral of commercial real estate and profit streams collapse, assets are repriced all down the food chain, reversing the *wealth effect*: as people feel poorer, they borrow and spend less, creating a feedback loop of lower valuations, lower spending, lower profits, lower borrowing all of which feed back into each other, pushing everything lower.

The lower reaches of the financial food chain are already dying, and every entity that depended on that layer is doomed: the small business die-off will bring down distributors, banks, landlords, and employment, and as this layer collapses then the top predators will starve to death as well: Big Tech, healthcare, higher education, tourism, local tax revenues, etc.

The clouds are spreading and thickening, and the dawn sky is tinted an ominous red. This is a financial extinction event, and the Fed's pathetic shamans can't reverse history."

Charles Hughs Smith is a brilliant scholar and writer, and as I was reading his post the other day, I could not help but see an analogy in what he writes about and what the Bible speaks about when God does intervene. ***"Unless those days had been cut***

short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.” -(Matthew 24:22; Mark 13:20). Paul in Galatians 1:4 puts it this way, ***“who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father.”*** Galatians 1:4 is overlooked by many when the subject of the Rapture is mentioned. It’s going to be exciting!

Blessings,

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P.S. In the event of July 19th/20th being uneventful, do not lose hope. Rosh Hashanah in 2020 will be September 18th to the 20th. Rosh Hashanah for forty years was the “Unknown Day”, my pick for the Rapture, which was until I discovered the errors the church made in determining True Pentecost.